

Little Rebels Exploring Social Justice

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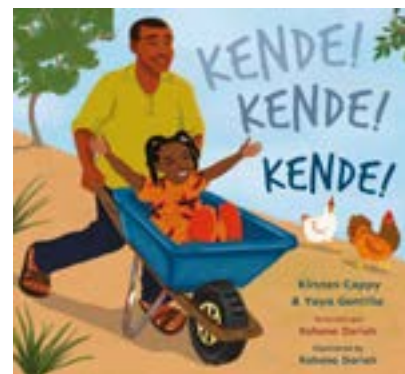
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Child's Play

Toddler Lolie loves to go, go, go. A-Bit-Older Lolie loves to hug the edges of the wheelbarrow as her papá pushes her around the village. But, one day, scary black clouds scratch the horizon and mamá announces, "We have to go!" And, so the wheelbarrow is filled and Lolie and her family join a line of people walking away from burning homes. There is a truck and a UNHCR refugee camp and, after many years, a flight and arrival in a new home, one full of so many new things to get used to: a yellow school bus and ...SNOW, which descends just as the family's new baby is expected! A car is not a truck and snow is not mud so how will they go, go, go?!

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Social Justice Themes: War; Freedom; Refugees; Well-being

Things to talk about

- Look at the picture on P2 of Lolie in the wheelbarrow, then look at P5. What is different about the pictures? Why are they different?
- Wheels are very important in this story. Why are they important? Name all the types of transport that have wheels in this book.
- Lolie and her family have to live in a refugee camp. Do you know what that is? Why do you think they have to live there?
- In the new country 'The days were a go, go, go of new...choices, challenges, discoveries, and people.' How do you think you might feel if you had to move away from everything you know to another country?
- There is more than one language in this book. Do you know what the languages are? Can you speak more than one language?

Activities

- The book ends on a question: 'And the baby?' What do you think the baby will love? Write your own rhyme like 'Lolie loves to go, go, go. Nico loves snow, snow, snow.' Start it with 'Baby loves...'

Extended

- In the authors' imagining, Lolie and her family are from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Do you know where this country is? What else can you learn about DRC? For example, its geography, plants and animals, food and history.

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