

Homelessness



ISBN: 070434968X

NF 13+

Street life: young women write about being homeless
A group of young women describe what it is like to be homeless.



F 12+

ISBN: 0237523329

Atkins, Jill
Seeing red

Vicky runs away to London following rows with her family but soon becomes homeless. A brief spell strawberry picking enables her to swallow her pride and return home.



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ISBN: 0330397982

Blacker, Terence
Homebird

When Nicky runs away from boarding school he faces life on the streets. He becomes involved with some squatters before eventually finding his way home.



F 6+

ISBN: 1405202580

Dunmore, Helen
Amina's blanket

As Josie's class make a patchwork quilt to send to a war-torn country, Amina shivers in her flat with shells exploding all around. But secretly in her dreams, Josie visits Amina and experiences the traumas of war.



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ISBN: 0099414252

Gray, Keith
Warehouse

Recounts the circumstances that have brought three young people together, squatting in an abandoned warehouse.



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ISBN: 1842702327

Hathorn, Libby (illus Gregory Rogers)
Way home

A stunning and compelling picture book for older readers illustrating the life of a street child. Winner of the 1994 Kate Greenaway Award.



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ISBN: 1405208546

Herrick, Steven
The simple gift

A brilliant, affirmative novel in blank verse about the power of individuality over conformity set within the context of homelessness (Billy) and affluence (Caitlin).



ISBN: 0330415026

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Laird, Elizabeth
The garbage king

Set in Ethiopia, Dani and Mammo come from very different backgrounds, one a life of wealth and privilege, one a shanty town shack. Both boys run away becoming street children, living on the edge of destitution and finding their survival depends upon each other.



ISBN: 0749643366

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Neustatter, Angela & Elliott, Helen
Runaway

Enlightening interviews with 6 young people highlighting the reasons and experiences of running away from home. Includes abuse, drugs and family breakdown.



ISBN: 0192751131

F 9-12

Pielichaty, Helena
Vicious circle

Ten-year-old Louisa May and her mother move from home to home, living on the edge of poverty. When her mother becomes ill Louisa realises she needs to get help and find a way for them to settle in one place.



ISBN: 0330400282

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Prince, Alison
The Sherwood hero

Award-winning story of a young girl who tries to help the poor and homeless in her area.



ISBN: 0140362517

F 12+

Swindells, Robert
Stone cold

Seventeen-year-old Link ends up homeless and jobless on the streets of London having fled from a drunken abusive stepfather. A very realistic portrayal of the fears, dangers and sheer discomfort of living on the street, especially with a killer on the loose.



ISBN: 0007142781

F 10-14

Thebo, Mimi
Hit the road, Jack

When Jack decides to track down his absent father, it leads him into the dangerous world that his homeless, alcoholic dad lives in.



ISBN: 0237521911

NF 11-15

West, Keith
Young runaways

A play. Stuart is attacked by his drunken father and decides to leave home, but life on the streets is cold, hungry and fraught with danger.

