

## Tucson: More Than A Century of Refuge

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### Synopsis:

This text set explores how Tucson, Arizona has consistently served as a place of refuge since the turn of the twentieth century. This text set draws a throughline between Yaquis (Yoeme) seeking safety during the Porfiriato, those fleeing violence during the Mexican Revolution, ethnically Chinese Mexicans who were expelled from Sonora after the Revolution, the foundation of the Sanctuary Movement at Tucson's Southside Presbyterian Church, to Tucson's role as a resettlement hub for the modern refugee system. This text sets highlights and celebrates how people coming to Tucson looking for safety have built lives and contributed to the vibrant hybrid culture that exists today.

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A data table from the State of Arizona showing the countries of origin and numbers of refugees resettled in Arizona each year from 1981 to 2023.

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The State of Arizona's official list of resources for refugees in the state.

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A news article detailing stories of refugees relocated to Tucson, Arizona.

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A book detailing the founding of the Sanctuary Movement in Tucson in the 1980s.

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A book tracing the migration of ethnically Chinese people to the borderlands area and exploring how people created communities.

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A website for an organization in Tucson, Arizona that helps refugees build sustainable lives by harvesting local fruit to make and sell goods.

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A book that records the life of a Yaqui man who lived during the period of genocidal actions by the Mexican government and the resettlement of Yaqui people in Tucson, Arizona.

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A book that tells the stories of Mexican women who fled the violence of the Mexican Revolution and came to live in the United States.

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A collection of photographs from the early Sanctuary Movement founded in Tucson, Arizona.

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A data table that shows refugee resettlement in Tucson, Arizona between 2002 and 2019. There is also a map showing the countries of origin of refugees relocated to Tucson.

*A recipe for Solidarity: The Chinese Chorizo Project*. My Site. (n.d.). <https://www.chinesechorizoproject.com/>

A website focused on telling the story of ethnically Chinese people in Tucson, Arizona. The website includes a timeline of ethnically Chinese in Tucson focusing on cultural food. It also provides information about the “Tucson Chinese Chorizo Festival” and a proposed statue of a chorizo to be called “The Most Sacred Heart of the Barrio”.

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A collection of papers detailing the trial in Tucson, Arizona of the founders of the Sanctuary Movement. The Sanctuary Movement involved churches allowing migrants to live in the sanctuaries to avoid arrest and deportation by immigration officials. The founders of Sanctuary Movement were put on trial for providing illegal aid to immigrants.

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A book exploring Pascua, the Yaqui settlement in Tucson, Arizona.

*Tucson meet yourself 2023*. Tucson Meet Yourself. (2023, July 26). <https://tucsonmeetyourself.org/>

The website for the Tucson Meet Yourself Festival. The festival is held each year to celebrate the different cultural communities that call Tucson home. The festival includes all sorts of cultural expressions including music, arts, crafts and, most notably, food.

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A video created by the Tucson Unified School District where young men who graduated from the school district tell about their lives after coming to Tucson, Arizona as refugees.

YouTube. (2020). *Pascua Yaqui Tribe 42nd Annual Recognition Official Video*. YouTube. Retrieved July 30, 2023, from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4NzNWwXHfQ>.

A video created by the Pascua Yaqui Tribe commemorating the anniversary of their tribe receiving federal recognition. The reservation is located in Tucson.

YouTube. (2022). *Syrian Refugee in Tucson Arizona - "Baking with Marwa."* YouTube. Retrieved July 30, 2023, from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-AswgSIM38>.

A video where a woman who came to Tucson, Arizona as a refugee tells about her life while showing how she bakes food that she will sell at a local market.