

Spelling list: Characters in Refugee Boy

Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah tells the story of Alem, an Ethiopian boy who flees violence and seeks refuge in England. The novel explores his struggles as an asylum-seeker, his journey to find a new home, and the relationships he forms with the people who help him on his path to safety and belonging.

Alem	Alem Kelo, the novel's protagonist, is a young Ethiopian boy who escapes violence in his homeland to seek refuge in England.
Kelo	Mr. Kelo is Alem's father.
Fitzgerald	Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald are Alem's foster parents in England.
Ruth	Ruth is Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald's daughter.
Sheila	Sheila , Alem's social worker, assists him in navigating the complex asylum-seeking process in England.
Mariam	Mariam , a woman from the refugee council, communicates with Alem in Ethiopian.
Pamela	Pamela , another woman from the refugee council, supports Alem in his quest for asylum and arranges a hearing to determine his status.
Robert	Robert , Alem's school friend, is known for his smoking habit and becomes an integral part of Alem's life in England.
Sweeney	Sweeney is a bully at Alem's care home.
Stanley	Stanley , Alem's roommate at the care home, talks in his sleep.
Hardwick	Mr. Hardwick , a hotel manager, provides care and assistance to Alem when he first arrives in England.
Morgan	Nicholas Morgan , Alem's barrister, advocates for his refugee status.
Buck	Buck , one of Alem's schoolmates, enjoys playing the guitar.
Asher	Asher is a teenager and a friend to Alem.