

Lubna and Pebble

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Synopsis: "Lubna's best friend is a pebble. Pebble always listens to her stories. Pebble always smiles when she feels scared. But when a lost little boy arrives in the World of Tents, Lubna realizes that he needs Pebble even more than she does"--Provided by publisher.

Suggested Reading Date: January 7th, Old Rock Day or June 20th, World Refugee Day, around June 10th Empathy Day

Activity Descriptions:

- Learn about Refugees and their challenges- there are many links for lessons below.
- Take time to name the feelings that Lubna and Amir experience.
- Talk about the importance of stories to Lubna. Why does she tell pebble so many?
- Discuss what objects students might have that bring them comfort. You could ask what they would bring could choose only one object.
- Decorate rocks to make them special and unique. You could combine this with an SEL facial expression lesson and have them create faces for different emotions.

Related Websites:

- Video of author reading the book: <https://youtu.be/EYlaGQxHKgY>
- Author Wendy Meddour's website: <https://wendymeddour.co.uk>
- Illustrator Daniel Egneus' website: <https://danielegneus.com>
- United Nations Refugee Agency links to a curriculum to support understanding, empathy and compassion for refugees- many ideas for discussions and activities for students of all ages: <https://www.unhcr.org/en-us/teaching-about-refugees.html>
- Refugee Week Organization UK Children and Young People's page- a treasure trove of ideas for teaching about refugees including many activities and short videos: <https://refugeeweek.org.uk/get-involved/at-your-school/>
- From the Institute for Humane Education, an article about cultivation compassion and empathy in the classroom. A link at the bottom links to a list of other books about refugees. <https://humaneeducation.org/9-strategies-for-cultivating-empathy-and-compassion-in-your-classroom/>
- Empathy Lab an organization in UK to promote teaching empathy. They partner with many authors and illustrators and come up with an annual list of kid's books promoting empathy. <https://www.empathylab.uk>

Text to Text Connections: *Lost and Found Cat: The True Story of Kunkush's Incredible Journey* by Doug Kuntz and Amy Schrodes, *My Name is Sangoel* by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed, *My Two Blankets* by Irena Kobald, *Boxes for Katje* by Candace Fleming

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