

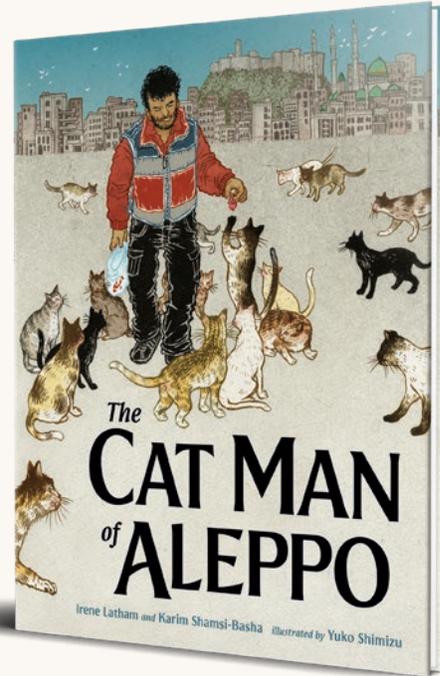
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The **CAT MAN** *of* **ALEPPO**

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Questions for Grades 4 & Up

(See other side for grades 1–3!)

- What did you think about Aleppo before reading?
- Did your view of Aleppo change after reading?
- What makes a community special?
- Why do you think people from all over the world donated to the sanctuary?
- What do you think happened to Alaa's family?
- What lessons can we take away from Alaa's actions?
- What could you do to make the world a better place?

A picture book about the courageous and true story of Mohammad Alaa Aljaleel, who, in the midst of the Syrian Civil War, offered safe haven to Aleppo's abandoned cats.



To find out more about Alaa and Ernesto's sanctuary for Syrian cats, go to Twitter (@theAleppoCatman) or Facebook (@TheAleppoCatMen). Read more about them at <http://bit.ly/AleppoCatMan>.

Supplemental suggestions for older texts: Alan Gratz's *Refugee*, N. H. Senzai's *Escape from Aleppo*, and Atia Abawi's *A Land of Permanent Goodbyes*

