Spotlight on Global

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Stories from the global genre are about the experiences of people from other parts of the world where life is very different from life in Australia.

The global genre is a fairly new genre in YA books. It has become popular in the last ten years.

Common settings

The Middle East India Africa Asia

Common themes

The experiences of girls in countries where women are oppressed.

Families in developing countries living in poverty, where the children must work to provide an income for the family.

Families torn apart by war.

The experience of refugees who have come to Australia.

Famous authors who write global books

Libby Gleeson Deborah Ellis Khaled Hosseini Adeline Yen Mah

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Patricia McCormick

Kashmira Sheth

Henning Menkell

Morris Gleitzman

Rosanne Hawke

Keep a look out for the 'Through my Eyes' series, a series of global books each written by a different author and telling the story of a different teenager.