

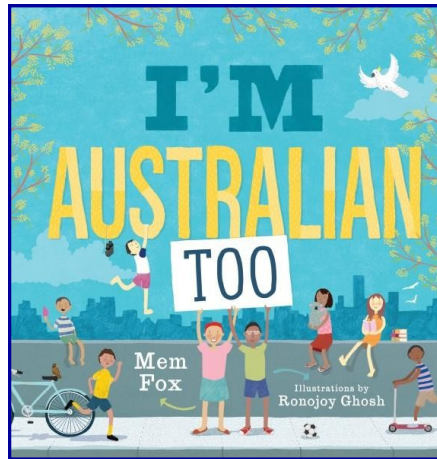
## I'm Australian Too

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I'm Australian! How about you? Many people from many places have come across the seas, to make Australia their home. How Australian is that?



### Themes:

- Being Australian
- Acceptance
- New beginnings

### Discussion Questions and Activities:

- When you look at the cover of this book and the title, what do you think it might be about?
- Once you have read the story, talk about how close your initial thoughts and ideas were to the actual story.
- Brainstorm some ideas as a class for what you think 'being Australian' really means.
- There are many different countries that the children and their families in the story have come from. Collate the statistics from your class as to where each class member was born, as well as each of your parents and grandparents.
- Turn these ideas into a poster promoting all that is good and different about Australia.
- Can you recall how many towns and cities were mentioned in the book? On a map, mark all the ones that you have been to. Locate on a map any that you haven't heard of.
- How many people mentioned in the story were not yet an 'Australian'?
- How did this young refugee feel about the situation she was in?
- As a class, discuss why people flee their home land to places like Australia.
- Do you think that Australia is a welcoming place? Discuss this in a class.
- What do you think is the hardest part about moving to another country? ie: language, food etc.
- The text references the Australian national anthem, Advance Australia Fair. Can you find the references? Transpose Advance Australia Fair onto a poster that you can decorate with as many 'Australian' themed things that you can think of. This can then be displayed in your classroom.
- 'What journey we have travelled, from countries near and far! Together now, we live in peace, beneath the Southern Star.' What 'star' is being referred to here? Where else do you see this and what is its significance to Australia?