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taught me a saying from Africa.
I'll bet you would like it:
A cow is God with a wet nose.*

Kek comes from Africa where he lived with his mother, father, and brother. But only he and his mother have survived. Now she's missing, and Kek has been sent to a new home. In America, he sees snow for the first time, and feels its sting. He wonders if the people in this new place will be like the winter? cold and unkind. But slowly he makes friends: a girl in foster care, an old woman with a rundown farm, and a sweet, sad cow that reminds Kek of home. As he waits for word of his mother's fate, Kek weathers the tough Minnesota winter by finding warmth in his new friendships, strength in his memories, and belief in his new country.

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Editorial Review

From [Booklist](#)

Kek, a young Sudanese refugee, is haunted by guilt that he survived. He saw his father and brother killed, and he left his mother behind when he joined his aunt's family in Minnesota. In fast, spare free verse, this debut novel by nonfiction writer Applegate gets across the immigrant child's dislocation and loss as he steps off the plane in the snow. He does make silly mistakes, as when he puts his aunt's dishes in the washing machine. But he gets a job caring for an elderly widow's cow that reminds him of his father's herds, and he helps his cousin, who lost a hand in the fighting. He finds kindness in his fifth-grade ESL class, and also racism, and he is astonished at the diversity. The boy's first-person narrative is immediately accessible. Like Hanna Jansen's *Over a Thousand Hills I Walk with You* (2006), the focus on one child gets behind those news images of streaming refugees far away. Rochman, Hazel

Review

"Beautiful. Thank you for publishing this book. Thank Katherine Applegate for writing it." ?*Karen Hesse*

"Moving . . . Kek is both a representative of all immigrants and a character in his own right." ?*School Library Journal, Starred Review*

"Precise, highly accessible language evokes a wide range of emotions and simultaneously tells an initiation story. A memorable inside view of an outsider." ?*Publishers Weekly*

"This beautiful story of hope and resilience . . . is an almost lyrical story." ?*Voice of Youth Advocates*

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"The evocative sparseness of the verse narrative will appeal to poetry lovers as well as reluctant readers and ESL students." ?*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

". . . beautifully written in free verse . . . a thought-provoking book about a topic sure to evoke the empathy of readers." ?*KLIATT*

From the Inside Flap

Kek comes from Africa.

In America, he sees the snow for the first time, and feels its sting. He's never walked on ice, and he falls. He wonders if the people in this new place will be like the winter--cold and unkind.

In Africa, Kek lived with his mother, father, and brother. But only he and his mother have survived, and now she's missing. Kek is on his own. Slowly, he makes friends: a girl who is in foster care, and old woman who owns a rundown farm, and a cow whose name means "family" in his native language. As Kek awaits word of his mother's fate, he weathers the tough Minnesota winter by finding warmth in his few friendships, strength in his memories, and belief in his new country.

Bestselling author Katherine Applegate presents a beautifully wrought novel about an immigrant's journey

from hardship to hope.

Katherine Applegate is the author of several bestselling series, including Animorphs, as well as "The Buffalo Storm," a picture book.

"Home of the Brave" is Katherine Applegate's first stand-alone novel. "In Kek's story, I hope readers will see the neighbor child with a strange accent, the new kid in class from some faraway land, the child in odd clothes who doesn't belong," she says. "I hope they see themselves."

Ms. Applegate lives with her family in North Carolina.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Melanie Roberts:

Have you spare time for a day? What do you do when you have far more or little spare time? That's why, you can choose the suitable activity intended for spend your time. Any person spent all their spare time to take a stroll, shopping, or went to the particular Mall. How about open or read a book called Home of the Brave? Maybe it is being best activity for you. You understand beside you can spend your time together with your favorite's book, you can smarter than before. Do you agree with its opinion or you have various other opinion?

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