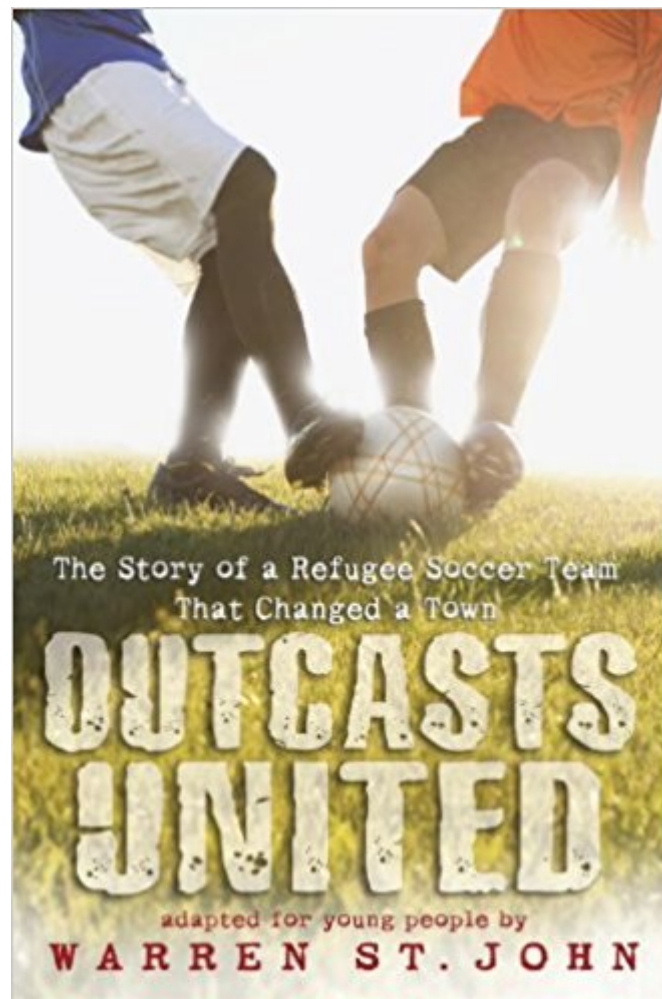


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# Outcasts United: The Story Of A Refugee Soccer Team That Changed A Town



## Synopsis

For readers who followed Enrique's Journey, Outcasts United is another equally moving account of refugees finding a new life in the U.S. Based on the adult bestseller, *Outcasts United: An American Town, a Refugee Team, and One Woman's Quest to Make a Difference*, this young people's edition is a complex and inspirational story about the Fugees, a youth soccer team made up of diverse refugees from around the world, and their formidable female coach, Luma Mufleh. Clarkston, Georgia, was a typical southern town until it became a refugee resettlement center. The author explores how the community changed with the influx of refugees and how the dedication of Luma Mufleh and the entire Fugees soccer team inspired an entire community.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 12 and up

Grade Level: 7 and up

## Customer Reviews

Original book may be great. This is the "youth" edition, and as such, it lacks anything that I would consider compelling. It feels dumbed down in a way that YA books written for YA audiences aren't.

This was a good, quick read. My daughter read it for a book report and I read it with her just in case she needed help with her report after. She loved that it was a true story and that she could look up these people on the internet and see pictures of the team, etc. She is a soccer player and this story hit home for her.

Liked it a lot - gave a good picture of what refugees go through when moving to the US. It was one of my Book Club selections and the discussion was lively and enlightening as we have a few members who are not American born. If you take nothing else away from reading this, it is to be more patient and tolerant when interacting with someone whose English isn't as good as yours.

Purchased this copy for my little brother who was doing a report on a nonfiction book. I read the original story for a college class and knew he would love it but that it might be too much for him to read in a short time. I bought this copy and thought it did a great job of presenting itself to younger audiences.

The book showed that if you practice hard, playing is fun and vice versa. It also showed that people with different races, religion, traditions etc. Can play as a United team and learn to tolerate their differences. Great book for classrooms.

This book is filled with a bunch of small chapters. Each chapter is more of a self-contained little story explaining the background of a little boy, the head coach Luma, or the situations the team finds itself in. I like this as I could pick it up and read in 10 minute chunks. And sure enough, a day later I finished what turned out to be a very inspirational book about how soccer provided meaning for these little boys!

Outcasts United was incredibly tedious to read. The book lacks dialogue and contrast within the storyline. Warren St. John was presented with the perfect opportunity to learn and write first hand accounts of what was going on in the countries from whence the children came but instead, every piece of info could have been learned from Wikipedia. My English professor hated the book so much he refused to keep reading it and had us do something else for the final paper.

What an inspirational and well-written story. I felt like I was transported into the lives of these incredibly resilient children

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