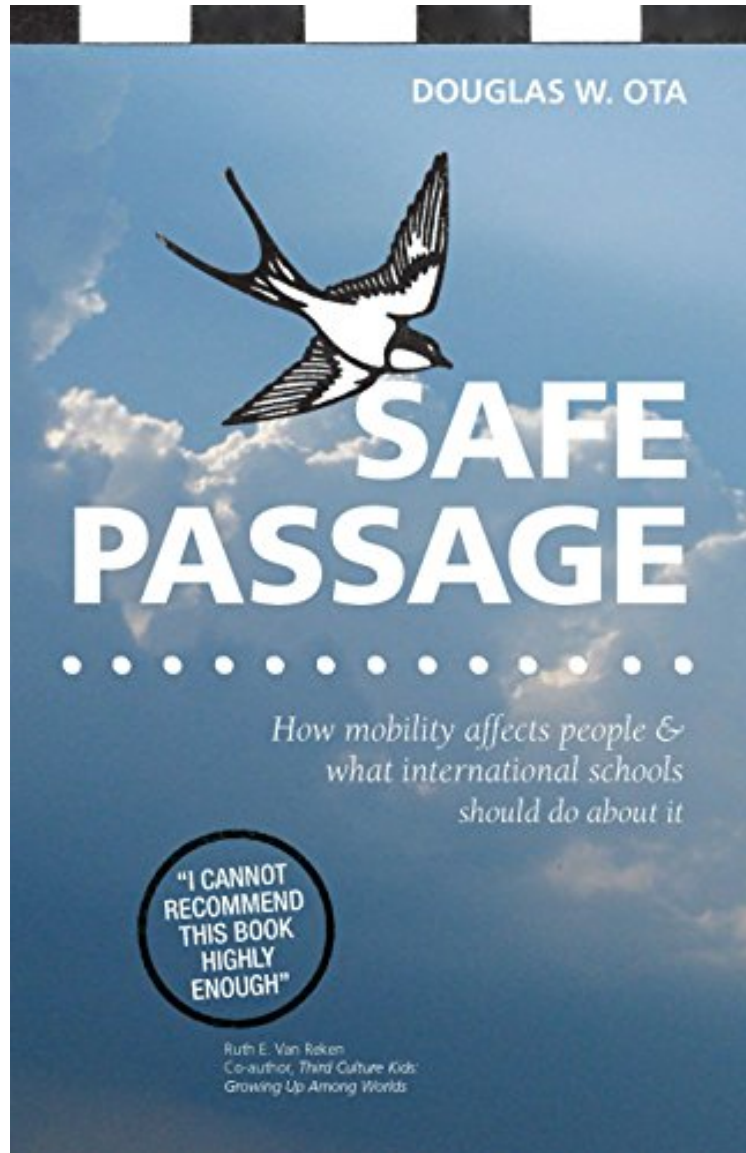


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By Annalice Hill
My name is Annalice Hayes and I am one of two Middle School Counselors at the American School of Doha in Qatar (ASD). Last year, at my previous school, our MS Vice Principal was reading your book and it caught my eye as one to add to my must read list. This year, I was thrilled to learn that ASD is using *Safe Passage* as one of the books to drive their Innovation Teams with teachers. I read *Safe Passage* over the summer and absolutely loved it. I found myself connecting with it on so many different levels as someone who was leaving a position and a school in Mexico (leaving dear friends and students behind), as someone who was excited about moving home to Canada for the summer (to reconnect with family and friends and to get married!) as well as someone who was nervous about making the transition to a new school and new country here in Doha (something I am still working on!) As you can imagine, my book is full of highlighted sections and notes. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A pioneering book that has gone on to lay the foundation for my globally mobile parenting, teaching and career.

By Jane B. I grew up as a child who moved a lot within my passport country. I am a Mum to two Third Culture Kids and an Educator who has taught in both local and international schools. Whilst teaching in an international school, I began to notice children in my classes who clearly had blockages in their learning but there was no evidence of cognitive or behavioural difficulties. The common factor for all of them was mobility so I began digging to see if there was any research on mobility's impact on learning. I found Douglas Ota and his book *Safe Passage: How Mobility Affects People and What International Schools Should Do About It*. This book has changed my life and the lives of many children and their families. From the moment I read the Preface I knew that I had found a seminal resource, a pioneering book that would go on to lay the foundation for my parenting, teaching and indeed, my career. It has become my go to reference when working with domestically mobile, globally mobile and culturally diverse students, their families and the schools who educate them. *Safe Passage* is not a sit down, cover-to-cover read whilst on your Summer Holiday book well, not for me anyway. I needed time to process the wisdom exuded in each chapter. The book is structured in such a way that you can either read the chapter/s pertinent to you or start at the beginning and work your way through page by page. I did the latter and would highly recommend that approach because Ota has scaffolded the content so that each chapter builds on the knowledge and understanding gained in the previous chapter. Broadly speaking, *Safe Passage* is structured into three parts though every word has value and purpose (whether it be the letters addressed to each key stakeholder in a child's education or the Afterword and Appendices). Beginning with an eloquent (read: laymen's language) overview of current research, the Attachment Theory and the importance of a life story, Ota lays the foundation for the practical elements that follow. I had so many aha moments just reading the first two chapters. I was cast back to my own mobile childhood and, as an adult, was finally able to make sense of a few very bizarre happenings. As an Educator with a MEd in Literacy, the chapter reinforcing the importance of having a life story resonated. Used as a metaphor and a tool for managing mobility, Ota takes his audience on a journey towards understanding the challenges associated with unmanaged mobility and the responsibility schools have to support their community. Part II works through the practicalities of developing a comprehensive program to support the school community through the process of transition. As a visual learner, I particularly appreciated the diagrams imbedded throughout the text. The focus on all key stakeholders in a student's education reinforced Ota's belief (and mine) that We want people to feel safe, seen, included and cared for so parents can parent well, teachers can teach well and all in the ultimate service of achieving a goal common to all schools, namely that students can learn well. From that first meeting of like-minded individuals to the fully embedded comprehensive transitions program, this book provides the stepping-stones - but don't expect a complete How To Manual. As every educator, parent and globally mobile student knows, no two schools are the same so the principles can be adapted for any educational institution. In fact, I have used them in a variety of contexts, including a Boarding School and our family's recent repatriation transition. Now that I work with schools to support their community through the challenges of mobility, I have found Part III of *Safe Passage* invaluable. Ota brings his knowledge and experience to offer resources for assessing the individual, the school transition program and the worldwide network of schools. That last point the network of schools is vital and Ota leaves the reader in no doubt that schools need to work together to support their globally mobile community through the challenges of transition. *Safe Passage* has become a treasured resource, filled with highlights and anecdotes scribbled in the margins, for working through the challenges of mobility - both personally and professionally. I highly recommend it to anyone in the globally mobile world International School Executive, Teachers (compulsory for newly appointed staff), Counselors, Psychologists, Parents and Children. *Safe Passage* will help you make sense of the globally mobile world and give you the tools to support your community (and yourself) through the triumphs and challenges of transition whatever the context.

Jane Barron - Educator | Global Mobility Advisor | Founder of Globally Grounded
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An excellent treatment of how the strain of cultural adaptation when children move from one nation to another can be eased by international schools who help include new students to integrate into their new community just as soon as they arrive in a new school.

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moving harms learning. But moving not only challenges students. The experience of lost identity extends across the lifespan, also affecting parents and school staff. Firmly grounded in psychological theory and cutting-edge neuroscience, *Safe Passage* maps the challenges and charts a course for individuals, schools, and accrediting bodies to navigate them. Although primarily focusing on international schools, the hopeful message within this book reaches into any school, university, or organization where human beings come and go." **BACK COVER REVIEWS** "Every international educator and expat parent should buy this book. Ota's style will pull you in and his ideas will transform what you think is possible." Barbara F. Schaetti, Ph.D. Founder, Personal Leadership Seminars (www.plseminars.com) Author, *Personal Leadership: Making a World of Difference* "Safe Passage took me on an emotional journey - one that helped me understand the experiences that have shaped me. I believe it will help others too." Jane Larsson, Executive Director Council of International Schools "A good Transition Program can make the difference between a great experience abroad and a rough one. Ota's book makes it possible for one person to start the wheels turning anywhere in the world." Chica Strauszer, Parent, Founder of Transitions Program International School Nido de Aguilas, Santiago, Chile "Safe Passage is indispensable for every therapist or teacher who works with TCKs... it is sure to be a classic in the TCK literature." Lois J Bushong, M.S. Author, *Belonging Everywhere Nowhere*