

# My Top 10 Islamic Fictions



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# **Taken for Granted** **by Raheemah Odusote**

Ameenah, a young Muslim woman, is determined to escape her humble beginnings by immersing herself in a world of prestige and wealth. She marries Suleiman, believing she has secured the life she always dreamed of.

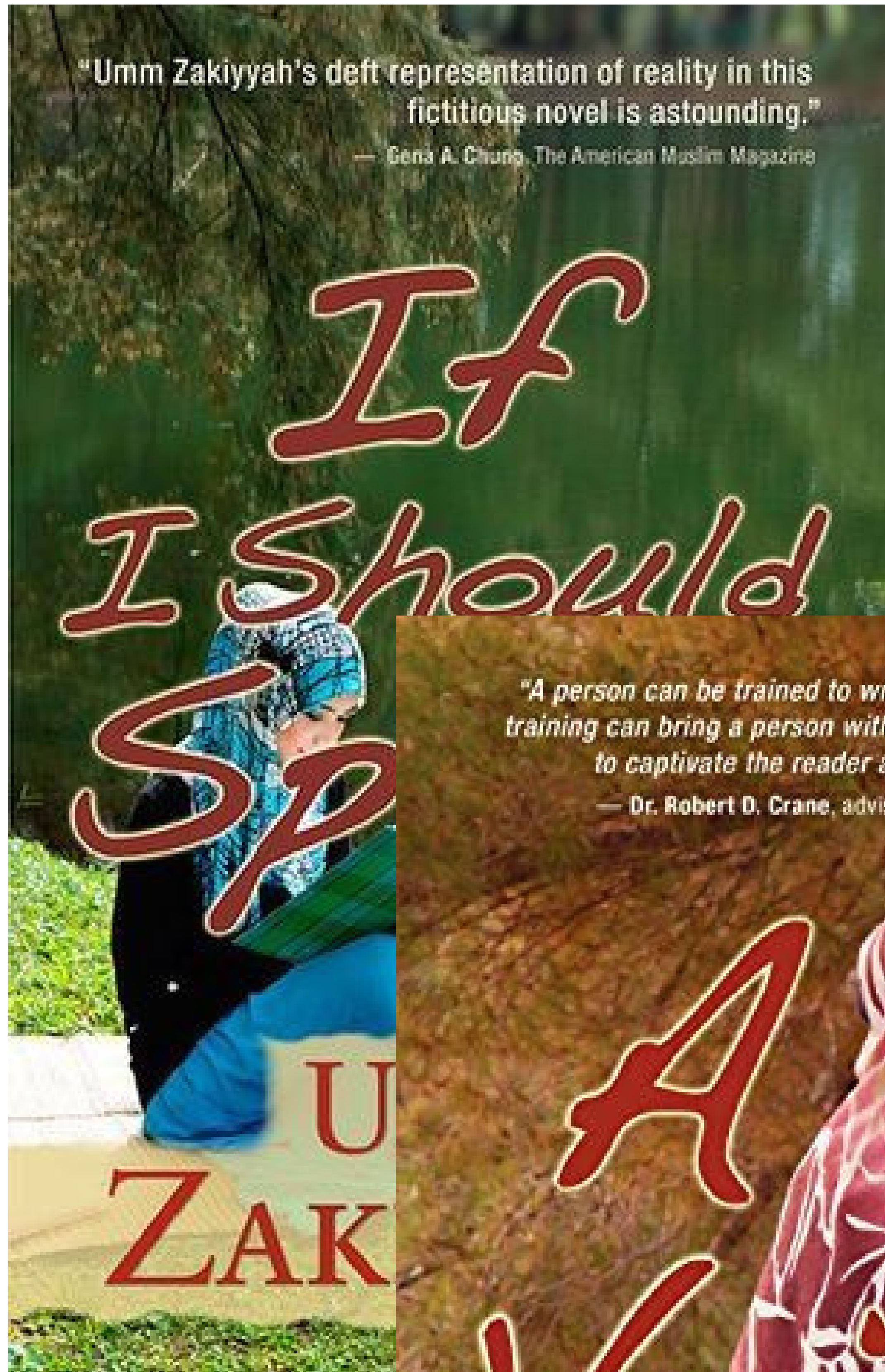
However, her relentless pursuit of status leads her to neglect her faith, personal values, and mental well-being. Family tensions, especially with her sister-in-law Maimuna, further expose the cracks in her seemingly perfect life.



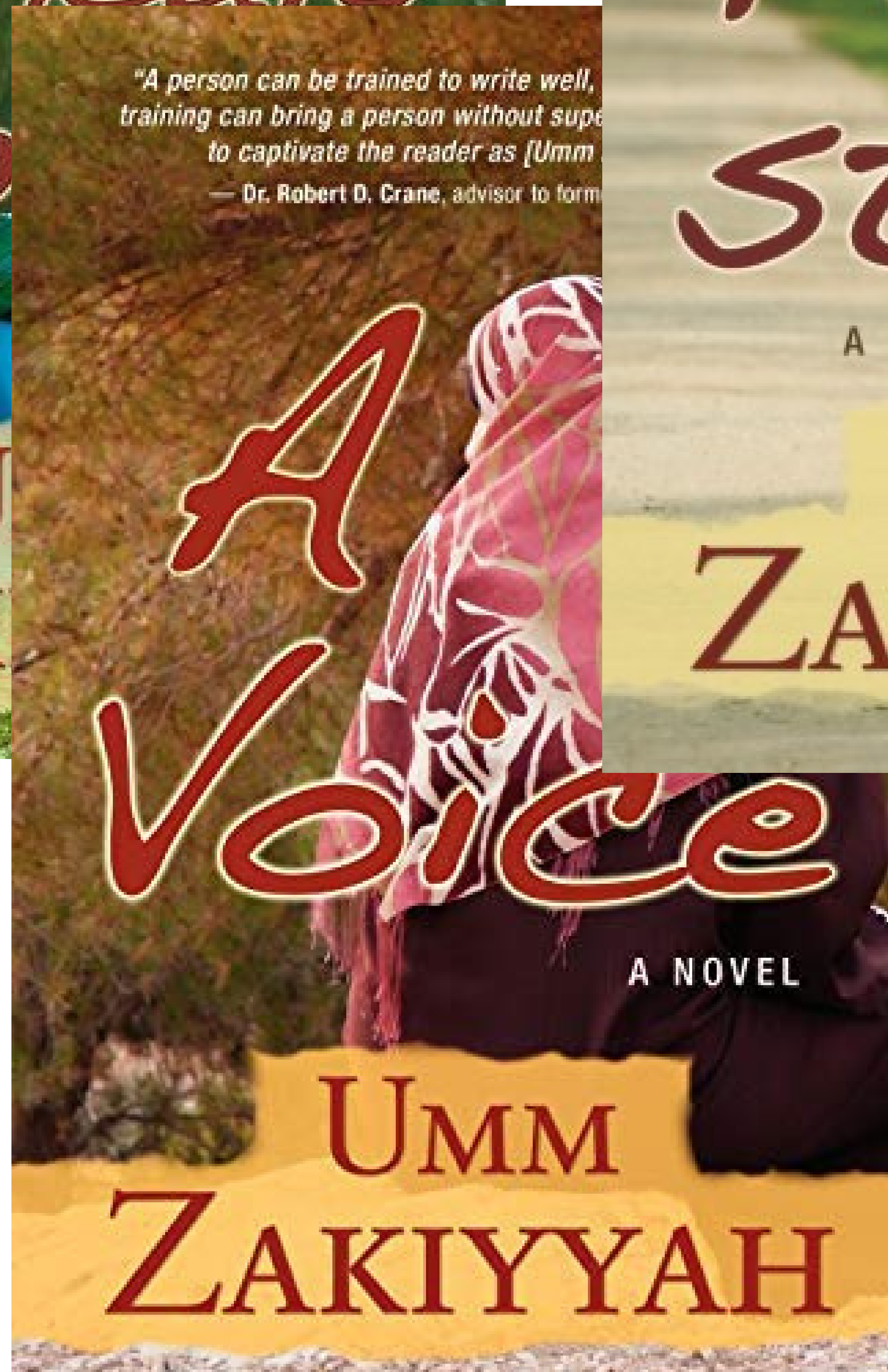
# **The Size of a Mustard Seed by Umm Juwayriyah**

It's one of those books that I didn't want to end. It is about the life of an unmarried 27 years old Muslim woman Jameelah. She is a hair stylist who is pressured to get married. The book shows how she overcomes all her obstacles with her two best friends including escaping marrying the wrong man.

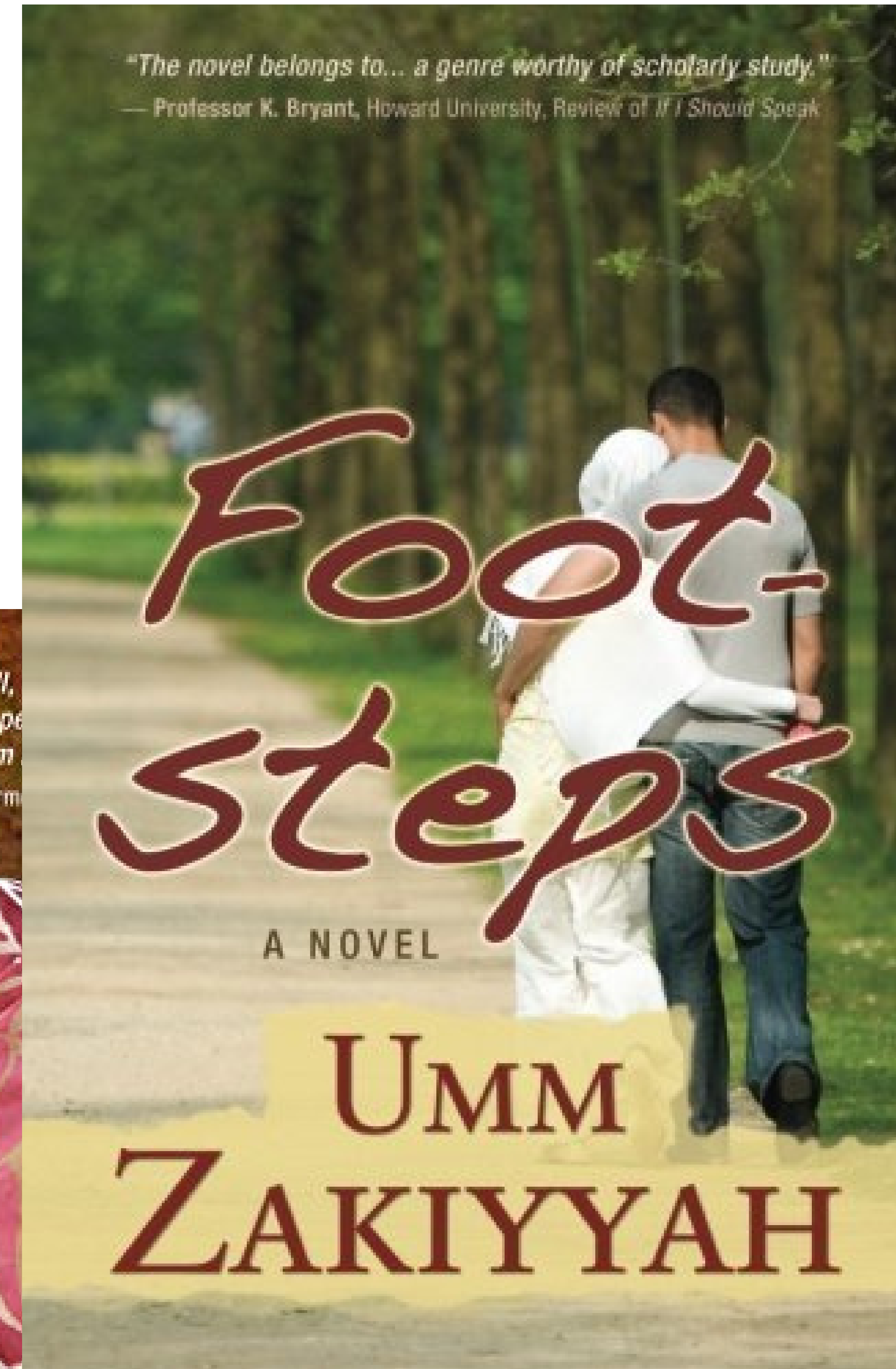
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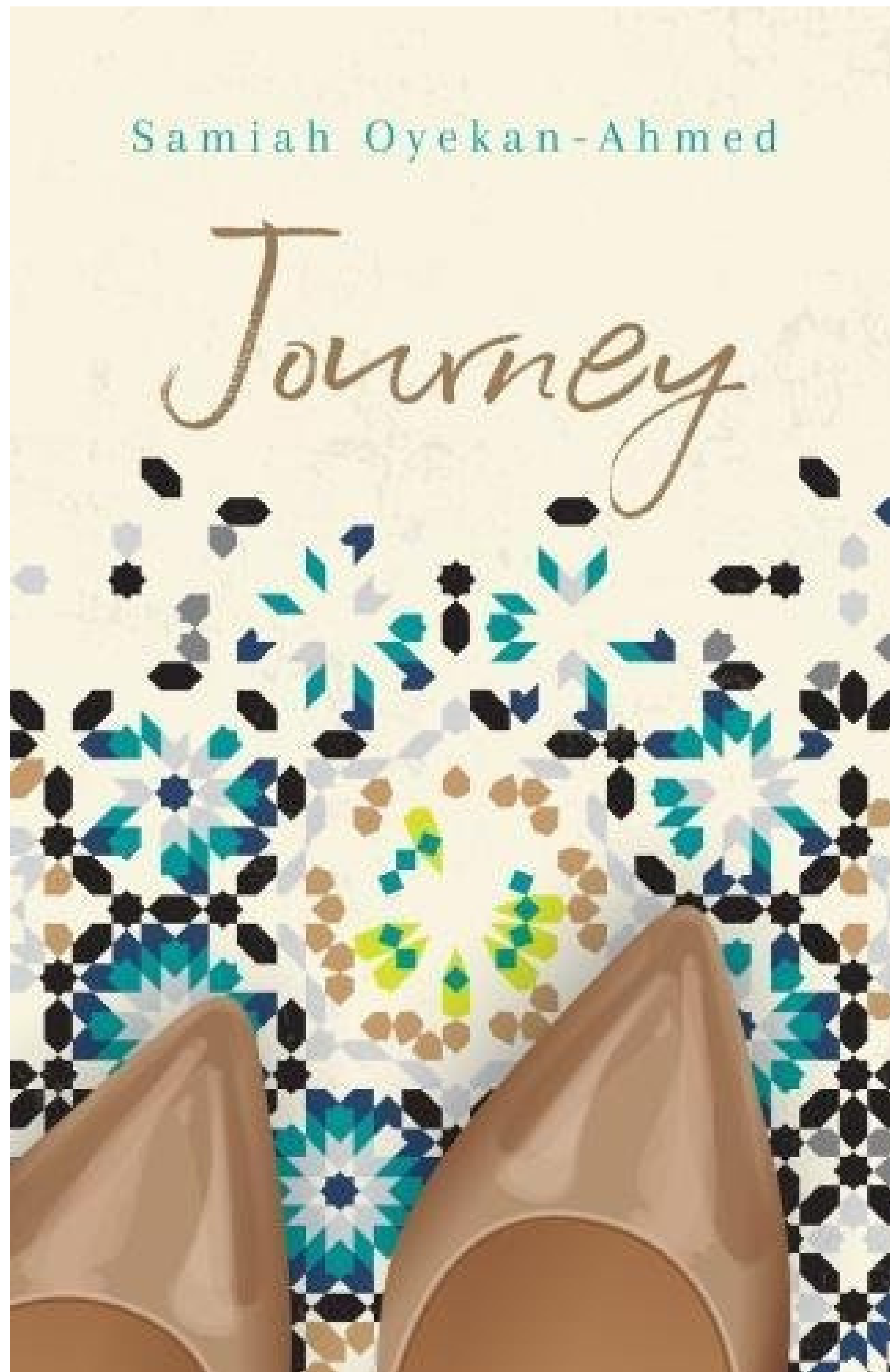


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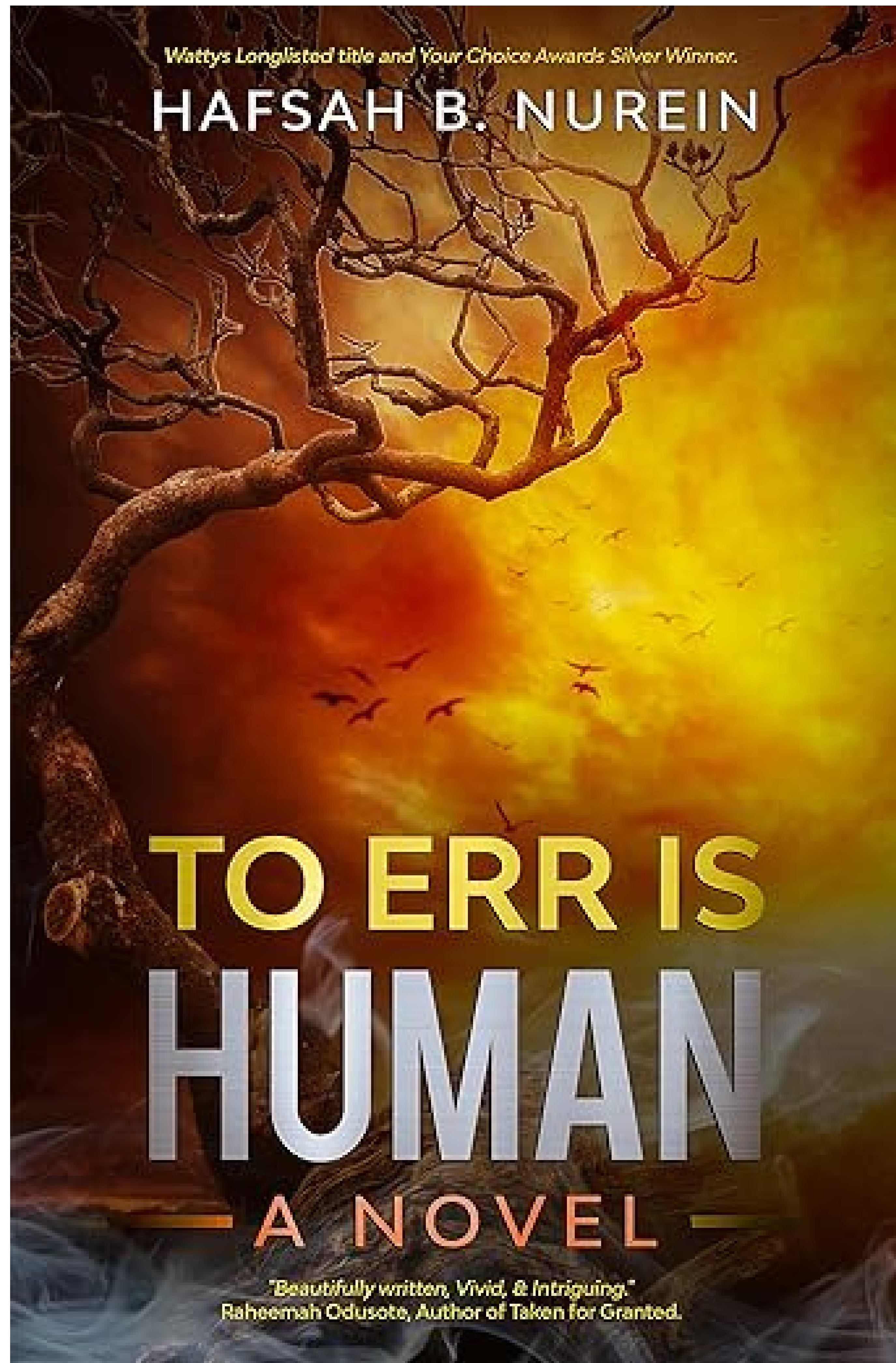
## If I should Speak Trilogy by Umm Zakiyyah

I cried while reading these three books and they impacted me positively. It is a story of a Christian sister who reverted to Islam through her roommate and the life she led to become a practising Muslim who married her soulmate. Her story ended in the second book while the third book in the series is about her husband's parents.



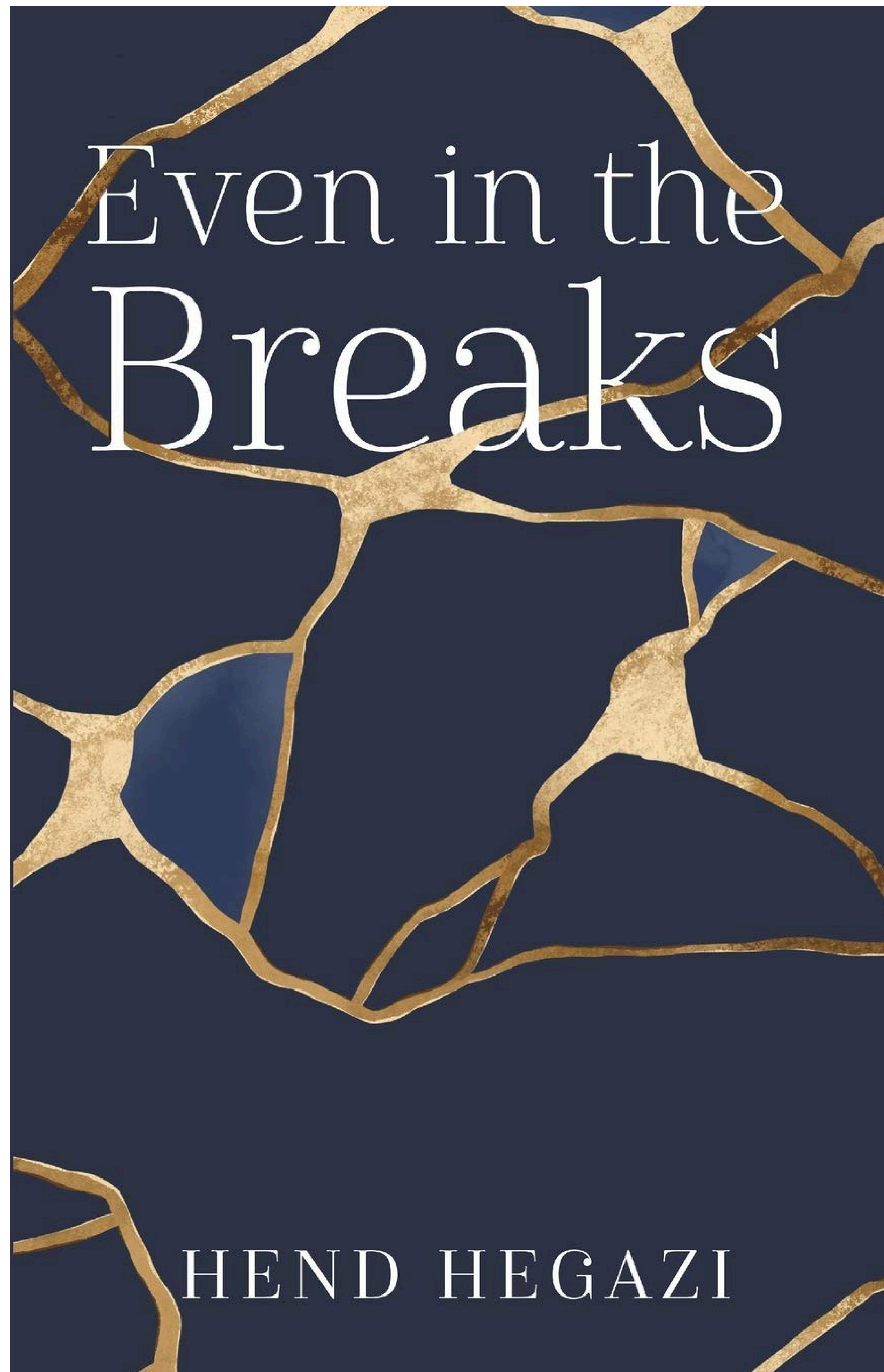
## **Journey by Samiah Oyekan-Ahmed**

It is a poignant tale of self-discovery, faith, and resilience, following Zainab's emotional and spiritual transformation amid life's trials. Through richly layered storytelling, the novel explores themes of healing, identity, and the power of turning to Allah in search of meaning and peace.



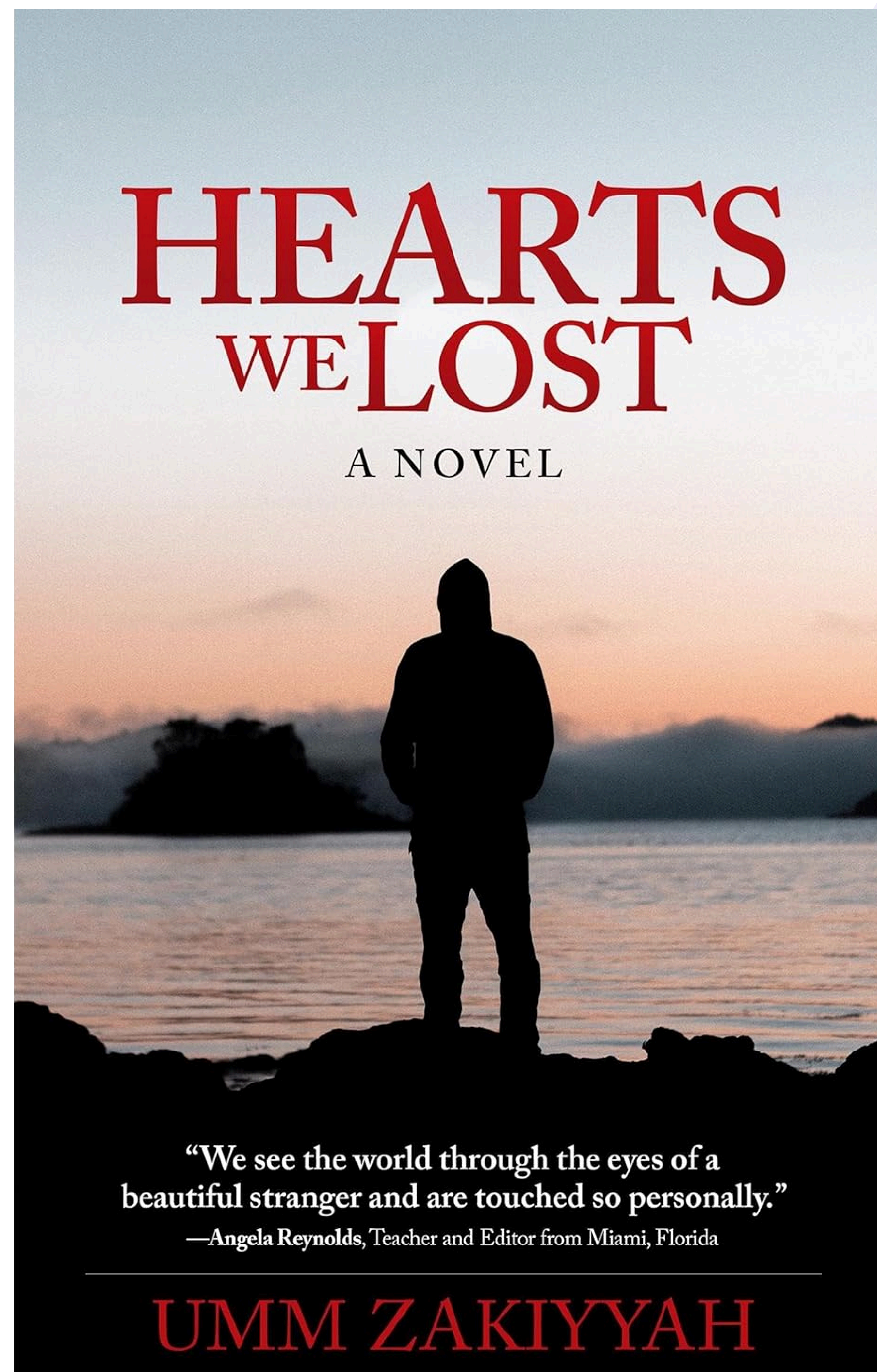
## **To Err Is Human by Hafsa B. Nurein**

This one got my heart racing at each plot twist and it was fast paced. The story follows Khaalid, a once joyful boy whose life is upended by a devastating event, pushing him toward a path of inner conflict and temptation. Intertwined with Sarah, a grieving mother fighting for her daughter's life, their stories unravel a powerful exploration of loss, redemption, and the painful, yet divine, journey toward forgiveness.



## **Even In The Breaks by Hend Hegazi**

My editor wrote this amazing book which brought out a side I did not like about me - being unable to easily forgive. Read to discover you. Ayda, a guarded and fiercely independent woman whose world is disrupted when she becomes the unlikely guardian of young Shams. As Ayda confronts buried truths and emotional wounds, the story unfolds into a moving reflection on womanhood, resilience, and the unexpected bonds that heal us.

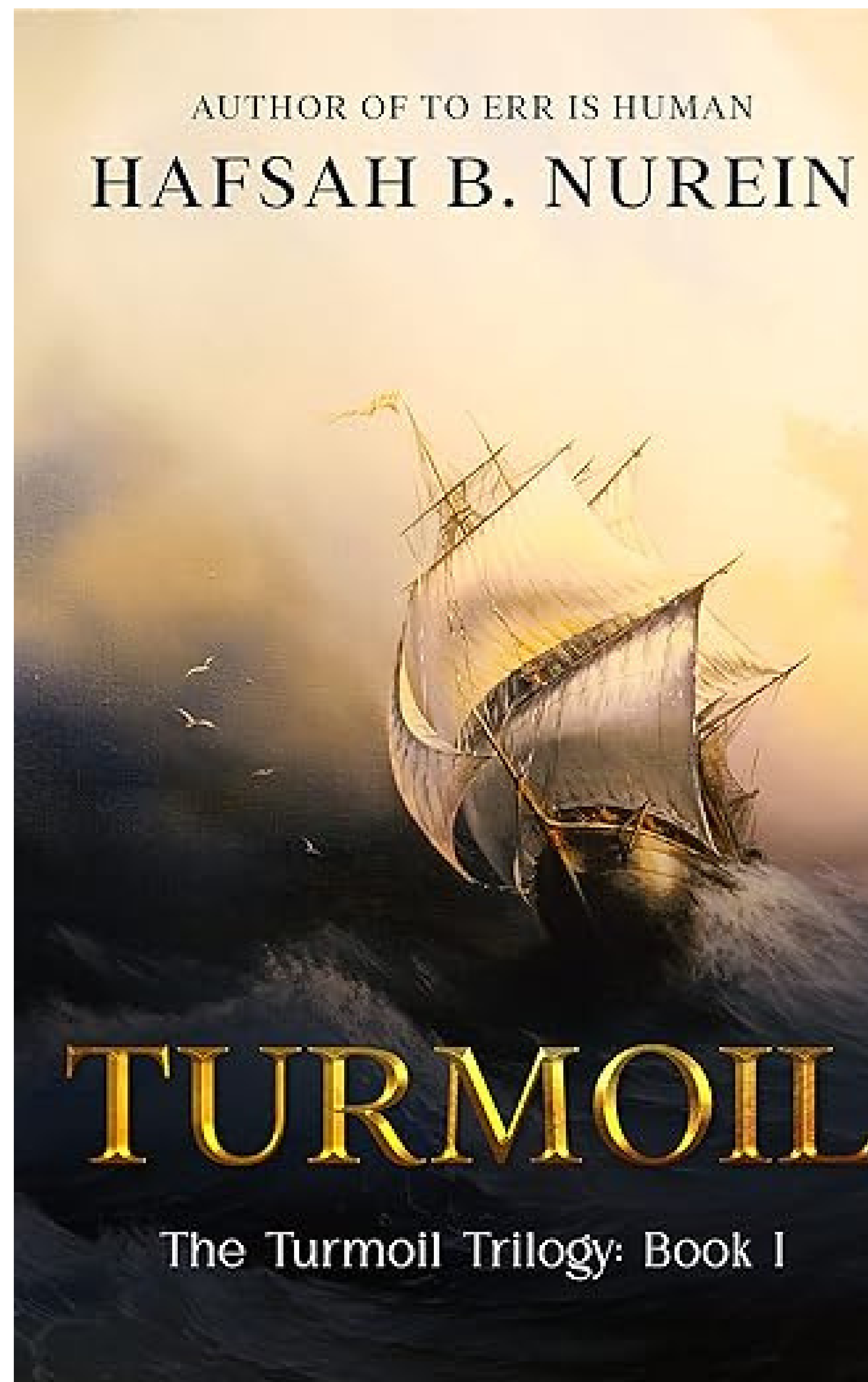


# Hearts We Lost

## by Umm Zakiyyah

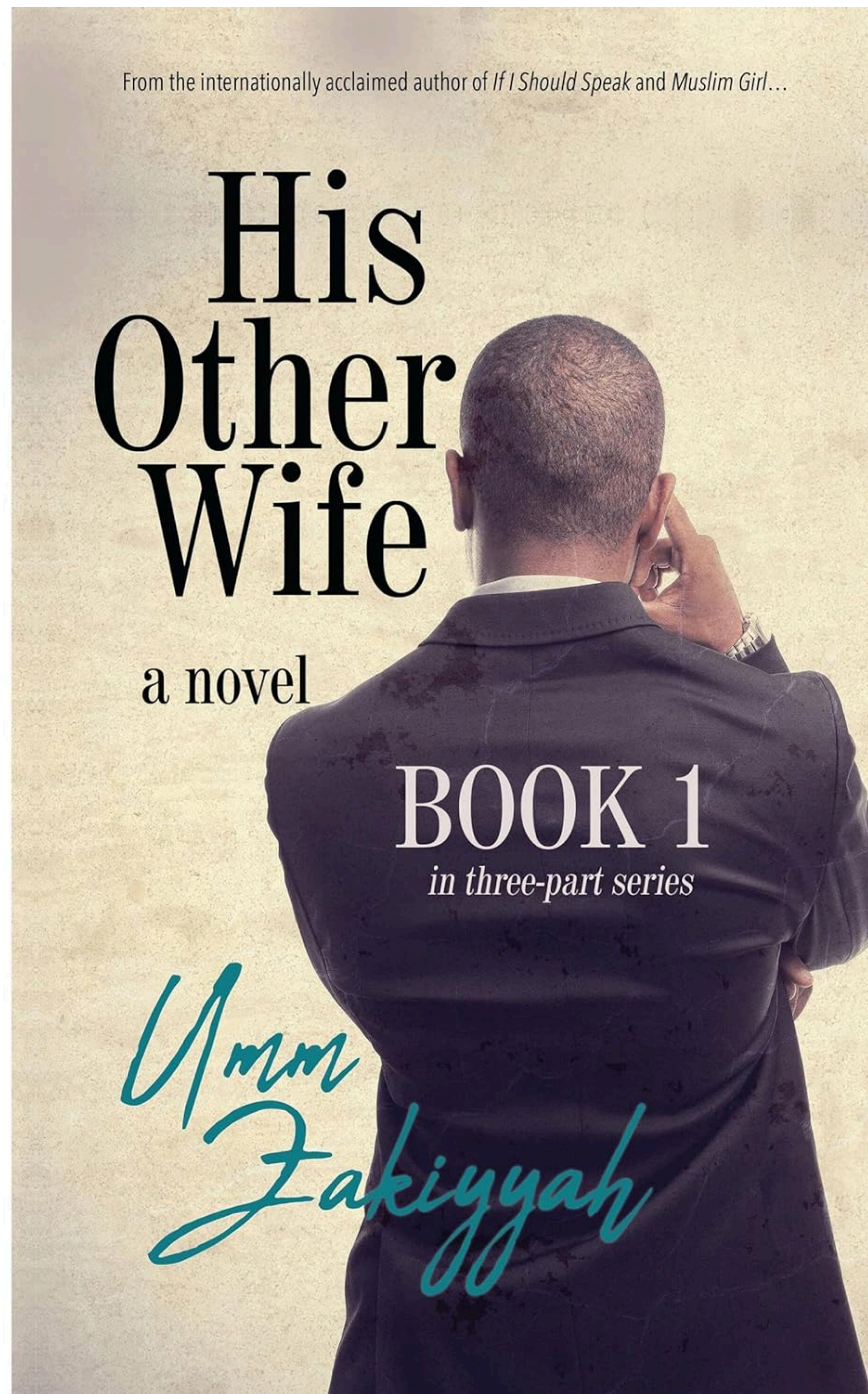
I know that I mentioned crying while reading the trilogy at #3. This one also made me cry.

Sharif, a young man who, after studying at a prestigious Islamic university in Riyadh, returns to America grappling with profound spiritual and emotional changes. As he assumes the role of imam at his late father's mosque, Sharif navigates complex questions of faith, identity, and love, ultimately confronting the delicate balance between personal conviction and communal expectations.



## **Turmoil Trilogy by Hafsa B. Nurein**

(Book 1) follows Hadiza, a devout and composed woman whose seemingly perfect life begins to shatter when she discovers her husband's betrayal. Alongside her three close friends—Aisha, Jemima, and Muslimah—each facing their own hidden struggles, the novel explores the complex, emotional journeys of Muslim women seeking truth, healing, and redemption in the face of personal turmoil.



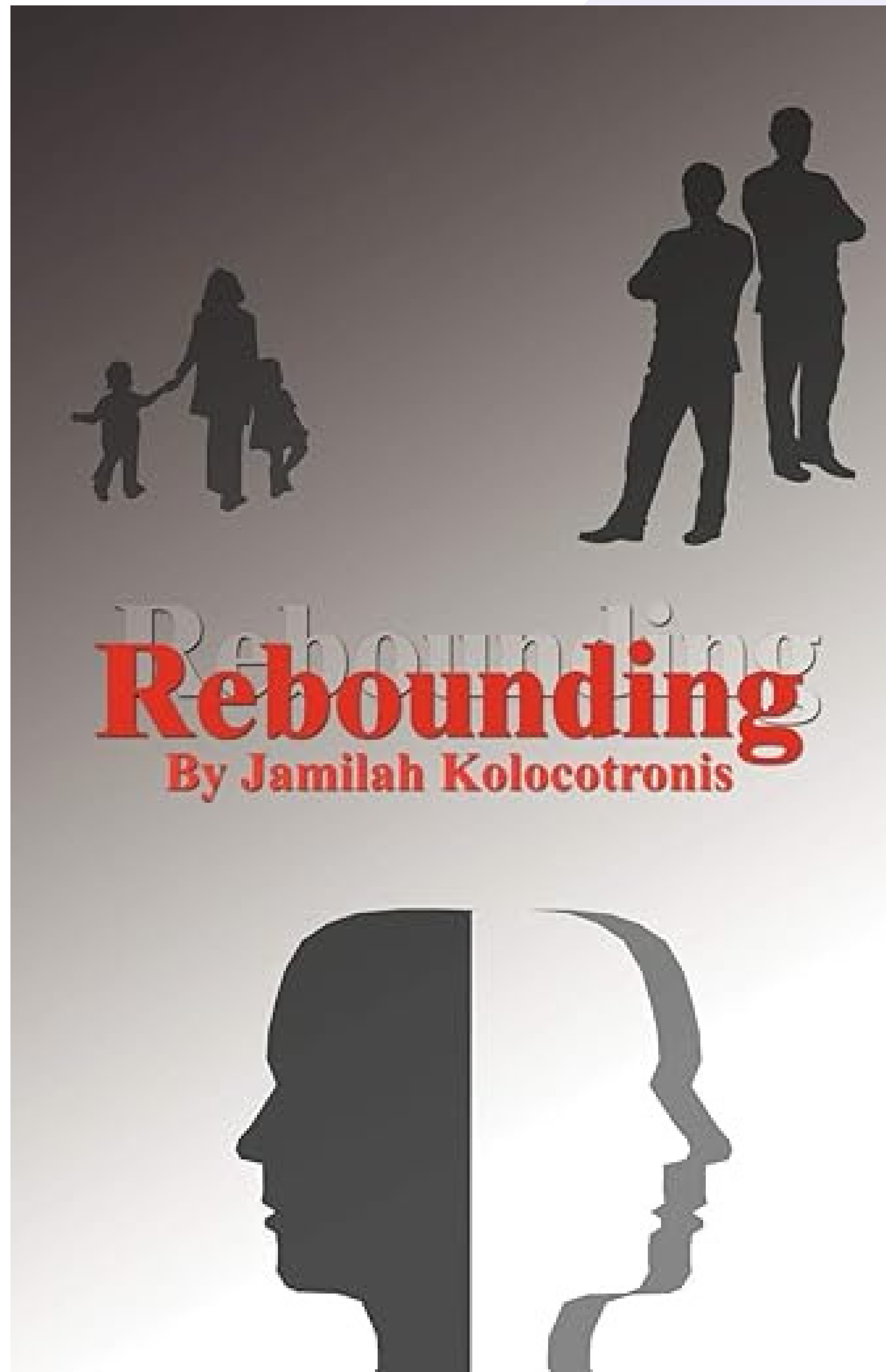
# His Other Wife

## by Umm Zakiyyah

The story taught me how dangerous and life threatening mental health issues can become if left untreated over a long period. The story centers on Aliyah, a newly divorced woman trying to rebuild her life while enduring constant advice from her best friend, Deanna—a celebrated marriage counselor married to Jacob, a respected professor. When Aliyah learns that Jacob wants to take her as a second wife without Deanna's knowledge, the story unravels into a gripping exploration of love, betrayal, sisterhood, and the complexities of polygyny in modern Muslim relationships.

# Rebounding

## by Jamilah Kolocotronis



Rebounding is the second installment in the Echoes series, continuing the intertwined journeys of Joshua, Umar, Evie, and Brad as they confront painful memories and seek healing. Set against the backdrop of faith and familial expectations, the novel delves into themes of forgiveness, redemption, and the enduring impact of past traumas.

This one got me so emotional and angry with deep seated hatred within a family.



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