

Synopsis

The second book in the internationally-bestselling series that includes *The Breadwinner*, *Mud City* and *My Name Is Parvana*. A war is raging in Afghanistan as a coalition of Western forces tries to oust the Taliban by bombing the country. Parvana's father has died, and her mother, sister and brother have gone to a faraway wedding, not knowing what has happened to the father. Parvana doesn't know where they are. She just knows she has to find them. She sets out alone, masquerading as a boy, her journey becoming more perilous as the bombs begin to fall. Making her way across the desolate Afghan countryside, she meets other children who are strays from the war: an infant boy in a bombed-out village, a nine-year-old girl who believes she has magical powers over land mines, and a boy with one leg who is so obnoxious that Parvana can hardly stand him. The children travel together because it is easier than being alone. And, as they forge their own family in the war zone that Afghanistan has become, their resilience, imagination and luck help them to survive. The reissue includes a new cover and map, an updated author's note and a glossary to provide young readers with background and context. All royalties from the sale of this book will go to Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan. Parvana's Fund supports education projects for Afghan women and children.

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Customer Reviews

I purchased this as I am teaching it in a Year 7 class this year. Through the iPad I can prepare notes to use in class and project the text onto the board to share the experience. This assists me to engage students and helps me trigger text analysis with electronic preparation. The novel itself is excellent. The character journey accompanied by the physical is a favourite of mine and Ellis does it well. The confusion and disjoint with reality experienced by the characters is palpable. The writing is a little simplistic and given the younger audience this can be effective. The themes and challenges presented in the text are what I really look forward to working with my class on. Ellis presents an horrific situation with compassion and understanding and asks us as readers to do the same. Given current global politics, this novel is still as pertinent today as when first written.

I read this with my eleven year old granddaughter. The book had been assigned to her by her fifth grade teacher, as part of a unit on "conflict". It was pretty heavy stuff for a child of that age, I thought, upsetting and depressing to her.

I loved Parvana's Journey . But I would recommend it for older readers because there is a lot of killing . The characters are funny and are dreamers, I like dreamers. My favorite character was Leila. She knew what comes around goes around . She really cared for her loved ones and was ready to risk her life more than once . This book makes me appreciate all I have in my life, like my family and my home and food.

Excellent book describing life from a child's standpoint, and why the unconscionable greed from adults wanting to be the chief is evil at all levels and sides of life is the true culprit. Weapons manufacturers, wannabe dictators and cult leaders, corrupt politicians - what if this was your daughter? You send us to war instead and have us come home with a lot of problems the government is slow to deal with. I hope you are enjoying your blood-stained wealth..

It was a good book. I liked that Parvana never gave up on her family even though she couldn't find them.

This is a great book. Deborah Ellis has written a book that cannot be predicted what happens next. There are twists and turns and at every corner very good descriptions of the characters and objects in the book. For anyone looking for a good book to read to children (of all ages) I would recommend this book for you. All in all this is a great book for everyone

My 11 year old boy loved this book, "sometimes felt long but really liked it and the other books in this series!"

A wonderful look into life outside America from a female standpoint. I recommend to all young and old readers.

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