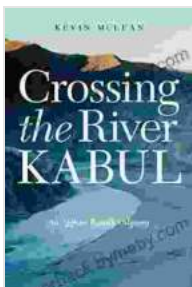


# Crossing the River Kabul: An Afghan Family's Odyssey

In the heart-wrenching and unforgettable memoir, *Crossing the River Kabul*, Katiba Aaf, a young Afghan woman, recounts her family's harrowing escape from their war-ravaged homeland and their perilous journey to a new life in America.

Katiba's story begins in Kabul, Afghanistan, in the late 1990s. The Taliban has just taken control of the country, and the Aaf family is living in constant fear for their safety. Katiba's father, a government official, is at particular risk, and the family knows they must flee.



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With the help of a smuggler, the Aafs embark on a dangerous journey across the border into Pakistan. They travel by foot, by donkey, and by truck, constantly dodging Taliban checkpoints and risking their lives.

Along the way, they witness firsthand the horrors of war and the desperation of those who have lost everything.

After months of hardship, the Aafs finally reach a refugee camp in Pakistan. But their ordeal is far from over. The camp is overcrowded and unsanitary, and the family is constantly fighting for food and water. Katiba and her siblings are haunted by nightmares of the war, and they struggle to adjust to their new life.

After a year in the refugee camp, the Aafs are granted asylum in the United States. They arrive in California with nothing but the clothes on their backs and a few precious belongings. With the help of a local aid organization, they slowly begin to rebuild their lives.

Katiba Aaf's story is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit. Despite the unimaginable hardships she and her family have endured, she has never lost her hope for a better future. *Crossing the River Kabul* is a powerful and moving account of love, loss, and the indomitable spirit of a family that refused to be broken.

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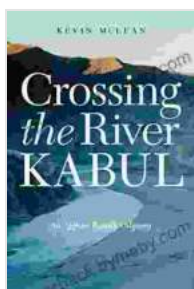
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Katiba Aaf was born in Kabul, Afghanistan, in 1990. She fled her home country with her family in 1998 and spent the next several years living in refugee camps in Pakistan. In 2001, the Aafs were granted asylum in the United States. Katiba currently lives in California with her husband and two children.



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