DOCUMENTARIES

Children of Syria (2016) available on DVD

"The story of four children surviving in war-torn Aleppo, and their escape to a new life in Germany. The film follows the family over three years, from the siege of their city, to the kidnapping of their father, to the struggle of becoming refugees."

Climate Refugees: The Global Human Impact of Climate Change (2010) available on Kanopy

"Climate Refugees is the first feature film to explore in-depth the global human impact of climate change and its serious destabilizing effect on international politics."

The Donut King (2020) available on DVD & Kanopy

"Ted Ngoy, a Cambodian refugee arriving in America in 1975 and building a multi-million-dollar empire baking America's favorite pastry, the donut. Ted sponsored hundreds of visas for incoming refugees and helped them get on their feet teaching them the ways of the donut business."

Human Flow (2017) available on DVD & Hoopla

"Over 65 million people around the world have been forced from their homes since World War II. Human Flow, an epic film journey led by the internationally renowned artist Ai Weiwei, gives a powerful visual expression to this massive human migration."

Midnight Traveler (2019) available on DVD & Hoopla

"When the Taliban puts a bounty on Afghan director Hassan Fazili's head, he is forced to flee with his wife and two young daughters. Fazili shows firsthand the dangers facing refugees seeking asylum and the love shared between a family on the run."

MOVIES

Encanto (2021) available on DVD

"Long ago, the matriarch of the family, Abuela Alma, was forcefully displaced from her home and lost her husband Pedro while fleeing. From this tragedy came a miracle, a magic candle that creates a home for Abuela to live in and bestows upon her children and grandchildren magical gifts."

Hotel Rwanda (2004) available on DVD & Hoopla

"The deeply moving true story of a five-star-hotel manager who used his wits and words to save more than 1,200 lives during the 1994 Rwandan conflict."

Icebox (2018) available on DVD

"It tells the story of Óscar, a twelve-year-old Honduran boy who is forced to flee his home and seek asylum in the United States, only to find himself trapped in the U.S. immigration system."

El Norte (1983) available DVD

"Mayan Indian peasants are tired of being thought of as nothing more than manual laborers. They organize an effort to improve their lot in life, but are discovered by the Guatemalan army. After the army destroys their village and family, Enrique and Rosa, a teenage brother and sister, who barely escaped the massacre, decide they must flee."



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