

My Name Is Iran: A Memoir of Rebellion, Revolution, and Identity



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Nazanin Afshin-Jam's *My Name Is Iran* is a powerful and moving memoir that explores the complexities of identity, revolution, and exile. Afshin-Jam, an Iranian-born British journalist, tells the story of her childhood in Tehran, her family's flight from the country after the 1979 revolution, and her own experiences as a refugee in London. *My Name Is Iran* is a must-read for anyone interested in contemporary Iran, the Middle East, or the refugee experience.

A Childhood in Tehran

Nazanin Afshin-Jam was born in Tehran in 1977. Her father was a doctor and her mother was a nurse. Afshin-Jam's childhood was happy and carefree. She loved to play with her friends, go to school, and spend time with her family. However, Afshin-Jam's childhood was also marked by the political turmoil that was sweeping Iran at the time. The Shah's regime was becoming increasingly repressive, and there were growing calls for revolution.

The 1979 Revolution

In 1979, the Iranian Revolution overthrew the Shah's regime and established a new Islamic republic. Afshin-Jam's family was caught in the crossfire of the revolution. Her father was arrested and imprisoned by the new regime. Afshin-Jam and her mother were forced to flee the country. They eventually made their way to London, where they were granted asylum.

Life in Exile

Life in exile was difficult for Afshin-Jam and her family. They had lost everything they had in Iran, and they were struggling to adjust to a new

culture and a new language. Afshin-Jam also had to deal with the trauma of her father's imprisonment and the loss of her homeland. However, Afshin-Jam eventually found her feet in London. She went to school, learned English, and made new friends. She also began to write about her experiences as a refugee.

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My Name Is Iran is the culmination of Afshin-Jam's experiences as a refugee. It is a powerful and moving memoir that explores the complexities of identity, revolution, and exile. Afshin-Jam writes with honesty and candor about her own struggles, but she also offers a hopeful message about the power of resilience and the importance of finding a place to belong.

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