



★ **Mexique: A Refugee Story from the Spanish Civil War**

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This fictionalized firsthand account of the passage of the *Mexique*, which carried 456 Spanish children to the safety of Mexico during the Spanish Civil War, is a potent reminder of an echoing historical crisis. The welcoming flowers of a mother's dress contrast with harsh, scratchy lines of pointed guns and falling bombs in the book's black and white illustrations, which are scattered with touches of peach and rusted red. To *Mexique*'s child observer, "war is a very loud noise" that never quite stops rumbling in the distance.

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