

# Seeking a New Life

Anh Do, author of *WeirDo* and *WeirDo 2*, wrote an earlier book called *The Happiest Refugee*.

This book tells the true story of Anh Do's incredible experience: he and his family escaped from war-torn Vietnam in an overcrowded boat, facing hunger, dehydration and pirates in search of freedom. They eventually reached Australia where they were determined to build a new life. Anh Do's story shows that no matter where you come from you really can succeed.

Many people leave their home countries in search of a better life. Can you think of reasons why?

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How you would feel if you had to leave your home and your country and set off into the unknown with your family? What would you take with you?

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Imagine that you are aboard Anh Do's boat on its way from Vietnam to Australia.

Describe the boat—what you can see, hear, smell and touch. Who else is on the boat with you?

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The boat finally reaches Australia. What do you see? How do you feel?

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