## **Books on the Cambodian Genocide**

## **Fiction:**

### Children of the River by Linda Crew

Grades 6 - 9

A novel that tells the story of a twelve- year- old girl growing up in Cambodia and how she escapes the Khmer Rouge.

- Teacher Resources:
  - o https://childrenoftheriver2011.weebly.com/discussion-questions.html



### The Clay Marble by Minfong Ho

Grades 4 - 8 The story of a family who flee Cambodia and find themselves living as refugees.

- Teacher Resources:
  - o http://www.glencoe.com/sec/literature/litlibrary/pdf/clay\_marble.pdf
  - o http://www.classzone.com/novelguides/litcons/claymarb/guide.cfm
  - o http://www.bookrags.com/lessonplan/the-clay-marble/
  - o <u>https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=1412</u>
  - o <u>https://www.cambriansd.org/Page/1626</u>

## A Song for Cambodia by Michelle Lord

Grades 1 - 5

The story of a young boy whose life was saved by music.

- Teacher Resources
  - <u>https://www.leeandlow.com/uploads/loaded\_document/605/</u> <u>ASONGFORCAMBODIA\_TG.pdf</u>

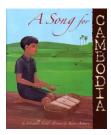
## Half Spoon of Rice by Icy Smith, illustrated by Sopaul Nhem

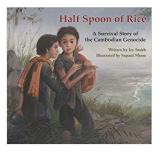
Grades 4-6

The story of a young boy after he is separated from his family and forced into labor by the Khmer Rouge.

- Teacher Resources:
  - o <a href="https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=25116">https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=25116</a>







## Never Fall Down by Patricia McCormick

Grade 10+ Based on the true story of Arn Chorn- Pond, who survived the Cambodian Genocide in the labor camps.

- Teacher resources:
  - o <u>https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=30090</u>
  - <u>https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Never-Fall-Down-Novel-Study-Recently-Revised-762397</u>
  - <u>https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Never-Fall-Down-Lesson-</u> <u>Plans-3836715</u>
  - <u>https://sites.google.com/a/cfschools.org/sarah-koch-s-conflict-page/lesson-plan</u>
  - o http://ya-worldlit.blogspot.com/p/never-fall-down.html
  - o http://neverfalldown.weebly.com/discussion-questions.html
  - o https://patriciamccormick.files.wordpress.com/2013/01/never-fall-down-dg.pdf

# Where the River Runs: Portraits of a Refugee family by Nancy Price Graff, photographs by Richard Howard

Grades 4-6

A photographic biography of the Preks family as they escape Cambodia for the United States during the occupation of the Khmer Rouge.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <u>https://worksheets.edhelper.com/books/Where\_the\_River\_Runs\_A\_Portrait\_of\_a\_Refuge</u>
    <u>e\_Fami.htm</u>

## The Stone Goddess by Minfong Ho

Grades 3-8

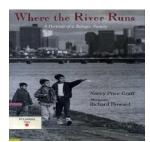
The story of a young girl forced to leave her home in Phnom Penh after the Khmer Rouge occupation.

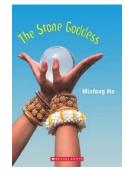
- Teacher Resources:
  - <u>https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plans/teaching-content/stone-goddess-discussion-guide/</u>

#### A Voyage from Cambodia in 1975 (Journey to America Series) by Clare Pastore Grades 3-7

Chantrea escapes the Khmer Rouge after her mother is murdered to live with her father in America.









### Path of Stars by Ann Sibley O'Brian

Grades K - 3 Dara lives in America with her Grandmother, an immigrant from Cambodia. Her brother, however, is still in Cambodia, and Dara and her Grandmother receive disturbing news about his wellbeing after the Khmer Rouge takes power.

- Teacher Resources:
  - o <u>https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=29339</u>

## **Nonfiction:**

#### Heros and Villans- Pol Pot by Andy Koopmans

Grade 9+

From the series Heros and Villans, a biography on Pol Pot.

- Teacher Resources:
  - o https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Browse/Search:pol%20pot

# Strangers in Black: A Young Boy's Struggle to Survive in Khmer Rouge Cambodia by Jill Max

Grade 4+

The true story of Mok and his journey growing up during Khmer Rouge Cambodia.

#### *Little Brother* by Allan Baillie

Grades 3 - 6

A narrative tracing an orphan boy's journey to the Thailand border to escape the Khmer Rouge.

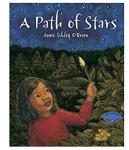
- Teacher Resources:
  - o https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=25444
  - o https://readingaustralia.com.au/lesson/little-brother/

## The Khmer Rouge and the Cambodian Genocide (Genocide in Modern Times) by Sean Bergin

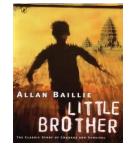
Grades 4 - 6

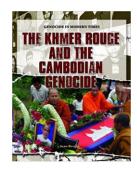
From the series "Genocide in Modern Times," an in-depth look of the Rwandan Genocide.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <u>https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Little-Brother-Alan-Baillie-</u> <u>1227256</u>









## *Alive in the Killing Fields: Surviving the Khmer Rouge Genocide* by Nawuth Keat Grades 6-9

A memoir where Nawuth describes how he survived the invasion of the Khmer Rouge.

- Teacher Resources:
  - o <u>https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=19881</u>

#### First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers by Loung Ung Grades 9 - 12

A memoir written by a Cambodian author and childhood survivor of the genocide perpetrated by Pol Pot.

- Teacher Resources:
  - <u>http://files.harpercollins.com/HarperAcademic/FirstTheyKilledMyFather</u> <u>TG.pdf</u>
  - https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Common-Core-Unit-Plan-First-They-Killed-My-Father-Complete-Daily-Lesson-Chart-644810
  - <u>http://www.tdschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/First-They-Killed-My-Father-assessment-pages.pdf</u>

## The Land of the People of Cambodia, by David P. Chandler

Grade 7+

A nonfiction report on how South East Asian history and culture relates to the modern day struggles.

# *Cambodian Dancer: Sophany's Gift of Hope* by Daryn Reicherter, illustrated by Christ Hale, translated by Bophal Penh

Grades Pre K - 3

The true story of a woman who fled Cambodia to escape the Killing Fields, and how she used dance to help other refugees.

- Teacher Resources:
- <u>http://warandgenocideinchlit.weebly.com/cambodia.html</u> <u>https://www.wcsu.edu/sps/gangi/genocide-c-ya-4-2011.pdf</u>





