

## Anh Do

Imagine being an author, actor, comedian and painter, well Anh Do is all those things. He does not start being all those things just yet. This is his journey as a refugee coming to Australia.

Anh Do was born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 1977 in Vietnam. He arrived in Sydney from Mekong Delta at the age of 3. Anh and his family arrived on a small fishing boat with 47 other Vietnamese refugees. Anh Do's family including Anh survived pirate attacks, dehydration and was set drifting for days.

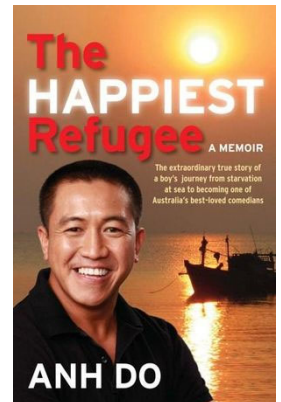
Anh's father left the family when he was only 13 years old. Anh's mother earned just \$6.80 an hour in a clothing sweatshop.

Growing up he went to University of Technology Sydney. He studied law and business. He ran a market stall selling American Indian artefacts. The stall grew to four franchised stores. Just six months from finishing his five-year degree, he turned down law and business job offers. He did that to focus on stand-up comedy, thinking it was a faster way to earn money.

Later in life he became an author, painter, comedian and actor. He is now still all those things. He has also appeared on Dancing with The Stars. Anh Do was a very interesting refugee. He could do all sorts of things. You will now see that he is a very well know author, but you might not have known he does all those other things I mentioned.

Anh uses his life experiences, education and passion to write his books. He wrote a book about his journey as a refugee to Australia. That book is very well known around the world. It is one of his most famous books. The book is called The Happiest Refugee. He also writes funny books for kids and other subjects too.

If Anh Do did not travel to Australia and gone through all the hard stuff on the fishing boat, he would not be the person we know today.



His book  
The Happiest Refugee



This a picture of some of his paintings



Anh at a comedy show

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