



Czechoslovakia's Cold War Refugee Children: Contemporary Resonance

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Forced Migration Studies

EDITION

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This course reading...

- Offers perspective on how one's childhood forced migration experience may be interpreted from mid- to late-life through use of primary sources.
- Highlights an underexamined group, exploring themes of memory, trauma, and ethnic identity.
- Is ideal reading for students of Forced Migration and Refugee Studies, Ethnic Studies, Gerontology, Contemporary History, Immigration History, Developmental Psychology, Exile Studies, Anthropology, and Sociology.

What can the lived experiences of Czechoslovak Cold War refugee children tell us about the lifetime impact of childhood forced migration?

This is the story of author **Miriam Potocky Rafaidus** and more than thirty other Czechoslovak Cold War refugee children. **Miriam** shares her lived experience, as well as archival oral histories, to ultimately answer the question: does anyone ever stop being a refugee?

These testimonies from some of the earliest and youngest refugees in contemporary history will illuminate an underexamined group and explore what lessons can be learned applying to refugee children and youth of today and tomorrow.

Engaging with themes such as memory, trauma, and ethnic identity, this book is ideal reading for students of Forced Migration and Refugee Studies, Ethnic Studies, Gerontology, Contemporary History, Immigration History, Developmental Psychology, Exile Studies, Anthropology, and Sociology.

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