

Story SPACE



Book Aid
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Sharing the power of books

About the work of Book Aid International

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The impact of these books is huge.
Learners are happy and excited to read.

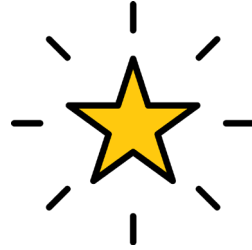
Phillimon, Teacher, rural Malawi

Grace and
Rachel enjoying
reading together



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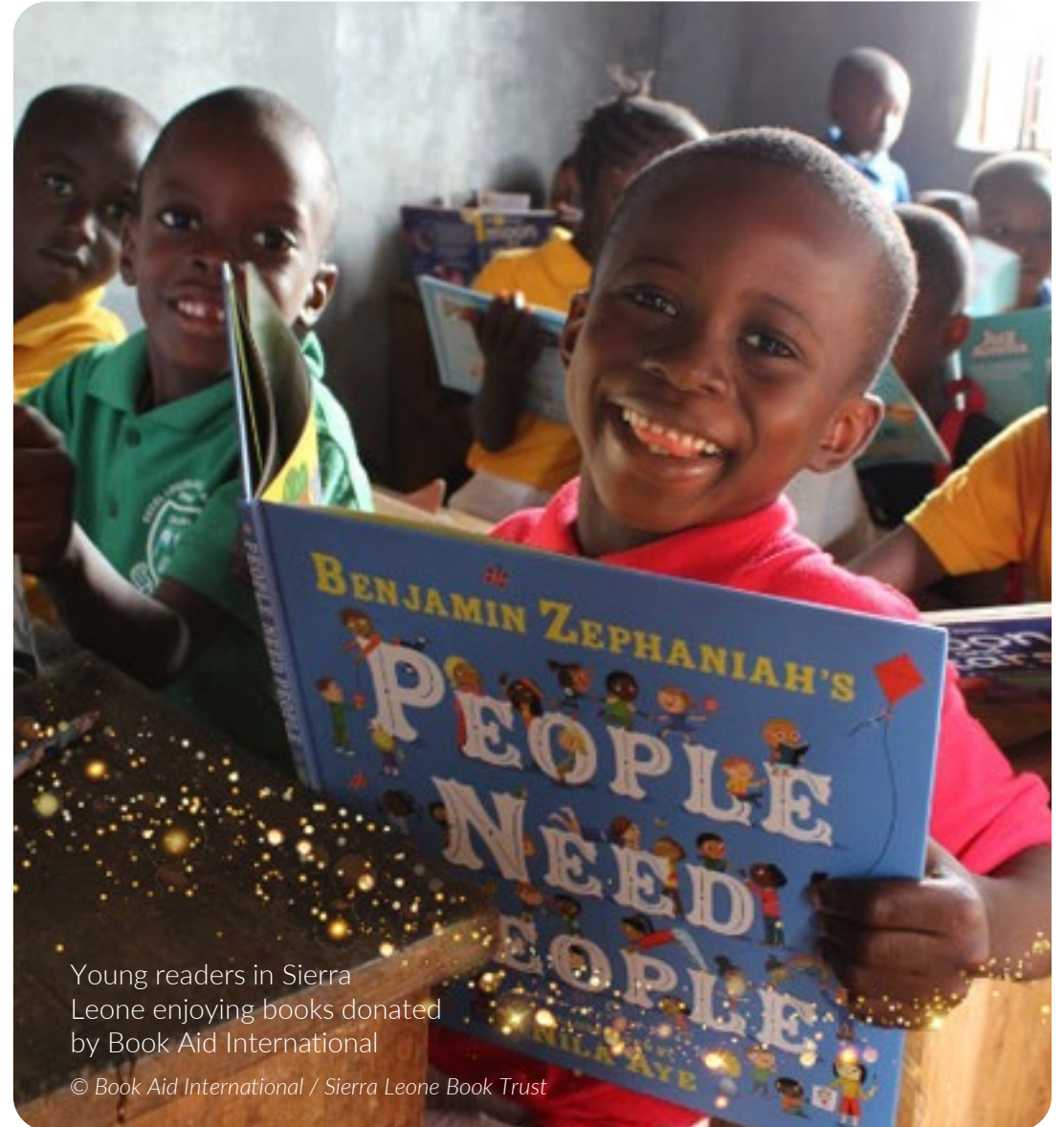
Who we are



At Book Aid International, our vision is a future where every child has the opportunity to read.

Working with our partners worldwide, we carefully select, package and deliver brand-new books to schools, libraries and refugee camps.

Together we get books to the children who need them most – opening solar libraries where power is unreliable, creating reading spaces from shipping containers and even delivering books on the backs of camels.



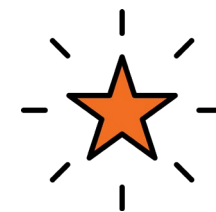
Young readers in Sierra Leone enjoying books donated by Book Aid International

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Veronica with her favourite book
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What we do

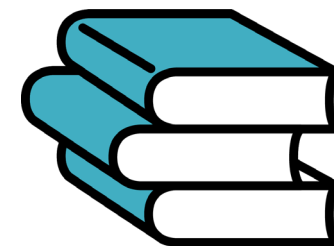


Our dream is for all children and grown-ups to have access to books so they can read for fun, to learn new things and enjoy reading forever.

We believe books are powerful.

“ When I grow up, I want to be a journalist. Learning how to read, it will help me become a journalist. I know it will help me.

Veronica, from Monrovia, Liberia





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**Why do you think
books are important?**

Why are books important?

Books help us to learn

Learning changes forever when classrooms and school libraries are fully stocked with brand-new books. Lessons are more fun and learning to read becomes much easier.

Books open up possibilities

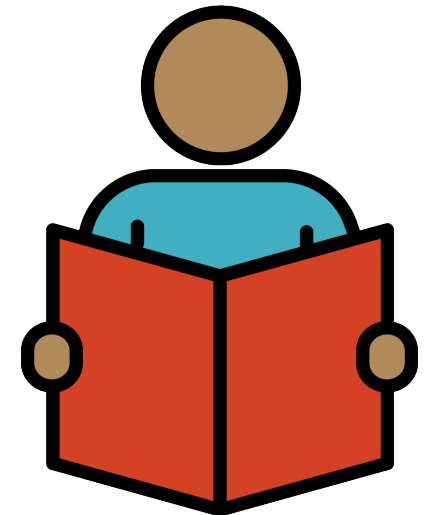
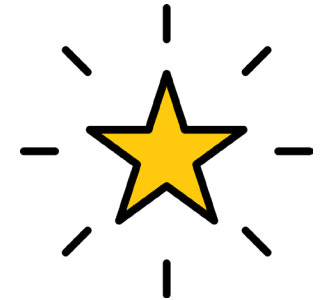
They help people think in new ways. They reveal new opportunities – and provide the knowledge people need to seize them.

Books restore hope

In the midst of a conflict or the aftermath of a disaster, books can help people escape into a story and feel a sense of normality.

Books inspire confidence

Books can help people believe their ambitions truly are achievable.



Why do we need school libraries?

School libraries help teachers teach and help children learn. They can make school much better and help more kids to read.

But in many places where we help, schools don't have any libraries. Sometimes, the teacher only has one old book to read from, or just writes on the chalkboard while children try to copy everything. This can make learning really hard.

We help schools, big and small, all over the world by giving them books and helping them create new libraries.



Praise and his sister Esther are happy with their library books

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**How would you feel if
your school had no books?**

How your donations help



Raise
money to
help provide
books...





...the books
you send
will start
their journey
on a truck
like this...



...going to one
of the 35
countries
where we've
supported
readers over
recent years...





...helping to fill a story space like this library made out of shipping containers.



Wait... how do you make a library out of a shipping container?

- 1** We work with one of our partners worldwide to place a shipping container in a community where few people have the chance to read.
- 2** It gets painted and fitted out with everything from shelving to windows to turn it into a magical Story Space
- 3** The shelves are filled with more than 5,000 brand-new books.

And from that point on, the possibilities are endless - children can discover books they remember forever, students can prepare for their exams and adults can learn how to build a business.

Thousands of people can start imagining a more hopeful future.



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**What's your
favourite book?**

Tenzin, from Changjiji, Bhutan

Favourite place to read: In her local library that she's been visiting for four years

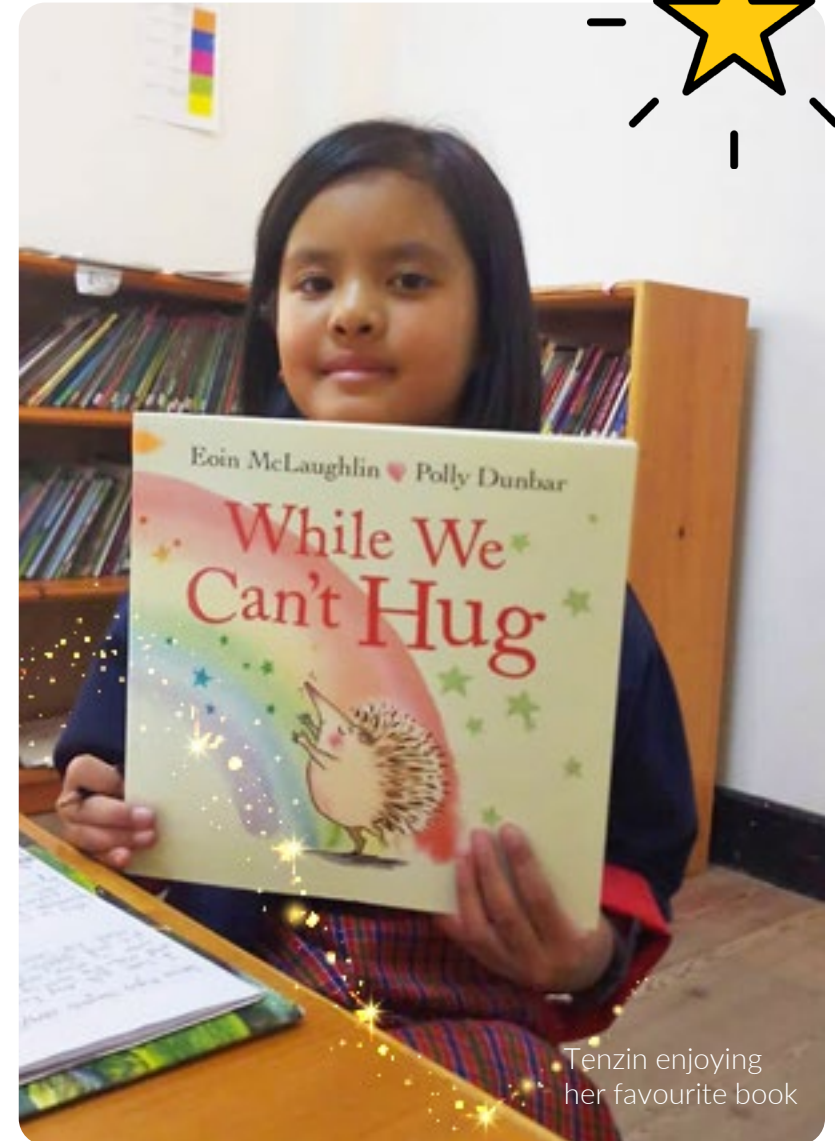
Favourite book: While We Can't Hug by Eoin McLaughlin

"I loved this book so much I even asked my friends to borrow it and read it.

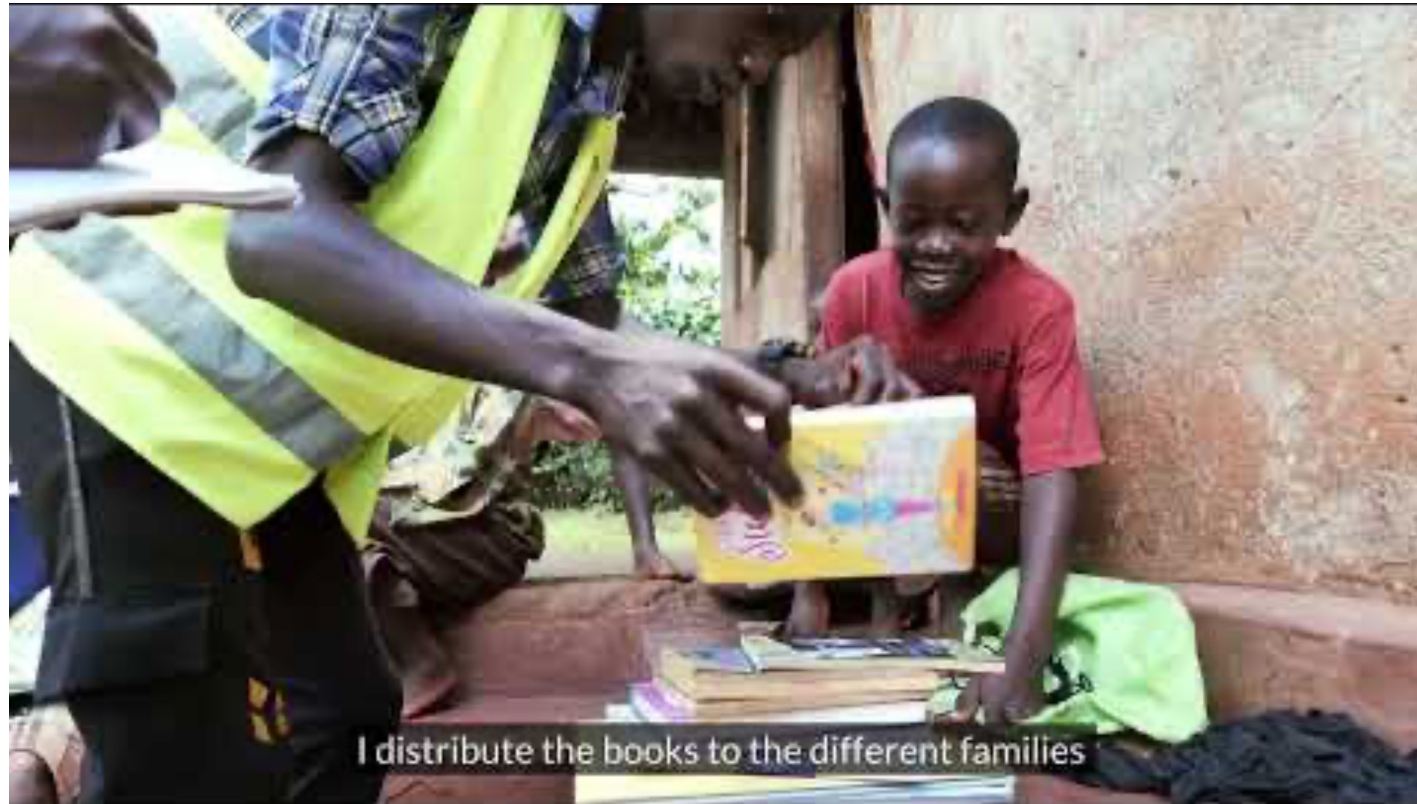
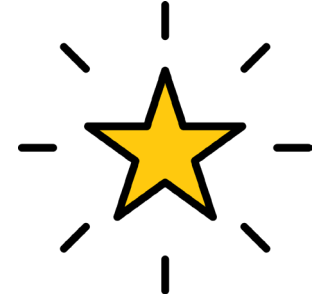
I like this book because even though the tortoise is not able to hug his best friend, the hedgehog, there are so many things they still do together like writing letters, singing and painting to show each other their love. These are also some of the things that my best friends and I do that makes us happy."

“ I loved this book so much I even asked my friends to borrow it and read it.

Tenzin



The mountain bike library





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Thank you!

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