

PRAISE FOR KIKI AND JACQUES

"Jacques and Kiki are intriguing characters, strong and empathetic. Despite problems of culture, they find their way to friendship in a story that's beautifully crafted. A stunning debut novel."

— Patricia Reilly Giff, Two-time Winner of the Newbery Honor

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"...Ross deftly weaves all the elements of a great story (suspense, friendship woes, plot twists, and middle school drama with issues of social justice (prejudice, justice, and fairness). This is a marvelous addition to our classroom libraries of books that explore cultural diversity as well as economic hardship and peer pressure. I loved that the middle school characters and the issues they faced were real, and I know that my sixth graders will be in equal parts engrossed in the story as well as become informed about the plight of refugees fleeing political turmoil...."

— Tara Smith, *A Teaching Life*

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A local boy and a refugee girl from Somalia overcome cultural challenges in a small Maine town.

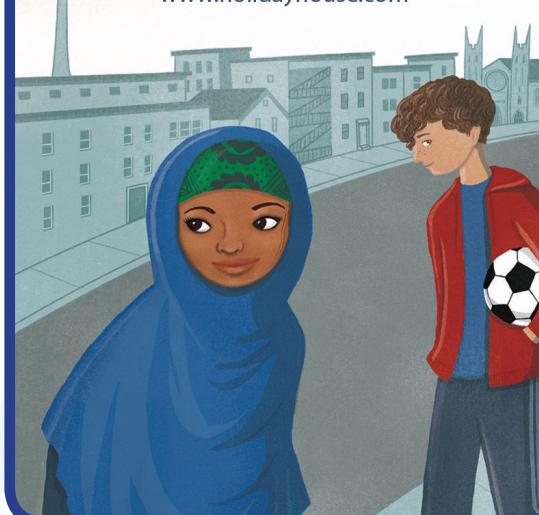
Twelve-year-old Jacques meets Kiki, a Somali girl with a mysterious scar. Jacques expects to be captain of the soccer team, but Kiki's brother, Mohamed, becomes his new rival. Kiki is also a talented player and wishes her family would let her join the girls team.

A dangerous older boy implicates Jacques in a plot to rob the Army Navy Store, but Mohamed is mistakenly arrested. The boys on the soccer team shun Mohamed, and Jacques must decide if he will step forward.

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“ ... a well-crafted story with a central theme that focuses on the power of friendship to overcome life's challenges, including and in spite of cultural differences. Kiki and Jacques is an excellent resource for addressing the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies. It provides a springboard into many topics for research and discussion, including the refugee crisis that exists throughout the world.”

— Deborah Hall, a teacher in Vermont, rated Kiki and Jacques



SUSAN LOVES WORKING WITH STUDENTS IN THE CLASSROOM!

Susan has appeared at NCTE ALAN and was interviewed on Huffington Post Live. Susan teaches creative writing and has lots of experience with kids of all ages.

WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS CAN INCLUDE:

- * Refugees and immigrants in our lives – How Somali immigration and Susan's family history in Maine led to writing Kiki and Jacques
- * Issues that kids face: Friendship, Cultural Challenges, Bullying, and Immigration: Timely themes in Kiki and Jacques
- * Kids Writers' Workshop – Let's write together! Writing games, prompts and a discussion of how an idea becomes a book

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BE FRIENDS WITH
SOMEONE WHO IS
DIFFERENT THAN YOU
IN EVERY WAY?

PRICING

- * Please contact Susan at AuthorSusanRoss@gmail.com for pricing information
- * Susan is happy to do a free half hour Skype Q & A with students.

