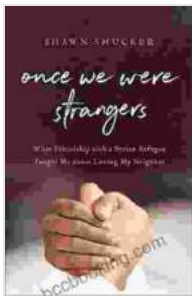


# What Friendship with a Syrian Refugee Taught Me About Loving My Neighbor

In the midst of the Syrian refugee crisis, one woman's friendship with a Syrian refugee family would forever change her life.



## Once We Were Strangers: What Friendship with a Syrian Refugee Taught Me about Loving My Neighbor

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Sarah Clarkson, author of the book *What Friendship with a Syrian Refugee Taught Me About Loving My Neighbor*, shares her moving and inspiring journey of befriending a Syrian refugee family and learning the true meaning of love and compassion.

Through her personal experiences, Clarkson challenges readers to rethink their own understanding of hospitality and to embrace the stranger as a neighbor. This book is a must-read for anyone who wants to deepen their

understanding of the refugee crisis and its impact on individuals and communities.

In 2015, Sarah Clarkson's life was turned upside down when she met a Syrian refugee family who had just arrived in her town. The family was struggling to adjust to their new life, and Clarkson was moved by their story.

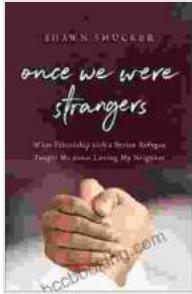
Clarkson began spending time with the family, helping them with their English, taking them to appointments, and providing them with emotional support. Over time, she grew to love the family as her own, and they became an important part of her life.

Through her friendship with the Syrian refugee family, Clarkson learned a lot about herself and about the world around her. She learned the importance of hospitality and compassion, and she saw firsthand the devastating effects of war and persecution.

Clarkson's book is a moving and inspiring story about the power of friendship and the importance of loving our neighbors. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of the refugee crisis and its impact on individuals and communities.

In her book, Clarkson challenges readers to rethink their own understanding of hospitality and to embrace the stranger as a neighbor. She argues that we are all called to love our neighbors, no matter where they come from or what they believe.

Clarkson's book is a timely and important contribution to the conversation about the refugee crisis. It is a reminder that we are all connected to one another, and that we have a responsibility to help those who are in need.



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