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Young Black Refugee & Migration Stories by Irshad Abdal-Hagg

Seven short stories for high school teens and adults highlight historic and systemic injustices that have discounted the value of Black lives in America. Through this collection, Irshad Abdal-Haqq unveils the legacy of oppression that countless generations of Black girls, women, and youth have endured. Action-packed and eloquently expressed, these tales of desperation, hope, and human frailty, stress the need for intercultural cooperation and understanding. Distinctive "Story Notes" at the end of the book provide ample support for secondary and post-secondary educational activities, reading group discussions, and similar pursuits.

"Wondrously woven tales that bring to life elements of historical fiction and intertwines them with authentic voices." (Amazon reviewer)

"A must read for anyone interested in the genesis of the African-American migration experience." (Barnes and Noble reviewer)

"If you care anything at all about American history and migration, you will not be able to put this book down from beginning to end." (SmashWords reviewer)

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"Let's talk about <u>#peopleofcolor</u> through the stories in DASH! by @Abdal_Haqq."

(Twitter reviewer)



Irshad Abdal-Haqq, a member of the *Black Writers Collective*, writes and promotes fiction and nonfiction accentuating the links between our past, present, and ever-evolving intercultural relationships—especially those involving marginalized communities. He is the author of the literary thriller, *Brotherhood of the Gods*. His

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