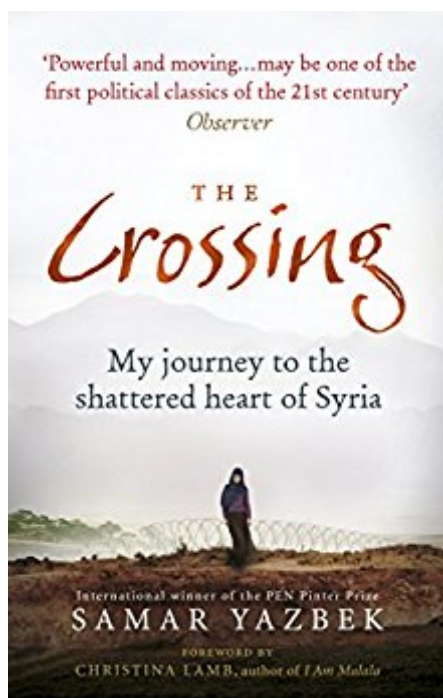


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# The Crossing: My Journey To The Shattered Heart Of Syria



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The book is in many ways a diary written during hectic travels through war torn northern Syria so understandably it is a little disjointed. However, once you read it for what it is, it is a compelling and thought provoking narrative. The people she interviewed spoke under severe conditions and did so because they thought she would get their messages to the outside world but it is unclear what they wanted the outside world to do in response. Most want desperately to get rid of Assad but there is a

wide variety of opinions on what should happen next. The author is brave, bright and articulate. She should now write a book describing what the oppressed Syrian people want from the rest of the world. Also, I initially complained when this book did not arrive as promised. Wordery, the distributor, apologized and quickly sent the book.

The first hand account from Samar Yazbek personalizes the Syrian Revolution. An excellent book for anyone looking to learn more about what's going on in Syria.

Brand new book. Would recommend.

Samar Yazbek's journalistic record of her three crossings from Turkey into war-torn northwestern Syria provides stark descriptions of daily life under bombardment by the Syrian government, the plethora of Syrian rebel groups fighting the Assad regime, Syrian civilians defending themselves against criminal gangs bent on rape and pillage, and foreigners who swarm into Syria to establish a criminal, pseudo-religious empire. Yazbek interviewed a wide variety of Syrians, including women and children, who try to live amid the terror. Yazbek lays waste to any notions that putting a stop to the carnage will be simple. Read this and help a refugee to safety!

Everyone who cares about the world we live in should read this book. It is up there with *DESPATCHES* (Vietnam) and *GOODBYE TO ALL THAT* (world war 1). If only Trump could read he would understand that this is what is happening in Syria and that it is Assad not Isis who are the cause.

Samar details through her own experiences and her interviews with combatants the course of events that have led to the atrocities that still unbelievably continue relentlessly today. This is a compelling book that is pretty hard to read as the situations described are horrendous.

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