



# Refugee Book Drive

River Dog Book Co. believes in helping people in need. Regardless of political affiliations, the reality is the refugees at the US/México border are in need of many things. As an independent bookstore located in Wisconsin, there are so many things we cannot help them with, but together with our generous customers and with our colleagues in the book industry in New Mexico and across the United States, we can help provide books.

Please consider helping us help them.



River Dog Book Co. is supporting the [Casa Camino Real Bookstore](#), located in Las Cruces, New Mexico near the U.S./México border, in facilitating a **Refugee Book Drive** in conjunction with the [American Booksellers Association \(ABA\)](#).

Casa Camino Real Bookstore will disseminate books to refugee families. They will be working with the Annunciation House in El Paso, Texas, and various hospitality centers on the U.S./México Border, including [The Border Servant Corps \(BSC\)](#), [El Calvario United Methodist Church](#) based in Las Cruces, New Mexico, as well as various sister organizations in El Paso, Texas: [Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey](#) directed by Pastor Rose Mary Sánchez-Guzmán, [Hope Border Institute](#), and the [Columban Mission Center](#).

The **Refugee Book Drive** needs books in Spanish for children and adults in all genres.

Go to <http://riverdogbookco.com/refugeebookdrive> to purchase a recommended title for the **Refugee Book Drive**. Other Spanish language titles are also accepted. Email [broche@riverdogbookco.com](mailto:broche@riverdogbookco.com) with questions about other titles.

All books should be shipped to:

Casa Camino Real  
314 South Tornillo Street  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001

Thank you for your help with this humanitarian effort!



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Book donors should consider the following:

- English dictionaries/grammar books and language learning workbooks which help readers to learn English are desirable.
- Bilingual Spanish/English books for adults and children are good as they offer those learning English a chance to work on their skills. Readers can learn and compare texts. These books are very popular.
- Spanish Bibles are greatly appreciated. The Bibles are in great demand. Men and women want faith-based literature. It is a touchstone of hope to people who are in dire circumstances but still resilient and strong.
- All books with a spiritual, life-affirming, and uplifting content are valued, including books by contemporary popular figures like Jorge Ramos, The Pope, Pelé, musicians/artists/dancers, etc.
- Books by Latin American authors for adults and children
- Books by contemporary Chicano/a and Latino/a authors. Introduce our American canon of Latinx authors, like Sandra Cisneros, Rudolfo Anaya, Cristina García, Paulo Coelho, Isabel Allende, Gabriel García Marquez, Junot Díaz, Luis Urrea etc.
- Classics in Spanish: all genres, whether they are Latin American or world classics
- Books about child care, baby massage, family concerns, nutrition, self-help, and well-being
- Board books for children
- Young Adult (teen) books in Spanish, classic and contemporary fiction
- It is also important to introduce readers to American writers like Maya Angelou and Toni Morrison, and other popular authors are in high demand, such as Steven King and Neil Gaiman, etc.
- Do not make the mistake of thinking the reading level is low.
- The books should be empowering, and in general, just good books. Think twice before donating books that reflect a darkness, like the femicides in Juárez or the diary of a serial killer.
- Attractive, blank journals appeal to all ages, as everyone has a story to tell.
- Used books are okay to send if they are clean and in like-new condition.
- Ultimately, all books are loved and appreciated.

Thank you very much!