

Home Now: The Transformative Journey of 6000 Refugees in an American Town

In a time of global upheaval and displacement, the plight of refugees has become increasingly urgent. The United States has a long history of welcoming refugees, and in recent years, the country has seen a surge in the number of people seeking asylum. In 2016, the United States admitted over 84,000 refugees, the highest number in a decade.

One of the most successful refugee resettlement programs in the country is located in the small town of Lewiston, Maine. Home to just over 36,000 people, Lewiston has welcomed over 6,000 refugees from more than 20 different countries since 2001. The town's refugee resettlement program has been praised as a model for other communities, and it has been featured in numerous articles and documentaries.



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In her new book, "Home Now: How 6000 Refugees Transformed an American Town," journalist Sue Halpern tells the story of Lewiston's refugee resettlement program. Halpern spent three years in Lewiston, interviewing refugees, volunteers, and town officials. She provides a vivid and nuanced portrait of the challenges and successes of refugee resettlement in America.

The Challenges

Refugees who come to the United States often face a number of challenges. They may have experienced trauma, poverty, and discrimination in their home countries. They may not speak English, and they may have difficulty finding jobs and housing.

In Lewiston, refugees are also faced with the challenge of living in a cold, snowy climate. Many refugees come from warm climates, and they have to adjust to the long, harsh winters.

Despite these challenges, refugees in Lewiston have made great strides in rebuilding their lives. They have learned English, found jobs, and started businesses. They have also become active members of the community.

The Successes

The refugee resettlement program in Lewiston has been a success story for both the refugees and the town. Refugees have found a safe and welcoming home in Lewiston, and they have contributed to the town's economy and culture.

Lewiston has also benefited from the arrival of refugees. The town has become more diverse and vibrant, and it has a stronger economy.

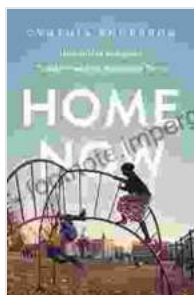
Refugees have also brought new skills and perspectives to the town, and they have helped to make Lewiston a more welcoming place for all.

The Future

The future of refugee resettlement in the United States is uncertain. The Trump administration has made it more difficult for refugees to enter the country, and it has cut funding for refugee resettlement programs.

Despite these challenges, the refugee resettlement program in Lewiston is still going strong. The town has a long history of welcoming refugees, and it is committed to continuing to do so.

The story of Lewiston is a reminder that refugees can make a positive contribution to their new communities. With the right support, refugees can rebuild their lives and become thriving members of society.



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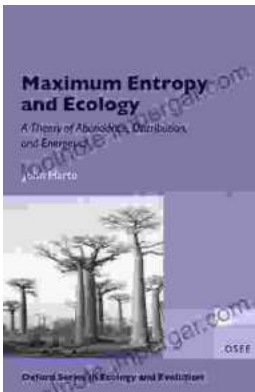
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