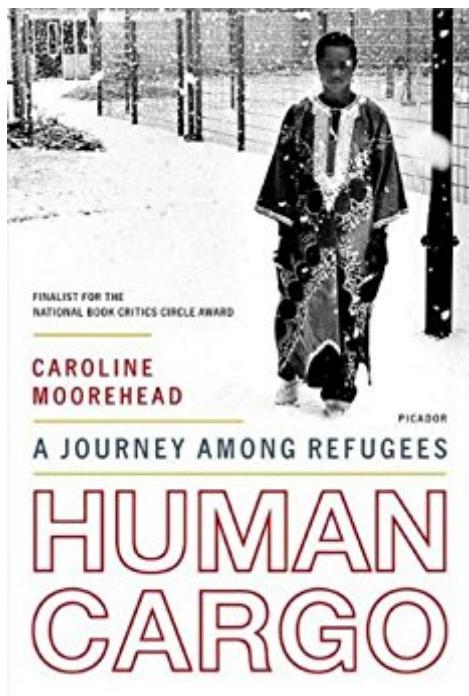


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# Human Cargo: A Journey Among Refugees



## **Synopsis**

An arresting portrait of the lives of today's refugees and a searching look into their future. The word refugee is more often used to invoke a problem than it is to describe a population of millions of people forced to abandon their homes, possessions, and families in order to find a place where they may, quite literally, be allowed to live. In spite of the fact that refugees surround us—the latest UN estimates suggest that 20 million of the world's 6.3 billion people are refugees—few can grasp the scale of their presence or the implications of their growing numbers. Caroline Moorehead has traveled for nearly two years and across four continents to bring us their unforgettable stories. In prose that is at once affecting and informative, we are introduced to the men, women, and children she meets as she travels to Cairo, Guinea, Sicily, the U.S./Mexico border, Lebanon, England, Australia, and Finland. She explains how she came to work and for a time live among refugees, and why she could not escape the pressing need to understand and describe the chain of often terrifying events that mark their lives. *Human Cargo* is a work of deep and subtle sympathy that completely alters our understanding of what it means to have and lose a place in the world.

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Quality, price, and delivery were all excellent.

This book is amazing. It is full of so much information. It is a sad book, but it really opens your eyes about how lucky we are to live in the United States of America. This book makes you think twice about how you view refugees, and how hard they work to where they are now. Definitely read this book!

I just finished Human Cargo and feel torn with my read. It is a depressing, albeit powerful read. Yes, she does make some erroneous statements that others noted including referring to El Cajon as being west of San Diego. It's actually East. She also noted that San Diego and Tijuana could be one city, which is woefully inaccurate. A map would show that she forgot about several cities between the two, even if this was a mere metaphysical type descriptor. What I'm most troubled with is that the increase in xenophobia and tightening of borders compounded with the increase of refugees or asylum seekers really paints a sad picture. I'm glad I read it and her audience is definitely a general or lay audience. The stories about some of the refugees were absolutely haunting. Thankfully, next in my queue is a Baldacci book. I need a lighter read this next go around.

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