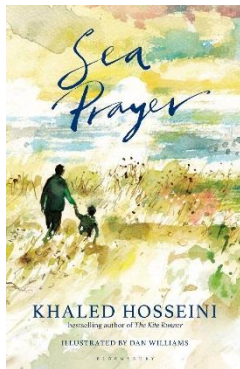


## Refugee Book Reading Campaign 2019 - Adult Booklist

Read a Book About Refugees

There is a great variety of books written about refugees - including award-winning fiction – and books by refugees themselves. Why not borrow one of these from your local library or buy one from your local book shop? Do you have a book club? Maybe you would consider adding one of these titles to the reading list.

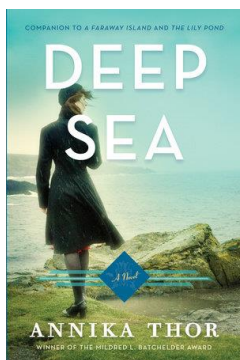
### Fiction



#### **Sea Prayer**

*Author: Khaled Hosseini, Publisher: Bloomsbury Publishing, London*

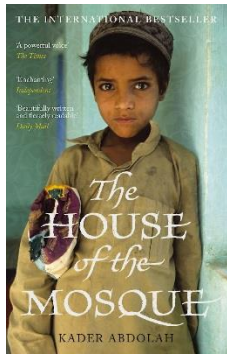
A heart-wrenching story about a refugee family from the international bestselling author of *The Kite Runner*. “A truly gifted teller of tales ... he’s not afraid to pull every string in your heart to make it sing” – *The Times*



#### **Deep Sea**

*Author: Annika Thor, Publisher: Delacorte Press.*

Readers of *Anne of Green Gables* and *Hattie Ever After* will love following Stephie’s story, which takes place during World War II and began with *A Faraway Island* and continued with *The Lily Pond*. Three years ago, Stephie and her younger sister, Nellie, escaped the Nazis in Vienna and fled to an island in Sweden, where they were taken in by different families. Now sixteen-year-old Stephie is going to school on the mainland. Stephie enjoys her studies, and rooming with her school friend, May. But life is only getting more complicated as she gets older. Stephie might lose the grant money that is funding her education. Her old friend Verra is growing up too fast. And back on the island, Nellie wants to be adopted by her foster family. Stephie, on the other hand, can’t stop thinking about her parents, who are in a Nazi camp in Austria. If only the war would end... Like the deep sea, Stephie’s life is filled with danger and darkness, but also with beauty and hope as she learns to stand up for her beliefs and be true to herself.



### **The House of the Mosque**

*Author: Kader Abdolah. Translator: Susan Massotty. Publisher: Canongate.*

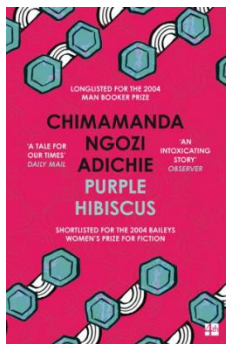
In the house of the mosque, the family of Aqa Jaan has lived for 8 centuries. The house teems with life, but this family will experience upheaval unknown to previous generations. For in Iran, political unrest is brewing. The shah is losing his hold on power; the ayatollah incites rebellion from his exile in France; and one day the ayatollah returns. The consequences will be felt in every corner of Aqa Jaan's family.



### **Mornings in Jenin**

*Author: Susan Abulhawa. Publisher: Bloomsbury Publishing.*

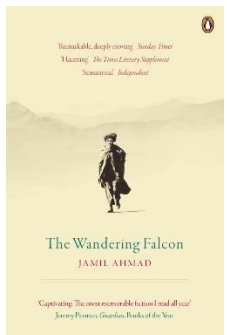
Forcibly removed from the ancient village of Ein Hod by the newly formed state of Israel in 1948, the Abulhejas are moved into the Jenin refugee camp. There, exiled from his beloved olive groves, the family patriarch languishes of a broken heart; his eldest son fathers a family and falls victim to an Israeli bullet, and his grandchildren struggle against tragedy toward freedom, peace, and home. This is the Palestinian story, told as never before, through four generations of a single family.



### **Purple Hibiscus**

*Author: Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Publisher: HarperCollins.*

An impressive debut novel about the promise of freedom and the blurred lines between childhood and adulthood in Nigeria told through the eyes of a 15-year-old girl.

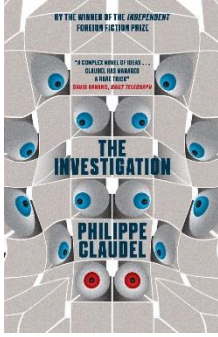


### **The Wandering Falcon**

*Author: Jamil Ahmed Publisher: Penguin Books.*

The boy known as Tor Baz - the black falcon - wanders the tribal landscape of Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan. He meets men who fight under different flags, and women who risk everything if they break their society's code of honour. Where has he come from, and where will fate take him?

'Striking. One of the finest collections of short stories to come out of south Asia in decades. Rarely has a writer shown greater empathy for its people, or brought such wisdom and knowledge to writing about a terrain largely inaccessible. The power and beauty of these stories are unparalleled in most fiction to come out of south Asia' - *The Guardian*.

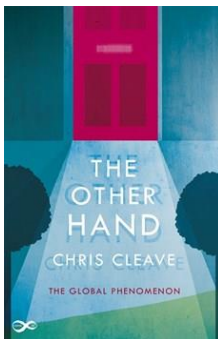


### **The Investigation: Monsieur Linh and His Child**

*Author: Philippe Claudel. Translator: Euan Cameron. Publisher: Macleahose.*

Monsieur Linh is an elderly refugee who arrives in France with other "boat people", clutching a flimsy suitcase and a newborn baby. All those who knew his name are dead. His infant grandchild became the sole reason for going on. He strikes up an unusual friendship with a man who does not speak the same language. —Holding out hope of dialogue between people sundered by history, the novel is a delicately sympathetic portrayal of trauma, as well as a poignant evocation of guilt – the

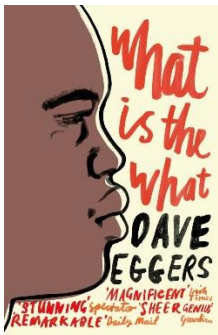
survivor's and the soldier's – The Guardian



### **The Other Hand**

*Author: Chris Cleave. Publisher: Sceptre.*

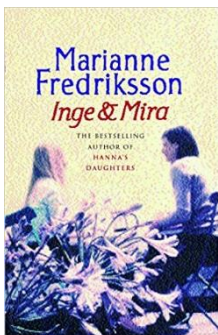
Little Bee, a 16-year-old Ibo girl from Nigeria has fled her country and is being held in a UK immigration detention centre. This is a powerful and sometimes shocking novel which explores complicated subjects in an accessible manner.



### **What Is the What: The Autobiography of Valentino Achak Deng**

*Author: Dave Eggers. Publisher: Penguin.*

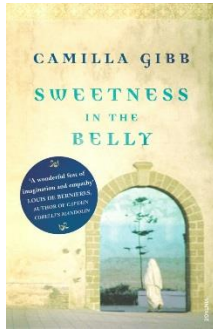
This novel is based on the real-life story of Achak Deng, a young Sudanese refugee separated from his family during the Second Sudanese Civil War and forced to flee. We follow his life as he walks to Ethiopia with thousands of other orphans, encountering government soldiers, janjaweed-like militias, liberation rebels, hyenas and lions, disease and starvation, but also friendship and romance along the way.



### **Inge and Mira**

*Author: Marianne Fredriksson. Publisher: Phoenix Paperbacks.*

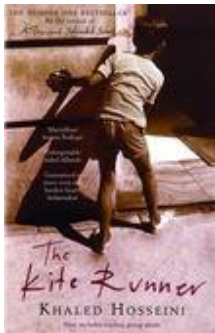
Blonde Inge is a native of Sweden, while dark Mira has fled there to escape the living hell of Chile at the time of the military coup led by General Pinochet. They are brought together by their mutual love of plants, but this gentle pastime is soon overshadowed by the terrible legacy of Mira's past. This is a deeply moving tale of lives haunted by past violence.



### **Sweetness in the Belly**

*Author: Camilla Gibb. Publisher: Penguin Books.*

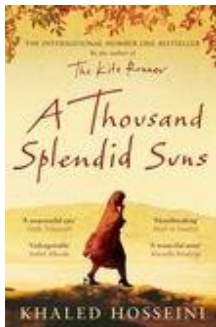
Orphaned at 8, Lilly is left in the care of a Sufi sheikh in Morocco. When political turmoil erupts, she is sent to the ancient walled city of Harar, Ethiopia where she falls in love with an idealistic young doctor. But the two are wrenched apart when Lilly is again forced to flee, for her safety and his, this time to London. Despite her British roots, Lilly discovers she is as much an outsider in London as a Muslim as she was in Harar as a white foreigner.



### **The Kite Runner**

*Author: Khaled Hosseini. Publisher: Bloomsbury.*

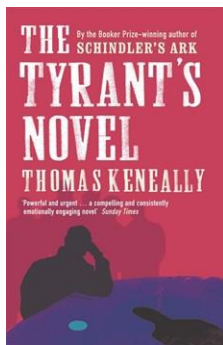
Now a major film, international bestseller, The Kite Runner is a deeply moving debut novel. The book tells the story of boyhood friendship cut across class boundaries. Their relationship is imaginatively told against the backdrop of social upheaval in Afghanistan.



### **A Thousand Splendid Suns**

*Author: Khaled Hosseini. Publisher: Bloomsbury.*

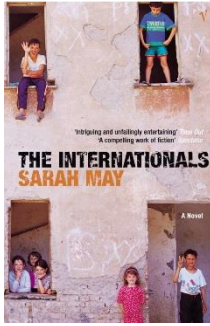
It is a tale of two generations of characters brought jarringly together by the tragic sweep of war, where personal lives—the struggle to survive, raise a family, find happiness—are inextricable from the history playing out around them.



### **The Tyrant's Novel**

*Author: Thomas Keneally. Publisher: Sceptre.*

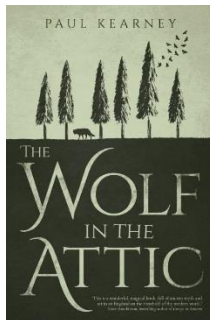
In a detention camp where he is neither granted asylum nor readied to be sent back to his native land, a detainee bides his time. He was born in a country that had once been a friend to the United States but is now its enemy. Little else is known about him until a writer comes to interview him. This is a dazzling story of a man caught between the demands of his government and his impulse to run for his life.



### **The Internationals**

*Author: Sarah May. Publisher: Vintage.*

Set in a Macedonian refugee camp during the 1999 Kosovo crisis, this brilliantly satirical novel spans the 78 tense days from the commencement of NATO air strikes on Yugoslavia to the withdrawal of Serb forces from Northern Kosovo. The cast of aid workers and diplomats find themselves becoming inextricably involved with refugees, advertising executives and an Albanian mayor in ways none of them expected.



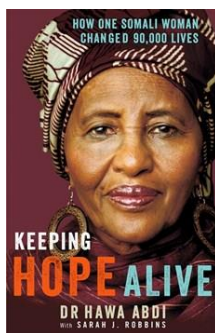
### **The Wolf in the Attic**

*Author: Paul Kearney. Publisher: Solaris.*

A novel that will enchant readers of J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis and Philip Pullman. The fantastical appears in the middle of 1920's Oxford as a young refugee looking to escape her grim reality rubs shoulders with two of the founding fathers of modern fantasy, Tolkien and Lewis. 1920s Oxford: home to C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien... and Anna Francis, a young Greek refugee looking to escape the grim reality of her new life.

That day, she'll lose everything in her life, and find the only real friend she may ever know.

## **Autobiography**

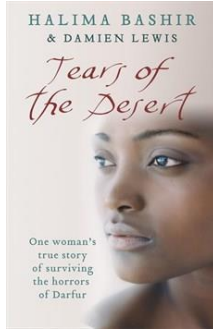


### **Keeping Hope Alive: One Woman: 90,000 Lives Changed**

*Author: Dr Hawa Abdi. Publisher: Grand Central.*

This is the moving memoir of Dr. Hawa Abdi, —the Mother Teresa of Somalia and Nobel Peace Prize nominee, who is the founder of a massive camp for internally displaced people located a few miles from war-torn Mogadishu, Somalia. Since 1991, she has dedicated herself to providing help for people whose lives have been shattered by violence and poverty.

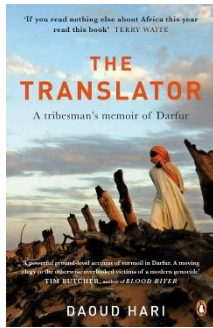




## **Tears of the Desert: One Woman's True Story of Surviving the Horrors of Darfur**

*Author: Halima Bashir. Publisher: Hodder & Stoughton.*

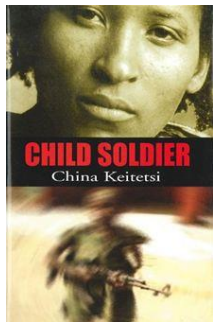
When Janjaweed militias attacked her village, Halima treated the traumatised victims, and sickened by what she saw, decided to speak out in a newspaper and to international charities. The secret police came for her and although she finally escaped, the nightmare just seemed to follow her. This inspiring story tells of one woman's determination to survive and her passion to defend her people.



## **The Translator**

*Author Daoud Hari. Publisher: Random House.*

In 2003, when Hari's village in Darfur was attacked and destroyed by Sudanese government backed militia groups, he managed to escape and lead survivors to safety. Hari went on to offer his services as a translator to international aid groups and reporters, risking his life in doing this. This is an incredible tale of one man's bravery in the face of genocide and terror.



## **Child Soldier**

*Author: China Keitetsi Publisher: Souvenir Press.*

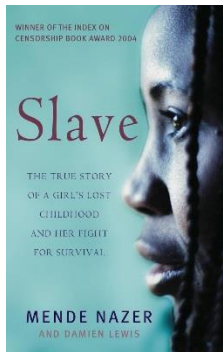
The powerful true story of Keitetsi, a child soldier who joined the Ugandan National Resistance Army at just eight years old. Her story details the abuse she suffered at the hands of her officers and how she finally escaped to Europe to start a new life.



## **Never Give Up**

*Author: Kristy Krasniqi Publisher: Longstone Books.*

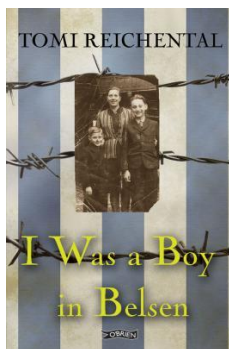
When Kristy refused to marry the man chosen by her parents, she was 'sold' by her father and trafficked from Albania to Italy, France, Belgium and England. A friend helped her to escape from the violent men she was working for.



## **Slave**

*Authors: Mende Nazer & Damien Lewis. Publisher: Virago.*

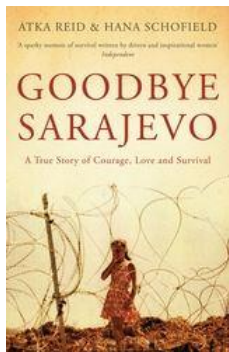
The memoir of a girl kidnapped at the age of 12 and sold into slavery. Transferred to London to serve a member of the Sudanese diplomacy, Nazer managed to escape, and sought asylum in Britain. The book compares her peaceful childhood in the Nuba Mountains with the 7 brutal years she spent in slavery.



## **I was a Boy in Belsen**

*Author: Tomi Reichental Publisher: O'Brien Press*

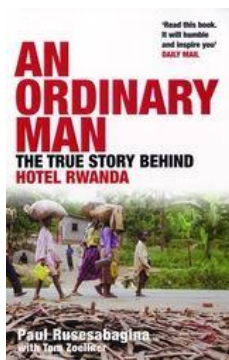
Tomi Reichental who lost 35 members of his family in the Holocaust gives his account of being imprisoned as a child at Belsen concentration camp.



## **Goodbye Sarajevo: A True Story of Courage, Love & Survival**

*Author: Atka Reid & Hana Schofield. Publisher: Bloomsbury Publishing.*

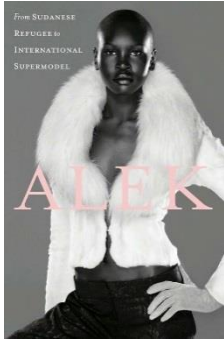
Hana was 12 when her sister, Atka, placed her and sister, Nadia, on a refugee bus. Hana is forced to cope as a refugee in Croatia, far away from home and family, while Atka stayed on in Sarajevo to look after her 5 youngest siblings. "A sparky memoir of survival written by such driven and inspirational women." - Independent.



## **An Ordinary Man: The True Story Behind Hotel Rwanda**

*Author: Paul Rusesabagina. Publisher: Bloomsbury Publishing.*

"Part memoir, part polemic, part social history, An Ordinary Man is a deeply impressive work that pays fitting tribute to the 800,000 who lost their lives." - Scotland on Sunday.

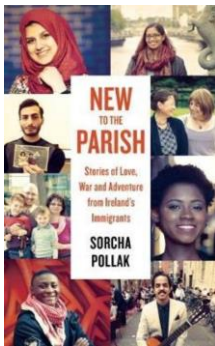


### **Alek: Sudanese Refugee to International Supermodel**

*Author: Alek Wek. Publisher: Virago Press Ltd.*

A powerful celebrity autobiography from one of the world's leading supermodels. Wek was born in war-torn Sudan and witnessed violence from a young age. The book charts her journey from Sudan to the UK and US as her highly successful fashion career begins.

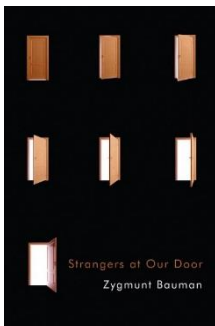
## **Factual**



### **New to the Parish**

*Author: Sorcha Pollak, Publisher: New Island Books*

An inspiring chronological timeline of personal stories of migration, *New to the Parish* takes us on a journey across the globe – from Cameroon to Myanmar, Poland to New York, Nigeria to Venezuela, Iraq to Syria – and back home to Ireland again. Irish Times journalist Sorcha Pollak provides a deeper understanding of what makes a person leave their native land, often in extreme difficulty, in order to start a new life abroad.



### **Strangers at our door**

*Author: Zygmunt Bauman, Publisher: Polity*

Refugees from the violence of wars and the brutality of famished lives have knocked on other people's doors since the beginning of time. For the people behind the doors, these uninvited guests were always strangers, and strangers tend to generate fear and anxiety precisely because they are unknown. In this short book Zygmunt Bauman analyses the origins, contours and impact of this moral panic - he dissects, in short, the present-day migration panic. He shows how politicians have exploited fears and anxieties that have become widespread, especially among those who have already lost so much - the disinherited and the poor.

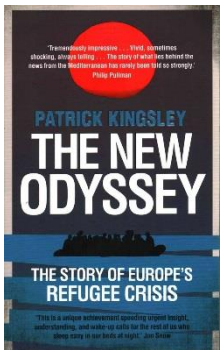




## **Migration and the Making of Ireland**

*Author: Bryan Fanning, Publisher: UCD College Press*

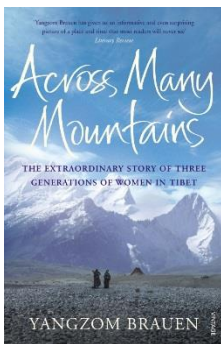
Migration and the Making of Ireland richly explores accounts of migrant experiences across more than four centuries. The motivations that drove migration to Ireland and emigration from Ireland since the Plantation of Ulster are assessed. Political, economic and legal circumstances that made emigration and immigration possible or necessary are considered. Commonalities and differences across space and time between the experiences of incoming and outgoing migrants, with a strong emphasis on the recent waves of immigration that are re-shaping twenty-first century Ireland, are deeply explored.



## **The New Odyssey: The Story of Europe's Refugee Crisis**

*Author: Patrick Kingsley. Publisher: Guardian Faber.*

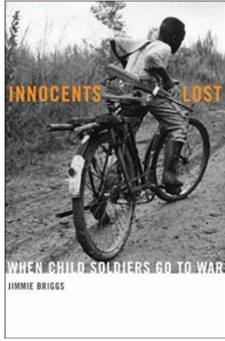
Europe is facing a wave of migration unmatched since the end of World War II - and no one has reported on this crisis in more depth or breadth than the Guardian's migration correspondent, Patrick Kingsley. Throughout 2015, Kingsley traveled to 17 countries along the migrant trail, meeting hundreds of refugees making epic odysseys across deserts, seas and mountains to reach the holy grail of Europe. This is Kingsley's unparalleled account of who these voyagers are. It's about why they keep coming, and how they do it. It's about the smugglers who help them on their way, and the coastguards who rescue them at the other end. The volunteers that feed them, the hoteliers that house them, and the border guards trying to keep them out. And the politicians looking the other way. The New Odyssey is a work of original, bold reporting written with a perfect mix of compassion and authority by the journalist who knows the subject better than any other.



## **Across Many Mountains: Three Daughters of Tibet**

*Author: Yangzom Brauen. Translator: Katy Derbyshire. Publisher: Harvill Secker.*

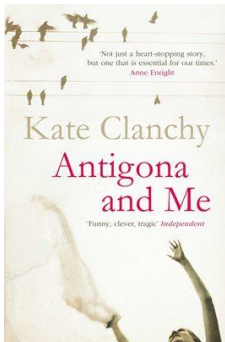
The extraordinary story of three Tibetan woman, whose lives have seen a daring escape from Tibet in the forties, endurance in the refugee camps of India and a remarkable transformation in the West.



### **Innocents Lost - When Child Soldiers Go to War**

*Author: Jimmie Briggs. Publisher: Basic Books*

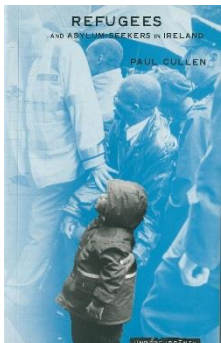
A powerful examination of the lives of child soldiers, told through the first-hand accounts of the children themselves.



### **Antigona and me**

*Author: Kate Clanchy. Publisher: Picador.*

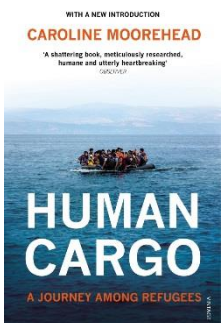
Antigona left Kosovo in March 1999, when Serb policemen came looking for her husband, held her at gunpoint, threw her screaming daughter off the roof, and a few nights later, set fire to nearby houses. Antigona took her 3 children and made a run for it, crossing forests and seas to get to London. Clanchy, a middle-class, Oxbridge-educated award-winning poet meets Antigona on the street and offers her a job on the spur of the moment making for an unlikely relationship.



### **Refugees and Asylum-Seekers in Ireland**

*Author: Paul Cullen. Publisher: Cork University Press.*

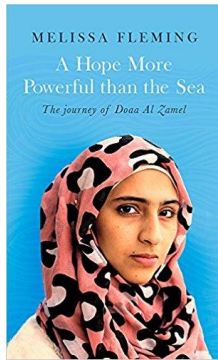
The sudden increase during the 1990s of the number of people seeking asylum in Ireland focused attention for the first time on a wide range of debates: the need for political asylum and Ireland's international role, how to deal with this new phenomenon domestically, Ireland as a country of immigration as well as emigration, and the adequacy or otherwise of public policy in dealing with the problem. The book looks to the future, assessing political options and considers the implications for the future of Irish society.



### **Human Cargo**

*Author: Caroline Moorehead. Publisher: Chatto & Windus.*

An extraordinary investigation into the fate of the 17 million people currently displaced from their homes, giving voices to refugees and asylum seekers in countries such as Afghanistan, Liberia and Sudan, as well as immigration officials and staff at the UNHCR.



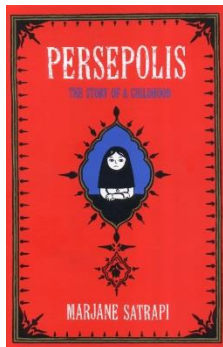
## **A Hope More Powerful Than The Sea: One Refugee's Incredible Story of Love, Loss, and Survival**

*Author: Melissa Fleming. Publisher: Fleet.*

UNHCR's Chief Spokesperson Melissa Fleming tells the true story of 19 year old Doaa Al Zamel who survived a shipwreck while making her way to Sweden. Her boat, full of 500 refugees, is attacked and left to capsize in the Mediterranean. When she is finally rescued after four days in the water, she is found with two baby girls clinging to her. A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea is an emotionally charged, eye-opening true story that represents the millions of unheard voices of refugees

who risk everything in a desperate search for the promise of a safe future.

## **Graphic novel**



### **Persepolis**

*Author: Marjane Satrapi. Publisher: Penguin Books.*

This graphic novel is about a young girl growing up in revolutionary Iran. Now a motion picture, this poignant, and often humorous, memoir tells the story of coming of age against the backdrop of life under a fundamentalist regime.