

## Barakah Beats

*By Maleeha Siddiqui*

*J Fic Siddiqui*

Nimra Sharif has spent her whole life in Islamic school, but now it's time to go to public school. In order to fit in, she joins the school's popular boy band, Barakah Beats. But, Nimra was taught that music isn't allowed in Islam, so how will she navigate all of these changes?

## Other Words for Home

*By Jasmine Warga*

*J Fic Warga*

Sent with her mother to the safety of a relative's home in Cincinnati when her Syrian hometown is overshadowed by violence, Jude worries for the family members who left behind as she adjusts to a new life with unexpected surprises.

## Muhammad Najem, War Reporter

*By Muhammad Najem*

*J Graphic Najem*

A graphic memoir by young Syrian Muhammad Najem, who rose to international notoriety during the Syrian Civil War due to his on-the-ground reporting using social media.

## The Wonders We Seek

*By Saadia Faruqi*

*J Biograph*

In this biographical collection, 30 incredible Muslims are highlighted, including physicians, musicians, athletes, poets, and more who helped make the world we know today.

## On Two Feet and Wings

*By Abbas Kazerooni*

*J Biograph Kazerooni*

Recounts the author's experiences fleeing Iran as a young boy during the Iran-Iraq war, and making his way on his own in the unfamiliar city of Istanbul in hopes of attaining a visa in England.

## Malala Yousafzai

*By Jenni L. Walsh*

*J Biograph Yousafza*

Describes the life of the young Pakistani who was shot due to her support of education for girls and how her work as an activist led to her winning the Nobel Peace Prize when she was only 17 years old.

## Sea Prayer

*By Khaled Hosseini*

*J Language Poetry*

Composed in the form of a letter from a father to his son on the eve of a journey, the father reflects on the dangerous sea-crossing that lies before them while painting a vivid portrait of their lives in Homs, Syria, before the war, and of the city's swift transformation.

## Persepolis

*By Marjane Satrapi*

*Teen Graphic Persepolis*

The author shares the story of her life in Tehran, Iran where she lived from ages six to fourteen while the country came under control of the Islamic regime.

## Poppies of Iraq

*By Brigitte Findakly*

*Teen Graphic Poppies*

The author shares memories of her middle class childhood to create a family portrait that explores loss, tragedy, love, and the loneliness of exile.

## Squire

*By Sara Alfageeh*

*Teen Graphic Squire*

Aiza has always dreamt of becoming a Knight for the Bayt-Sajji Empire, but as a member of the subjugated Ornu people, she must hide her heritage. As pressure mounts, Aiza will have to choose between loyalty to the Empire or loyalty to her heart and heritage.

# CELEBRATING MIDDLE EASTERN VOICES



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## [Amira & Hamza: The War to Save the Worlds](#)

*By Samira Ahmed*

*J Fic Ahmed*

A genie informs Amira and her brother Hamza that they are the chosen ones who must defeat a monstrous demon of Islamic folklore to save the Earth and a parallel dimension.

## [City of the Plague God](#)

*By Sarwat Chadda*

*J Fic Chadda*

Thirteen-year-old Sikander Aziz has to team up with the hero Gilgamesh in order to stop Nergal, the ancient Mesopotamian god of plagues, from wiping out the population of Manhattan.

## [Boy, Everywhere](#)

*By A. M. Dassu*

*J Fic Dassu*

Sami loves his life in Damascus, Syria, but when war breaks out his parents decide they must flee their home for the safety of the UK.

## [It Ain't So Awful, Falafel](#)

*By Firoozeh Dumas*

*J Fic Dumas*

Eleven-year-old Zomorod, originally from Iran, tells her story of growing up Iranian in Southern California during the Iranian Revolution and hostage crisis of the late 1970s.

## [The Breadwinner](#)

*By Deborah Ellis*

*J Fic Ellis*

Parvana lives with her family in one room of a bombed-out apartment building in Kabul, Afghanistan. Because Parvana's father has a foreign education, he is arrested by the Taliban. Women cannot appear in public unless covered head to toe, so the family becomes desperate until Parvana conceives a plan.

## [Meet Yasmin!](#)

*By Saadia Faruqi*

*J Fic Faruqi*

Yasmin is a spirited second-grader who's always on the lookout for those "aha" moments to help her solve life's little problems. A creative thinker and curious explorer, Yasmin and her multi-generational Pakistani American family will delight and inspire.

## [A Thousand Questions](#)

*By Saadia Faruqi*

*J Fic Faruqi*

Mimi is not thrilled to be spending her summer in Karachi, Pakistan, with grandparents she's never met. Secretly, she wishes to find her long-absent father, and plans to write to him in her beautiful new journal.

## [Refugee 87](#)

*By Ele Fountain*

*J Fic Fountain*

In the Middle East, 14-year-old Shif and his best friend Bini embark on a continent-crossing journey of survival after they are imprisoned and become refugees.

## [Ground Zero](#)

*By Alan Gratz*

*J Fic Gratz*

Brandon is visiting his dad at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 when the attack comes. Reshmina is a girl in Afghanistan who dreams of peace and becoming a teacher as they both struggle to survive, forever changed by the events of 9/11.

## [Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year](#)

*By Nina Hamza*

*J Fic Hamza*

A Indian American boy endures a family move from Hawaii to frigid Minnesota, and, with the help of three life-changing books he reads in school, he learns to like reading, and ultimately, himself.

## [The Secret Diary of Mona Hasan](#)

*By Salma Hussain*

*J Fic Hussain*

Mona is a young Muslim girl growing up in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, when the first Gulf War breaks out in 1991. Over the course of a year, Mona falls in love, has summer adventures with her cousins in Pakistan, immigrates to Canada, and pursues her ambition to be feminist and a poet.

## [Amina's Voice](#)

*By Hena Khan*

*J Fic Khan*

A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community.

## [More to the Story](#)

*By Hena Khan*

*J Fic Khan*

As features editor of her school newspaper, 13-year-old Jameela Mirza wants to impress her father by writing a spectacular story about the new student, but a misunderstanding and family illness complicates matters.

## [Sunflower](#)

*By Ingrid Laguna*

*J Fic Laguna*

Jamila is settling into her new life in Australia. She misses her home in Iraq, but is happy to have her family together again. When her oldest friend is granted a visa, Jamila can't wait, but things don't turn out the way she expected.

## [Once There Was](#)

*By Kiyash Monsef*

*J Fic Monsef*

When 15-year-old Iranian American Marjan discovers her murdered father was secretly a veterinarian to magical creatures, she realizes she must take up his mantle, despite the dangers.

## [The Turtle of Oman](#)

*By Naomi Shihab Nye*

*J Fic Nye*

When Aref, a third-grader who lives in Muscat, Oman, refuses to move to Michigan, his mother asks for help from his grandfather, who takes Aref around the country, storing up memories he can carry with him to his new home.

## [Amal Unbound](#)

*By Aisha Saeed*

*J Fic Saeed*

In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to a wealthy and corrupt Khan family.

## [Escape from Aleppo](#)

*By N.H. Senzai*

*J Fic Senzi*

After Nadia is separated from her family while fleeing the civil war, she spends the next four days with a mysterious old man who helps her navigate the checkpoints and snipers of the rebel and Syrian armies on her way to meet her father at the Turkish border.