



# Remember Alan Kurdi, the three-year-old Syrian refugee who drowned and washed to the Turkish shore last year?

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*This book, Finding Home, is about a child who survived the trauma of exile years earlier.*

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The book is an intimate, lyrical memoir of an Iraqi child looking for home, a powerful tale of dislocation, despair and transformation shared by refugees and immigrants at all times. Narrated in the first person, it captivates the reader with its candidness, honesty and hope.

Denver, Colorado—August 1, 2016. The protagonist is a seven-year-old Jewish Iraqi child named Aziz living a peaceful life with his parents and many siblings in the countryside outside Babylon by the Euphrates River. When things change abruptly for the worse in 1951 he and his family flee to Israel, where they spend years living in tents and shacks in sub-human conditions in transition camps. Aziz becomes a day laborer, survives a terrible disease, becomes an adult with a different name and personality, gets a college education and a doctorate, and ends his search for home in the United States amazed and happy with his life.

Several readers of the book said that they were transfixed by the beauty of its prose, which brought tears of empathy to their eyes. One reader added “these were not only tears of empathy but also of joy and affirmation of the human spirit.” The International Jerusalem Post and Haaretz reported on parts of the book .

Available at Amazon for \$9.95 and will make a thoughtful gift.

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