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Book review

The Boy At The Back Of The Class. By Onjali Q. Raúf.

The genre of this book is: Adventurous.

The author Onjali Q. Raúf, is the founder of Making Herstory, an organisation to prepare men, women and children from all backgrounds to tackle the abuse and trafficking of women and girls in the UK and beyond. In her spare time, she delivers emergency aid convoys for refugee families surviving in Calais and Dunkirk and supports interfaith projects. Onajil Q. Rauf is the author of The Boy at the Back of the Class, The Star Outside my Window, The World Book Day title The Day we Met the Queen and the Night Bus Hero. She is also the founder of O's Refugee Aid Team, an organisation which seeks to find goods, funds and awareness to help refugees access all forms of help they need. When she is not writing or working on behalf of her NGO's, she can be found at the local bookshop.

This book is about a refugee child who has just moved to a new school where a group of children try to become his friend. The refugee boy is called Ahmet; lots of rumours had been discussed about him such as, he is very dangerous, he doesn't speak our language or even he doesn't like people. I believe that these rumours were made up because the author tells us that Ahmet has lunch and break alone with the teacher. However, as time passes, Ahmet starts to open up to the people in his class and he tells them more about himself. This leads the friends to go on an adventure helping Ahmet to put the horror of the past behind him and to live a happier life.

I personally enjoyed this book because I liked the fact the book had a lot of adventurous features, for example, when the children tried to pass a note to the Queen at Buckingham Palace. I also think this is a great book because it makes you want to turn the page and read on to find out what happens next in the story. The story tells the reader about Ahmet's life which is different to most peoples, the author writes this in an informative, interesting and exciting way. Therefore, I think children aged 9-15 would enjoy this book.

