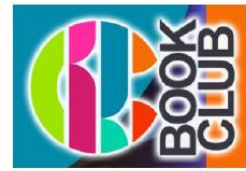
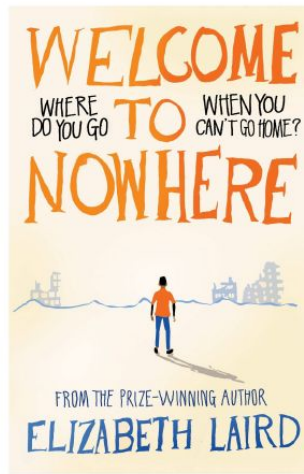


After reading our book
Welcome to Nowhere,
we wrote mini-book
reviews, inspired by the
Newsround Book Club.

This was an assignment in the
Google Classroom.

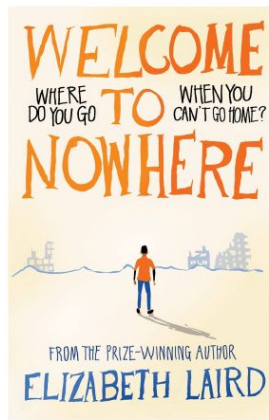
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A book review by.

This book by Elizabeth Laird included a range of extreme feelings. There are sorrowful times and happy; every so and so you will be filled with anticipation to turn the next page and see what amazing or horrific thing will occur. It includes an ordinary family just like yours that go through the toughest time in their life. This book was based in the period of time when war approached Syria due to this reason their lives had been turned upside down. During that period of time, they were trying to make their daughter get married to a person who had committed a crime. Being sent to a camp in Jordan had made their lives even worse not only that but hearing their father going to Syria but unfortunately passing away. Their life was filled with misery in the camp but things got more worse than expected their one-year-old child had been found missing but fortunately they had found her but things didn't go by quick. The child had been soon discovered with a heart infection. For this reason the whole family had to travel to England.

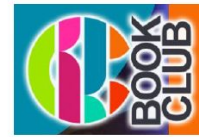
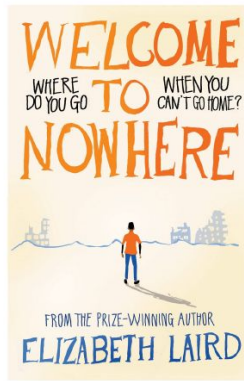
LO ✓ All the engaging details, highs and lows of the story were included - not quite giving away the ending! Phew!



A book review by

Welcome to Nowhere is one of the many books that I have enjoyed reading. It is about a Syrian boy whose life is extremely hard and who has sacrificed a lot of things just to live. This fictional book has everything: excellent vocabulary, a perfect amount of tension and a brilliant story-line to it. After completing this book, you will wish that you had read it sooner in your life. It has hilarious pieces of humour scattered on every page and it is not boring at the start. Elizabeth Laird has set this book perfectly; it has lots of action, but not too much too make it boring or confusing. This book is told from the point of view of Omar, a Syrian boy who has dreams of becoming a successful businessman. His siblings have goals they want to achieve as well, but little do they know that life is about to become an extreme battle of survival. In the book, things get difficult and they do not go to plan, but will their dreams come true and turn out how they want them to go? Find out by reading this amazing book now!

LO✓ All the engaging details and highlights of the story were included, without giving the ending away!. You were also concise: you kept to the 200 word count exactly! Well done.



A book review by

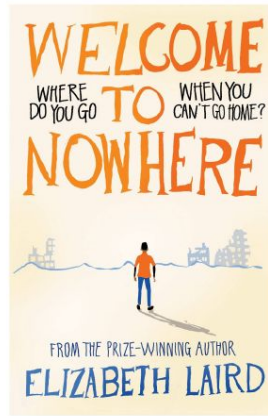
Omar is 12 and he is proud of his town called Bosra in the country of Syria. Omar doesn't enjoy school like his older sister Eman and brother Musa. But life is good and he dreams of the day of being a businessman like his cousin and uncle.

Musa has cerebral palsy and is incredibly smart. Omar has spent his life sticking up for his brother against taunts and trouble, but when Musa becomes involved with activists against the Syrian government (that their father works for), Omar is even more worried for him. Suddenly, they have to flee. Ma, Baba, Eman, Musa, Omar, Fuad, and baby sister Nadia. After living out of Bosra on a family farm, they have to flee again. They have received word the government is after Baba. Again they flee - this time, across the border with thousands of others to a refugee camp.

There is no hope of returning home, nothing to do, severe cold, mud and slime in the winter, queues, no privacy and camp gangs to contend with. But Omar is resourceful and he makes the best of this terrible situation. Little does he know that young Nadia is their way out, but only after they nearly lose her.

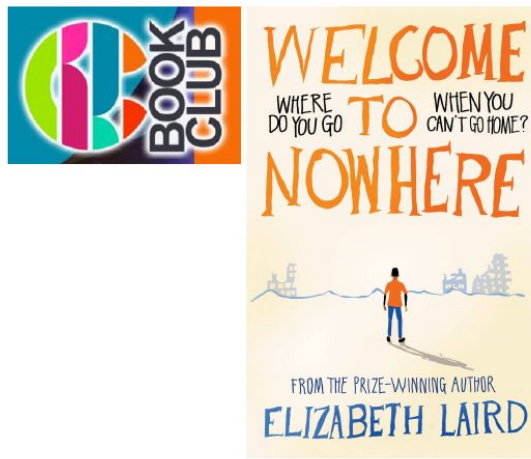
Welcome to Nowhere is a great way of learning about the Syrian crisis and what its people have faced and are still facing today. One painted slogan by a few teen boys is all it takes to light the flame that becomes the Syrian Civil War that we see on our news. Storytellers like Elizabeth Laird show the rest of the world truths that must be told.

LOV - In this review you have encapsulated the essence of the story very effectively without giving too much away. Your controlled choice of sentence structures and varied vocabulary shows excellent skill. If I hadn't already done so, this review would make me realise that this was a book I simply HAD to read!



This story is about a family in a civil war in Syria. Omar is a 12 year old boy who loved Bosra, his family and his life. Who dreamed of one day being a businessman like his cousin and uncle. We follow the difficulties that this family go through, the bombing of their home, an arranged marriage. Musa the older brother gets mixed up with some young political activists and everything changes. They are forced to flee their homeland with what little they can carry, Omar and his family find themselves refugees. We come to know them and the sacrifices they make for the sake of family. Their hopes and dreams shattered. It's an insight into the fact that a refugee camp is not a home, just a holding area with its own problems, severe cold, mud and slime in the winter, and queues, no privacy and camp gangs to deal with. Welcome to Nowhere is a great way of learning about the Syrian crisis and what people have faced and are still facing.

LO✓ You have included lots of the important features of this story without giving away too much about the end. You were also concise: you kept under the 200 word count!! Well done.

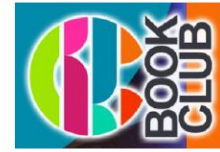
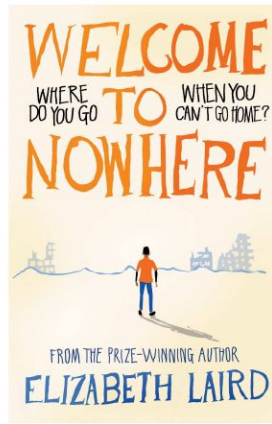


A book review by

I am writing a review on the Elizebeth Laird book 'welcome to nowhere' .

This book is about a young boy that used to live in a beautiful city named Bosra , which made me like it even more because he was only 12 but had a completely different lifestyle to me! Although , his 'normal' life became very abnormal later on in the story by having to live in a city where a civil war is. The fact that it is true and that young people in Syria are having to deal with this is terrifying! This book is very good to expand your knowledge on the civil war and have a better understanding of the situation . I would really recommend this book for you to read.

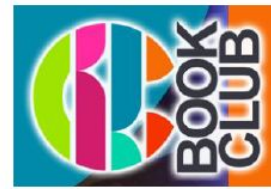
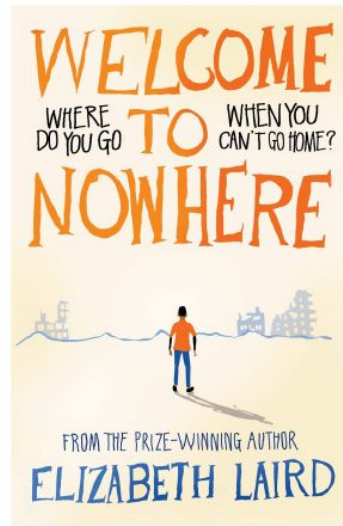
LOV . I really love the way that you made this review personal to you; you also showed your understanding of how important this book is for others to read too. You were thoughtful and concise: you kept well within the 200 word count! Well done.



A book review by

This book is an exceptional book filled with trauma that Omar's family has to go through. Through the cities of Bosra and Daraa there are always problems and it is jam packed full with tension. Just when everything seems right nothing actually is. Omar, Grandma, Musa, Ma, Baba, Nadia and Feud are constantly trying to find a place where it is safe. As Grandma develops a disease called Dementia Grandma is constantly confused as time ticks by and they have to finally say goodbye to grandma as they leave her behind and for her daughter's husband to look after her. As they are left no choice but to live in a refugee camp where they are filled with boredom everyday. Omar gets a job selling batteries but when he hears that Abu Radwan is leaving the camp he has nothing to do. When they think that Eman's husband Bilal is gone and the marriage won't be happening but he comes to the camp and finds her what will happen now will they get married or will Eman not marry him. It's all up to Musa, will he make her dreams come true or not?

LO ✓ I really liked this review; you have clearly really enjoyed the book and understood what has been happening. Careful not to give too much detail away though.

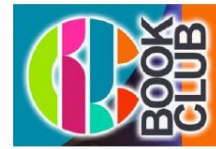
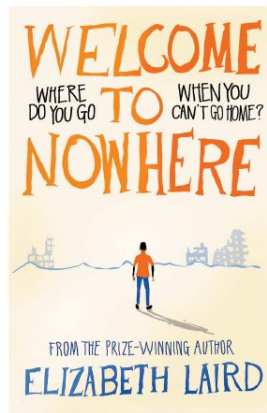


A book review by

'Welcome to Nowhere' is a thrilling book by 'Elizabeth Singer Hunt' which is from Omar's point of view as he is writing this.

At the beginning, Omar's life was normal: he **had** two jobs, one in the early morning and another after school. Omar loved his job after school which is that he sells postcards to the tourists with his cousin Rasoul. **It was this** which gave him the passion to become a businessman with Rasoul, **until** everything changed. Omar's family moved to a different state then many accidents happen including Omar getting shot in the arm by a soldier. **Then** Omar's family moved **d** to the farm with Uncle Mahmoud **but** still it was not **safe**. **So** finally, Omar's family fled to Britain where they are safe in **their** cabin home.

LOV - A detailed review of the story - careful not to give too much away! :-)



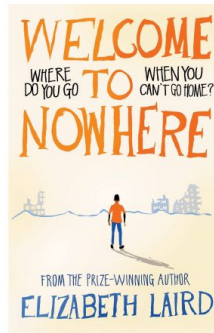
A book review by _ _____

I am going to be reviewing a book called "**WELCOME TO NOWHERE**". This book is about a very serious matter; the Syrian civil war. The book is **told from** the point of view of a fifteen year old boy called Omar, who talks about his family and thoughts. This story is first set in Bosra **which is** a city full of precious ancient ruins; where life (according to Omar) is normal. He works two jobs, he goes to school and goes back to his home. However, things take a turn when they have to travel to Daraa because of **the** trouble that had started in their home city. Omar's brother, Musa, starts to get himself into a political gang whose goal is to free Syria; **this** will later cause an enormous amount of trouble. They stayed in Daraa for almost a year **but** when then the trouble started to spread in this city too, consequently they had to move from their grandma's flat into Ma's sister's farm. This was a totally new experience for the whole family, especially for Omar as he had to work in the farm which needed a lot of strength. But Omar **couldn't** get used to staying at this farm as he **needed** to move yet again to a Jordanian refugee camp which unleashes another set of obstacles and challenges.

When will it end for Omar and his family? You'll have to read the book to find out!

LO ✓ You have included all the most crucial details of the story - I especially like the opening of this review. I was also impressed by the range of punctuation you used in this piece.

Next steps: Who would you recommend this story to and why?



A book review by

If you are looking for an action-packed book full of adventures, then Welcome To Nowhere is the book for you. Here is a mini-review to show you what a fabulous book this is.

Who is your favourite character?

My favourite character is Eman. The reason I like her the most is because she is really courageous and always finds a way to make things better.

What do you think is the message of this story?

I think the message of this story is that you should always be strong no matter what happens to you. I think this because when the family in this story was struggling, they held themselves together and got through it.

Why do you think other people will like this book?

I think other people will like this book because it is really exciting and emotional and you never know what will happen next.

What is your overall opinion on this book?

My overall opinion is that this book is amazing. It has a range of different feelings from sad to happy that no one should miss out on. I definitely recommend this and I'm sure no one will dislike it.

LC ✓ I really like the way you did this review like an interview; with Q & A, Helpful and well-considered details have been included too, without giving away the end! You were also concise: you kept under the 200 word count! Well done.