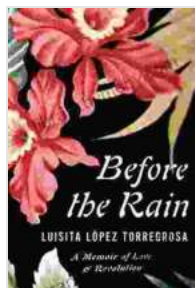


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Norma Khouri's memoir, *Before the Rain*, is a powerful and moving account of her life in Lebanon during the civil war. The book tells the story of her childhood, her family, and her experiences as a young woman coming of age in a country torn apart by conflict.

Khouri writes with a raw honesty and vulnerability that is both heartbreaking and inspiring. She describes the horrors of war, but she also captures the beauty and resilience of the Lebanese people. *Before the Rain* is a story of love, loss, and hope, and it is a testament to the power of the human spirit.

## A Childhood in Beirut

Norma Khouri was born in Beirut in 1960, the daughter of a Lebanese father and an American mother. She grew up in a privileged family, and her

childhood was filled with love and laughter. However, the outbreak of the civil war in 1975 shattered her idyllic world.

The war divided Beirut into two factions: the Christian east and the Muslim west. Khouri's family lived in the Christian east, but they had many friends and relatives in the Muslim west. As the fighting intensified, it became increasingly difficult to cross the sectarian divide.

Khouri's father was a doctor, and he worked tirelessly to help the victims of the war. He often risked his own life to treat the wounded and sick, and he was a source of hope and comfort to many people.

Khouri's mother was a stay-at-home mom, but she was also a strong and independent woman. She raised her children with love and discipline, and she taught them the importance of education and hard work.

### **Coming of Age in a War Zone**

As Khouri grew older, she began to experience the war firsthand. She saw the destruction and violence that it brought, and she witnessed the suffering of her friends and family.

In 1982, Khouri's father was killed by a sniper while he was on his way to work. His death was a devastating blow to her family, and it left Khouri feeling lost and alone.

Despite the hardships she faced, Khouri refused to give up on her dreams. She went to college and studied journalism, and she eventually became a successful writer and journalist.

In her memoir, Khouri writes about the challenges of growing up in a war zone. She describes the fear, the uncertainty, and the loss. But she also writes about the love, the resilience, and the hope that she found in the midst of the chaos.

## **A Story of Love and Revolution**

Before the Rain is a story of love and revolution. It is a story of love in the midst of war, and it is a story of revolution in the face of oppression.

Khouri's memoir is a powerful reminder of the human cost of war, but it is also a story of hope and resilience. It is a story that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.

## **Praise for Before the Rain**

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"Before the Rain is a beautifully written and deeply moving memoir. Norma Khouri tells the story of her life in Lebanon during the civil war with honesty, courage, and compassion. This is a book that will stay with you long after you finish reading it." - Ann Patchett, author of *Bel Canto*

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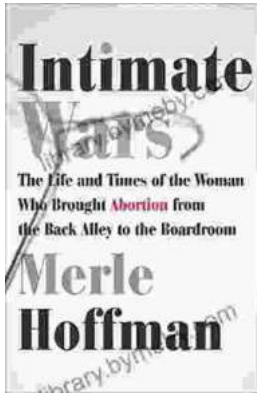
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