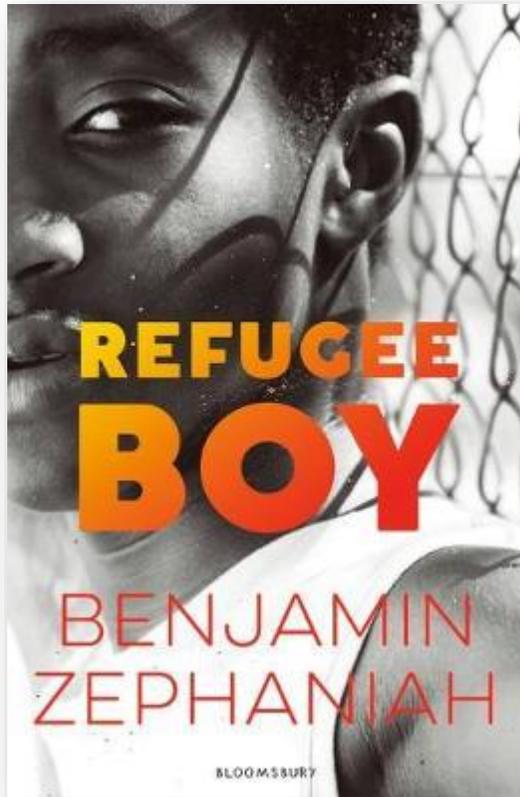


# Refugee Boy

## Benjamin Zephaniah (b.1958)



- Alem's father is Ethiopian and his mother is Eritrean, and there is a dangerous conflict raging between the two countries.
- For his own safety, Alem's father brings him to England to escape the dangers at home. At first, Alem is delighted to be having a holiday with his dad, until he wakes up one morning to find his father has left him in England alone.
- Although Alem is heartbroken and everything about English culture is very confusing, he tries to see the positives of living in a cold, alien environment far from his home and family.

	Historical Interest
	Cultural Messages
	Sexual Content
	Violence
	Language
	Controversial Issues

[Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah | BBC Teach - YouTube](#)

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## Benjamin Zephaniah (b1958)

- **Benjamin Obadiah Iqbal Zephaniah** was born on 15th April 1958 in Birmingham and is a British writer and dub poet. He was included in The Times list of Britain's top 50 post-war writers in 2008.
- **He said** that Birmingham is “the Jamaican capital of Europe.”
- **Did you know?** He is dyslexic and went to a special school. However, he left at 13 without being able to read or write properly.

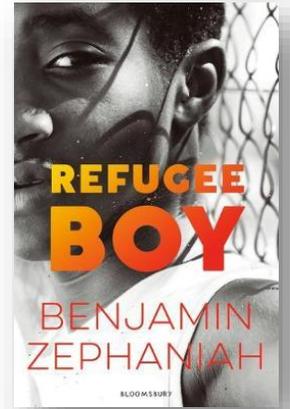


# St Ives School Tutor Reading: Routine

Ready

Respectful

Safe



- Ready – arrive promptly and settle quickly at the start of the session
- Respectful – listen, in silence, to their tutor and visiting adults reading
- Safe – follow instructions from staff, first time every time, including tracking the text with their reading ruler, and sitting with good posture