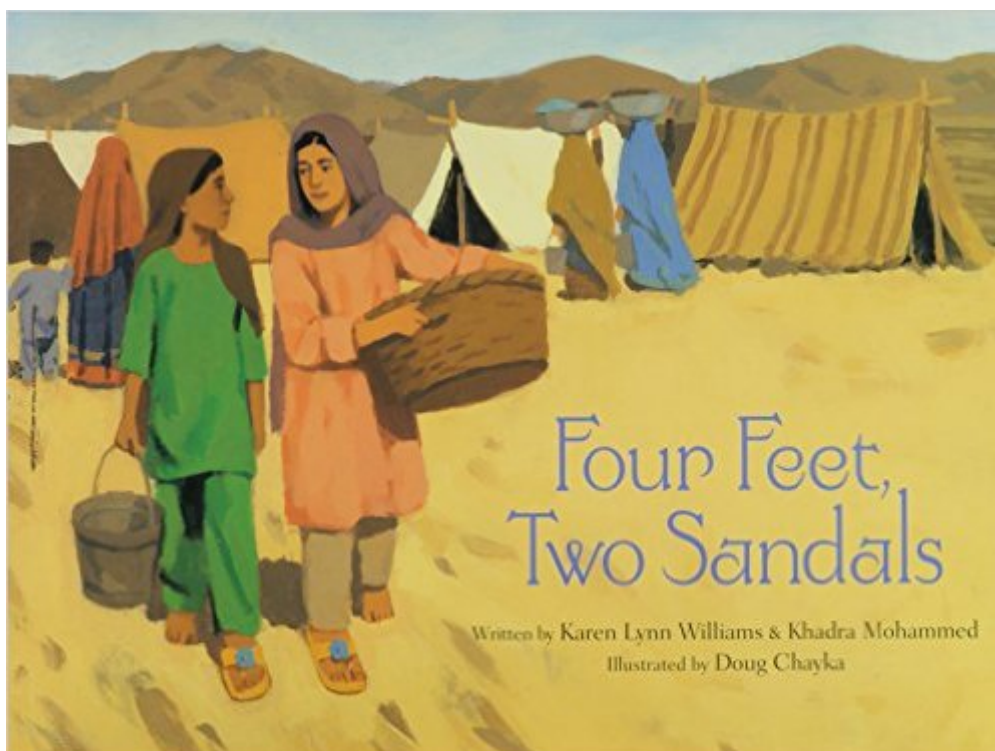


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# Four Feet, Two Sandals



## Synopsis

When relief workers bring used clothing to a refugee camp in Pakistan, ten-year-old Lina is thrilled when she finds a sandal that fits her foot perfectly - until she sees that another girl has the matching shoe. But soon Lina and Feroza meet and decide that it is better to share the sandals than for each to wear only one. The girls discover the true meaning of friendship and sacrifice. "Four Feet, Two Sandals" honors the experiences of refugee children around the world, whose daily existence is marked by uncertainty and fear. Warm colors and bold brush strokes are the perfect complement to this story of courage and hope.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 1 - 5

## Customer Reviews

Based on co-author Khadra Mohammed's experiences with refugees in Peshawar, a city on the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, *Four Feet, Two Sandals* is a children's picturebook about ten-year-old Lina and her young friend who each discover one of a wonderful pair of sandals. Together they must solve the problem of how to share one pair of sandals between four feet! As they wait and hope for their names to appear on a list for a new home, the sandals become a symbol of their fast friendship - a bond that will endure even when one of them finally has the opportunity to escape the hard conditions and live in a new land. The broad brush strokes of illustrator Doug Chayka draw the

reader in to the harsh and barren world of the refugees, where positive human relationships are an particular treasure amid the daily difficulty of survival. A thoughtful yet serious picturebook, highly recommended for children's public library and personal collections.

Lina and Feroza, two young girls from Afghanistan living in a refugee camp in Pakistan, first meet after a frenzied crowd has jostled for used clothing that relief workers threw off the back of a truck. What could have been a misfortune, with each girl retrieving one sandal from a matching pair, turns out to be a stroke of luck as the girls take turns with the sandals and become friends. This friendship helps them to endure the hardships of their daily routines collecting water, washing clothes in the river, mourning lost family members, and caring for younger siblings while boys in the camp attend school. The sandals later take on a symbolic role when one of the girls leaves camp for a new home. This moving book provides an effective tool for teaching about what it means to be a refugee, how children in refugee camps spend their time, and how the experiences can differ for girls and boys. Although the topic may be weighty and difficult, the tone is relatively subtle and hopeful so as to appeal to young readers. Intertwined with the touching story are valuable economics lessons about scarcity, human resources, wants, and needs. The dramatic artwork and compelling text work well together to make reading this book a memorable experience.

Four Feet Two Sandals was written by the authors in response to a request from girls in a refugee camp for a story about girls like them. I suspect that there are only a few books for children that increase awareness of the plights of refugee children around the world. This book gives a glimpse of their lives to adult and young readers alike through colorful illustrations and language suitable for young readers. It teaches about scarcity of resources and sharing. It vividly illustrates a friendship based on sharing of one pair of sandals and the hardships experienced by two girls. In addition to being a book that parents would want to share with their children, it will enhance the collection of any community or faith-based library.

"Four Feet, Two Sandals" is a powerful book, introducing readers to the experience of refugee children in Pakistan. This is an excellent teaching tool for having conversations about sharing, donating and receiving clothes and shoes, and developing friendships. Bravo!

How many refugee children in the world today are without access to education in temporary camps or shelters? More than I could imagine most likely. The author presents a desperate situation with

kind and loving attention and details. We gave this as a gift to my daughter's Girl Scout troop to recognize World Thinking Day. Raises important subjects for upper elementary students such as casualties of war, equal access to education, fairness, sharing, loss of one's home, and many others.

This book deals with the concepts of friendship, hardship, sharing, and the reality of life for some children in the world. It is sad but heartwarming. The large number of children around the world being displaced because of war, famine, natural disasters and more make this book an important tool in helping to discuss this uncomfortable subject with your children.

A realistic, powerful and touching children's story that takes a lesson on sharing what we have on a deeper level than most children experience in the States.

We are a 1st grade class at Francis Wakeland Elementary School of International Studies. Our class loved this book, "Four Feet, Two Sandals", because it teaches young children to share things. We learned that children in Pakistan do not have the same opportunities that American children have. We also started an action project called, "Shoes for Souls" to donate shoes to other people that do not have good shoes. The first reason why we liked this book, is we all felt like we could be a good friend to someone else. Another reason why we liked this book is because it helped us realize that even though we are only 6 and 7 years old we can help others around the world. Lastly, we liked this book because the author helped us have emotions for the characters in this book. We would strongly recommend this book to people of any age. This book has several lessons that can be taught!

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