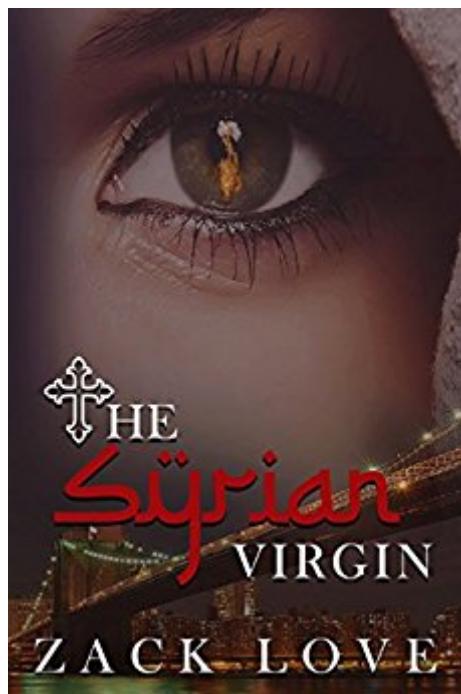


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Synopsis

Anissa is traumatized by the most brutal conflict of the 21st Century: the Syrian Civil War. In 2012, Islamists in Homs terrorize a Syrian-Christian community and destroy everything that a young woman holds dear. Narrowly escaping death, Anissa restarts her devastated life as a college student in NY. She is bewildered and lost -- a virgin in every sense. But despite her inexperience with men and life in the United States, Anissa is quickly drawn to two powerful individuals: Michael Kassab, the Syrian-American leader working to found the first Mideast Christian state, and Julien Morales, her Columbia University professor who runs a \$20 billion hedge fund. Complicating matters, Michael is still attached to his ex-girlfriend and Julien is the most sought after bachelor in Manhattan (and has hidden demons even his therapist can't extract). Anissa's heart and her communal ties pull her in different directions, as she seeks hope and renewal in a dark world. **WARNING:** This book is about a young woman's difficult journey: her escape from Syria's Civil War, her transition to a new a country, and the relationships that she forms along the way, including her romantic interests in two very different men. The story is set against the backdrop of the Syrian Civil War and makes reference to violent acts, sometimes in detail. There is some occasional profanity and a few scenes that depict sexual intimacy. Accordingly, the recommended minimum age for readers is 16. The novel might be compared to books like "The Diary of Anne Frank" or "The Kite Runner."

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This is one of most well researched, well vetted and beautifully written works of literary art I have read. I pride myself on being a self proclaimed newshound, but this book told me things that I never saw in our media. The story begins in Syria. Anissa and her family live a very comfortable life as Christians in a mainly Muslim world. With rumblings of civil war, her father makes arrangement for her to come to America, where she can live free, without persecution. Suddenly the plans are escalated and Anissa witnesses the horrors that Syrian Christians have been subjected to first hand. If you weren't aware of the atrocities that are going on, after this book, you will. It feels like you are there. The news reports cannot do it justice and only provide a snippet of what these people are going through. As we follow Anissa on her journey of starting over, there were times that I forgot she was just a young girl of 17. Her main focus in life are her studies, and the MCA, a group on her college campus that raises awareness to the Syrian Christian's plight. She is smart, quick witted and while mature beyond her years, naive when it comes to matters of the heart. I adore her. She is courageous and strong. She will capture your heart. Enter Michael and Julien. Michael appears perfect for her. Leader of the MCA, he is passionate about the cause and everything it stands for. The only thing standing in Anissa's way is his ex girlfriend. Anissa gets her first taste of jealousy and I must say, I think she handled herself very well. I have mixed feelings about Michael myself. You may think otherwise, but I'm not completely sold on the guy. There were times he almost appeared conniving, although it could have been just his passion for the cause. Julien is a mess.

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