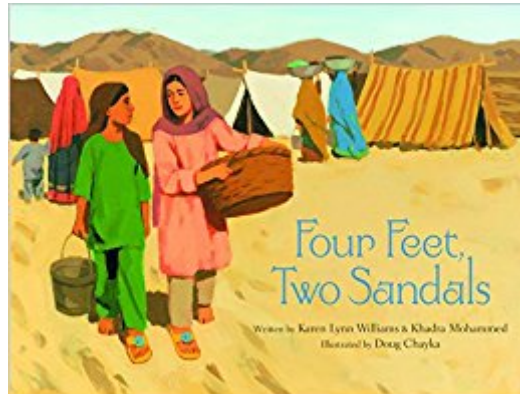




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# **Four Feet, Two Sandals**



## Synopsis

When relief workers bring used clothing to the refugee camp, everyone scrambles to grab whatever they can. 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. As the girls go about their routines -- washing clothes in the river, waiting in long lines for water, and watching for their names to appear on the list to go to America -- the sandals remind them that friendship is what is most important. *Four Feet, Two Sandals* was inspired by a refugee girl who asked the authors why there were no books about children like her. With warm colors and sensitive brush strokes, this book portrays the strength, courage, and hope of refugees around the world, whose daily existence is marked by uncertainty and fear.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Karen Lynn Williams has written several books about the difficult lives of children around the world, including *Galimoto* (Lothrop, Lee & Shepard), *Tap-Tap* (Clarion), and *Circles of Hope* (Eerdmans). Karen has lived in Haiti and Malawi, but now lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Khadra Mohammed is the executive director of the Pittsburgh Refugee Center and

has worked with refugees in the United States and abroad for more than twenty years. Khadra lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Doug Chayka has illustrated several children's books, including "Beekeepers" by Linda Oatman High and "Yanni Rubbish" by Shulamith Levey Oppenheim (both Boyds Mills), and "The Pink House at the Seashore" by Deborah Blumenthal (Clarion). His work has also appeared in various publications, and has been honored by the Society of Illustrators. Doug teaches illustration at the Pratt Institute and lives in Brooklyn, New York. "

Review by Persia, Age 9  
Do you think it's OK to only wear one sandal? In the fiction book "Four Feet, Two Sandals," by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed, a little girl learned about friendship by sharing sandals. In the story, two little girls named Feroza and Lina are friends. They met because they both escaped from the same war and went to the same camp. They also watched for the sliver of the crescent moon. Lina decided to share her shoes with Feroza. Lina is going to America, but Feroza is not. Will they each get to have one shoe? My favorite part of the book is when Feroza's grandma said "Lina, come quick! Your mom said your name is on the list!," because mom's name is on there. The author wrote this book to show that sandals can bring people together. I liked the book because it is interesting to see how they washed their clothes in the camp. I would recommend this book to families because they can learn how to be friends with people. You should read this book because it's awesome.

Excellent read aloud about refugees in other countries. Can't say enough about it. I also use it to teach my students who are not refugees.

A difficult topic to bring to young children. This book captures the grief of refugees, but in a hopeful manner that is respectful to refugees. The relationships are relatable. It's a good conversation starter.

My 9 year old and I choked up reading it aloud. Highly recommended for kids when they wonder why are we helping the refugees and who are they.

Beautiful story!

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.

A beautiful story of life in refugee camps and friendship!

Four Feet, Two Sandals is a wonderful learning tool. I think that our kids (and in this case grandkids) really have no idea how very very blessed we are in this country. I believe it is important for them to understand, as far as possible, that there are kids in the world just like them who lead very different lives. Not only do they not have their own I-Pod and DS, they do not even have their own pair of shoes! Stories such as Four Feet, Two Sandals make them more aware of the big world they live in.

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