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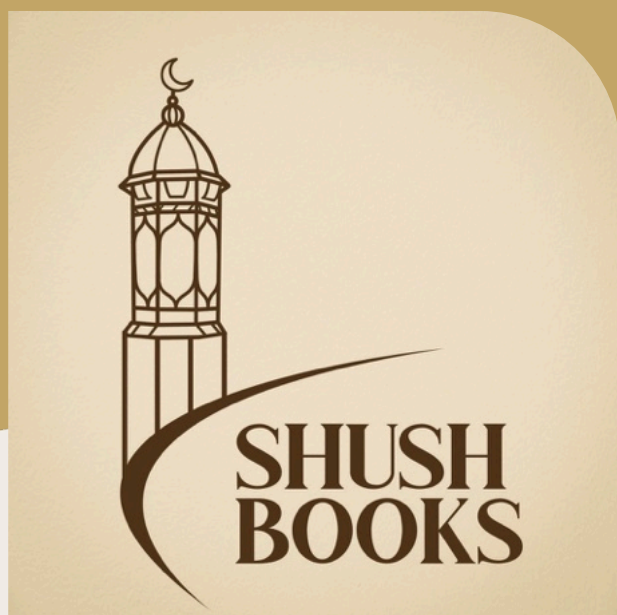
## ***GIFT AND EXCLUSIVES***

**MUSAFIR**

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# SHUSH BOOKS



**Shush Books** is the main imprint of Shaherazad Shelves. We launched it after seeing Muslim viewpoints and cultural heritage filtered for commercial consumption, skewing what it means to look and be Muslim.

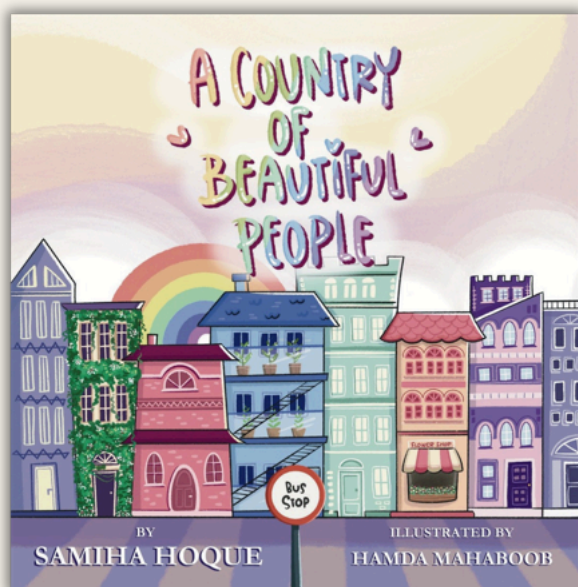
As Islam has one of the most diverse adherent groups in the world, comprising nearly two billion people and tens of millions who can read and write English, the purpose of Shush Books is to enrich the literary market with works of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry by Muslims. We are strong believers that a Muslim does not have to sacrifice his or her faith to be successful or influential. Not only will we embrace Muslim writers, but we will also empower their voices and range of religiosity.

SAMIHA HOQUE

Senior Editor

# A COUNTRY OF BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE

SAMIHA HOQUE, HAMDA MAHABOOB



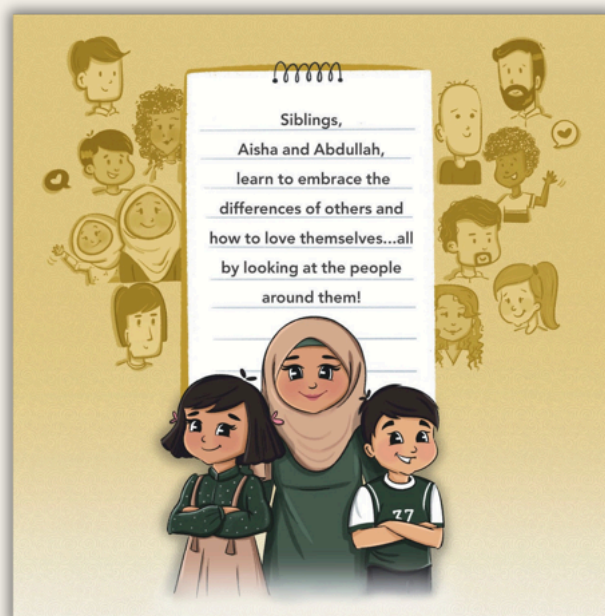
***A Country of Beautiful People*** is a fun, light read for children to learn the concepts of self-love and acceptance of others. With the setting of a bus stop, our children protagonists, Aisha and Abdullah, are given an opportunity by their mother to observe and love the people they see, no matter what they look like or how they are born.

**Paperback retail price:** \$14.99

**ISBN:** 978-1-960323-02-6

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*but is it possible for people to be beautiful when everyone is so different?*



# YUSUF AND YUSRA'S HOLIDAY DILEMMA

A. DAWOOD



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the book will  
resonate with  
families facing  
similar situations

— *Islamic School Librarian, 16k followers*

***Yusuf and Yusra's Holiday Dilemma Series*** consists of three books that talk about Halloween, Christmas, and Eid. With black and white illustrations sprinkled in, each book is written in plain language and is the perfect read for children who are learning to read on their own, read-alouds, or read-alongs. Each book is set during a holiday period as siblings Yusuf and Yusra learn different faiths. Each book has strong social learning skills attached to it: friendship, honesty, and coexistence with people of other faiths without any shaming.

***Paperback retail price:*** \$8.99

***Ebook retail price:*** \$4.99

# SITARA, LADY OF THE LOTUS

S. A. HOQUE

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*...delightfully captures the confusion of youth.*

*— Patti Calcosz, author of Olaf and Essex*

***Sitara, Lady of the Lotus***, is undoubtedly a trailblazer in the fantasy genre. Blending the immigrant experience in an academic and royal court setting, this teen novel has a universal appeal for readers of all ages! Pair this with heartfelt, raw emotions of being a teenager—including first crushes, peer pressure, and finding yourself, this epistolary novel makes you feel all the feels.

***Hardback retail price:*** \$22.99

***ISBN:*** 978-1-960323-16-3 (hardback)



# FLOWER CHILD

ATIYAH K. BRINKLEY

***Flower Child*** is a serious, heartwarming, and intimate novel portraying the confusion of being a teen. Profound, flawed, and emotional, we follow the life of a freshman in high school dealing with bullies, first love, and the grief of her father's passing.

Rooted in faith and watered by love, this novel dares to explore the courage it takes to be yourself in a world of peer pressure and bad habits.

***Paperback retail price:*** \$14.99

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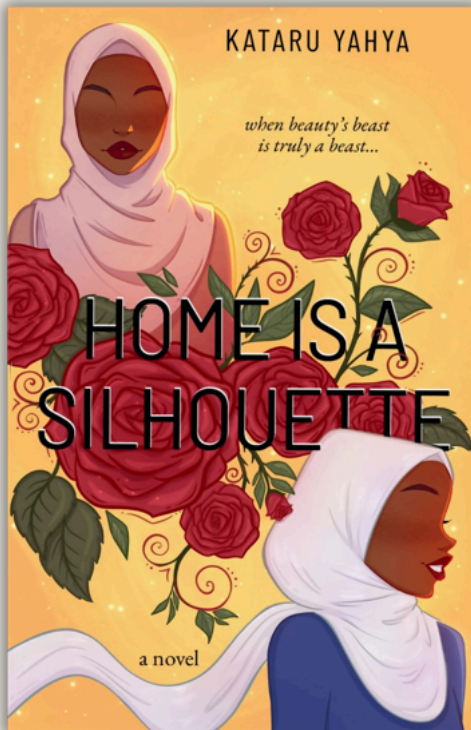
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— ***Patti Calcosz, author of Olaf and Essex***



# HOME IS A SILHOUETTE

KATARU YAHYA



***Home Is a Silhouette*** is a domestic thriller with aspects of romance, social commentary, and sisterhood weaved masterfully between multiple POVs.

The core of the novel is between two young adult women, and touches gently on aspects not many explore, including adoption, mental illness, generational trauma, and sexual abuse. At a solid 50k words, this book is perfect for book clubs, guided readings for college students, and teenagers grasping the concept of adulthood or are hungry for literature that does just about everything.

***Paperback retail price:*** \$17.99

***Hardback retail price:*** \$27.99

***Ebook retail price:*** \$7.99

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*it was incredible  
that this was  
written by a debut  
author*

***— Jeifa Reads, 2.7k followers***

***ISBN:*** 978-1-960323-00-2 (paperback)

***ISBN:*** 978-1-960323-04-0 (hardback)

***ISBN:*** 978-1-960323-01-9 (ebook)

# A LITTLE BIT OF LOVE

ARVA BHAVNAGARWALA



MONARCH EDITION

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*read this for a smile*

— *Sudha Subramanian, author*

***A Little Bit of Love*** is an adult romance novel that hopeless romantic adults would devour. Categorized as a sweet romance, this novel is also ideal for teenagers. From familial expectations to finding yourself, and falling in love, this novel will make you a believer in heart-stopping romance. Themes of autonomy, personal growth, Indian culture, and making tough decisions make this novel more addictive than the average romance book.

***Paperback retail price:*** \$17.99

***Hardcover retail price:*** \$22.99

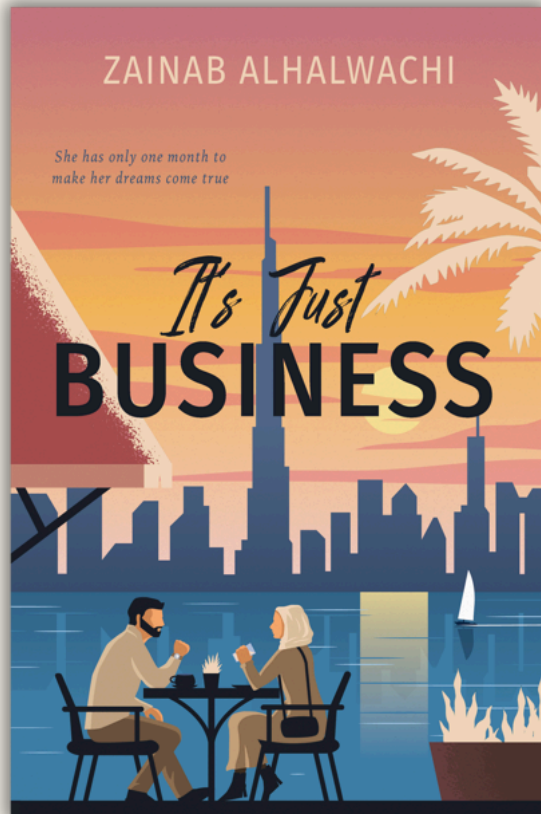
***Ebook retail price:*** \$6.99

***ISBN:*** 978-1-960323-09-5 (paperback)

***ISBN:*** 978-1-960323-10-1 (ebook)

# IT'S JUST BUSINESS

ZAINAB ALHALWACHI



***It's Just Business*** is an adult romance guaranteed to be the perfect beach or travel read. At 51k words, this wholesome romance between a molecular biologist finishing up her Ph.D. and a venture capitalist in Dubai who wants to fund her research institute is swoon-worthy for adults and teenagers alike.

Sprinkle in mischief, bromance, and ride-or-die friendships, and you have the lab instructions for *It's Just Business*.

**Paperback retail price:** \$14.99

**Ebook retail price:** \$6.99

**ISBN:** 978-1-960323-31-6 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-960323-30-9 (ebook)

# MUSAFIR: A RECOLLECTION OF TRAVEL

IMAN ZAYNAB BAJWA

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*I feel the sea  
beneath my skin.  
Vast and angry,  
depthless and  
ferocious.*

*It spares none, not  
even my wrecked  
soul, from the  
viciousness it holds.  
Waves crashing, it  
destroys all that it  
seeks.*



***Musafir: A Recollection of Travel***  
is a photography book that explores  
human emotion through nature. From  
the canyons of the United States to  
the islands of Saudi Arabia, we read  
poignant poetry and prose that  
evokes the soul.

***Hardback retail price:*** 26.99

***ISBN:*** 978-1-960323-03-3



# SORRA BOOKS



*Sorra Books* is an imprint of Shaherazad Shelves. It was launched with the goal to diversify fiction without a Muslim lens. We want to give voice to the everyday writer whose story is more than just a trend or statement, to writers who feel like they aren't being seen because their books or characters aren't "bold enough," and for those whose stories want to discuss the Divine through ambiguity. Books published by Sorra Books do not need to be written by a Muslim author or have an overt Muslim theme. Novels need only be "Muslim-friendly" in nature so that Muslim children and their parents can feel comfortable reading them.

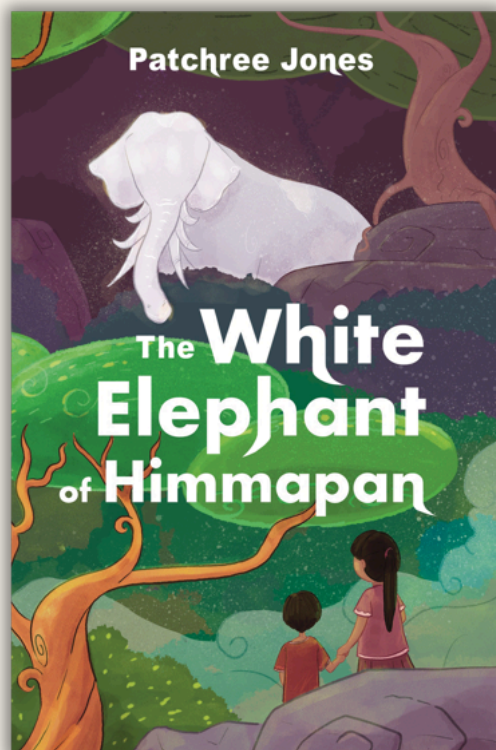
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# THE WHITE ELEPHANT OF HIMMAPAN

PATCHREE JONES

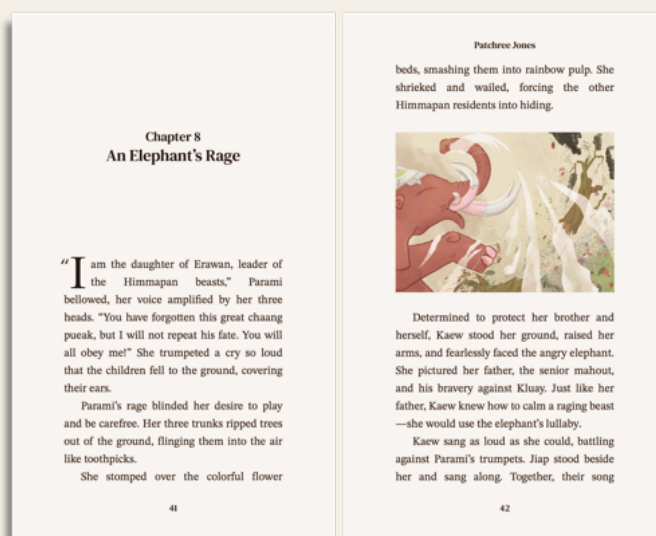


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*The White Elephant of Himmaman* is a spooky, thrilling chapter book adventure that will charm early readers! Inspired by Thai folklore, a young girl and her little brother search for a special jackfruit for National Elephant Day, but what they find in the mangroves by the Himmaman mountains is more than a fruit...

**Paperback retail price:** \$8.99

**Ebook retail price:** \$3.99



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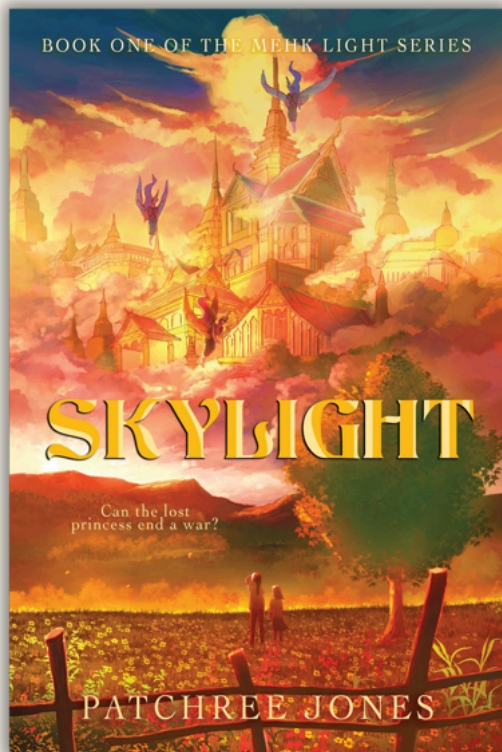
**ISBN:** 978-1-960323-18-7 (ebook)





# SKYLIGHT

PATCHREE JONES



**BOOK ONE OF  
THE MEHK LIGHT  
SERIES**

***Skylight*** is the first of a middle grade fantasy trilogy infused with Thai culture, folklore, and a great sense of adventure. From winged warrior boys to a shape-shifting octopus, best friends Sofia and Cara will have a story to tell about this kingdom in the clouds!

***Paperback retail price:*** \$14.99

***Ebook retail price:*** \$5.99

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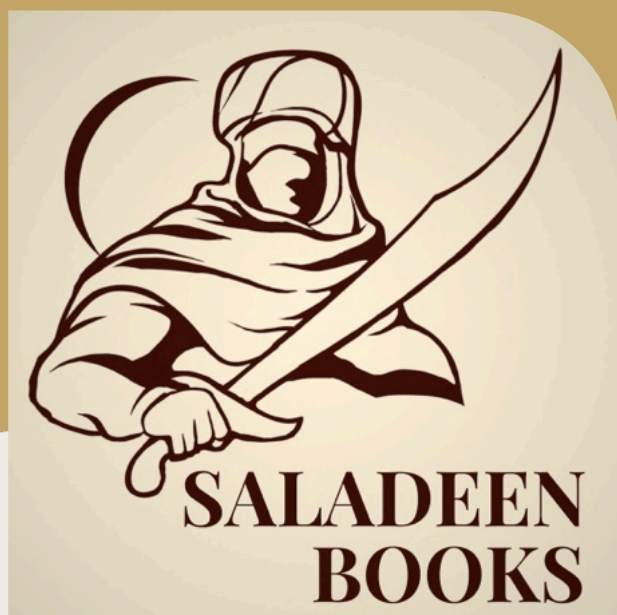
*Skylight will sweep readers away into a world filled with magic, secrets, and friendships that make you want to turn the page and see what happens next.*

***— Goodreads review***

**ISBN:** 978-1-960323-14-9 (paperback)

**ISBN:** 978-1-960323-15-6 (ebook)

# ***SALADEEN BOOKS***



***Saladeen Books*** is the older YA and adult fantasy and science fiction-focused imprint of Shaherazad Shelves. Its goal is to reconquer the Muslim narrative by offering provoking and layered stories featuring Muslims or Tawheed (monotheism) unashamedly, from characters performing daily rituals to reciting hadith. This will build the foundation for Islamicate fiction, reminding readers to follow in the footsteps of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) in being steadfast in their faith—as scholars, warriors, and students—to shape the world for the better.

SAMIHA HOQUE

Senior Editor

# ***RISING SUN***

AL MAJARRA STUDIOS ORIGINAL



***Rising Sun*** is a graphic novel co-produced by Al Majarra Studios. In fantasy Afghanistan, twin princesses must save their kingdom from an invading army.

Princess Khurshid and Princess Maashid are the eldest daughters of a Pashtun king and a Sunni Hazara queen. When their younger sister, Arghawan, is kidnapped by an invading army, Khurshid sets out to find her while Maashid and her father prepare for war. The princesses soon come face-to-face with animosity from outside and within.

***Paperback retail price:*** \$16.99

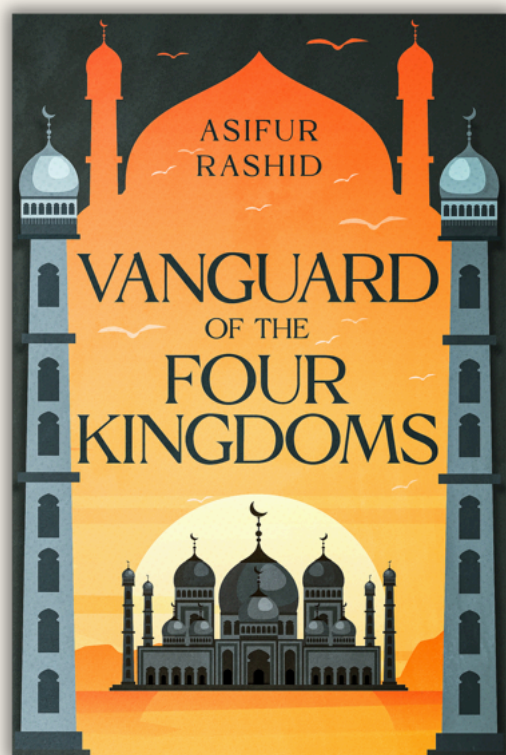
## ***THE GRAPHIC NOVEL***

*RISING SUN* is a beautifully  illustrated story of family, prejudice, and love that reclaims the Muslim narrative.

***ISBN:*** 978-1-960323-29-3 (paperback)

# VANGUARD OF THE FOUR KINGDOMS

ASIFUR RASHID



***Vanguard of the Four Kingdoms*** is an adult novel with a main character from an oft-forgotten part of South Asia: Bengal. In this science fiction fantasy blend, the Muslim prince of Bengal is an exile, hiding as a university student by day in Hausa and a vigilante by night in occupied Darfur.

The truth of his heritage is threatened when his vigilante acts earn the attention of Byzantium, the occupying force in Darfur, and that of the Vanguard, a council of Muslim royals against Byzantium. As events unfold, the romance and rich world-building will take you on an escape of political intrigue!

***Paperback retail price:*** \$16.99

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# BLOOD OF THE LEVANT

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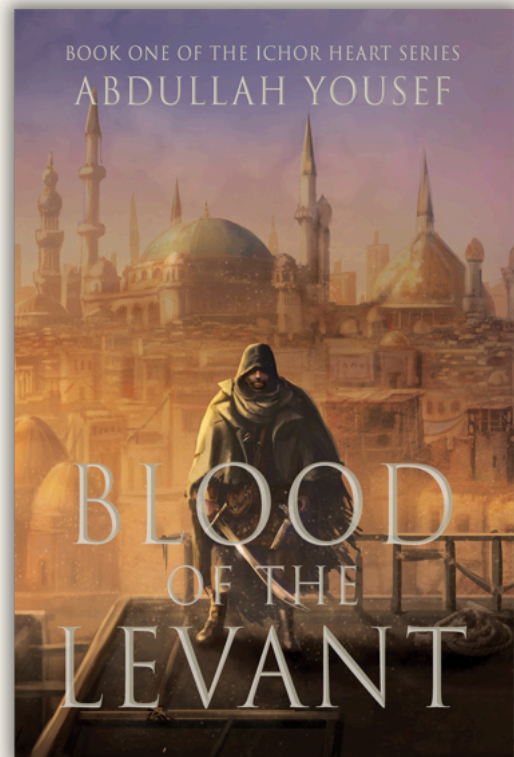
***Blood of the Levant*** is for both fans and critics of popular sci-fi. Without the Orientalism and erasure of religion, this Middle-Eastern-inspired first installment of the Ichor Heart series brings authenticity to jaw-dropping action and worldbuilding.

Ideal for adult audiences, this novel doesn't shy away from violence or questioning of the soul but balances both with themes of brotherhood and familial bonds. Its representation of Muslims and Muslim-majority peoples is refreshing as it is satisfying to the plot. And what a plot you get! *Blood of the Levant* will keep you on the edge of your seat, craving to see more.

**Hardback retail price:** \$29.99

**ISBN:** 978-1-960323-19-4 (hardback)

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“an amazing story with writing that is absolutely stellar

— Goodreads review







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