

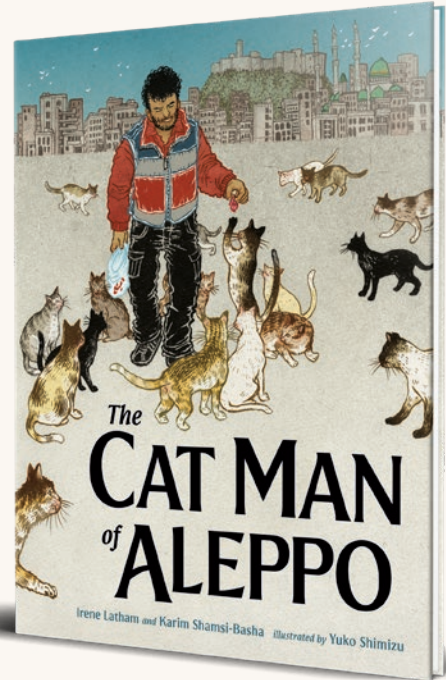
# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## *The* **CAT MAN** *of* **ALEPPO**

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### Questions for Grades 4 & Up

(See other side for grades 1–3!)

- What did you think about Aleppo before reading?
- Did your view of Aleppo change after reading?
- What makes a community special?
- Why do you think people from all over the world donated to the sanctuary?
- What do you think happened to Alaa's family?
- What lessons can we take away from Alaa's actions?
- What could you do to make the world a better place?

*A picture book about the courageous and true story of Mohammad Alaa Aljaleel, who, in the midst of the Syrian Civil War, offered safe haven to Aleppo's abandoned cats.*



*To find out more about Alaa and Ernesto's sanctuary for Syrian cats, go to Twitter (@theAleppoCatman) or Facebook (@TheAleppoCatMen). Read more about them at <http://bit.ly/AleppoCatMan>.*

Supplemental suggestions for older texts: Alan Gratz's *Refugee*, N. H. Senzai's *Escape from Aleppo*, and Atia Abawi's *A Land of Permanent Goodbyes*

