

Book Tour

Title: Outcasts United

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Genre: Non-fiction account of a Soccer Program begun by a Jordanian immigrant who attended Smith College and then moved to Atlanta. Set in Clarkston, Georgia. Clarkston is one of 350 cities in the US that receives refugees from war-ravaged parts of the world. The book focuses on the families and the boys as they play soccer and learn about America.

Possible Themes: Immigration, refugees, integration into the US

Object list:

- African Origins and the role of the Mothers and ancestors:
 - Chokwe Stools - 2002.27.3, 2-1.200.2,
 - Ancestral Post - 2004.25.
 - Could also include Rites of Initiation – Bwa Mask
- Islamic Origins –
 - Jali - 2000.78 (one mother insisted on keeping her youngest boy inside when he preferred playing soccer. Luma refused to go back to Jordan after she graduated.)
 - Persian Bowl - 86.44 – Refugees always insisted on feeding their guests
- Judaic Gallery – Blending of Cultures and Jewish refugees
 - Tik – 2003.165.1a-c
 - Hamsa Amulet – 2003.165.3
- An Exile Dreaming of St. Adorno – 2010.22 in G370, Luma’s self- exile
- Optional Object – Mona Hatoun – Cube – 2010.8 The role of RULES on the soccer team
- Reactions to fighter jets in formation in the intro – Warrior and Shield – 54.27 in G 375
- The Fugitives by Daumier, 54.16 & 656.31
- Migration – Cy Thao’s Hmong Migration – 2010.55.1-50
- Soccer – MesoAmerican Ball game –
 - Yoke – 41.72,
 - Rattle – 47.2.9,
 - Nayarit Male Figure – 47.2.34

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