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## The beekeeper of aleppo pdf

After two somers volunteered at a refugee center in Athens as thousands of families flooded into Greece, Christy Lefteri wondered what it means to see and be seen. From the question, her second novel, which follows Nuri, a Syrian beekeeper, and his wife Afra, an artist blinded by an explosion, sprang on a journey to find safety in Britain. We tend to hear refugee stories in the abstract: millions of people fleeing war, poverty, and persecution—words that have no details. But in Aleppo's beekeeping, Lefteri gives us a deeply researched, intimate look at the lives of one couple. Narrated by Nuri, the novel weaves together two timelines: one starting in Aleppo in 2015 when the couple decide to leave Syria and make the perilous journey through Turkey and Greece, and the other from a coastal city in England the following year, where they apply for asylum. Lefteri subtly criticizes the media depictions of refugees, and asks us to go beyond the crisis images we see. In a scene at the port of Piraeus in Athens, there is a flash of light as a black object is aimed at Nuri: A gun? My breath caught in my throat, I struggled to inhale, my eyesight blurred, my neck and face felt warm, my fingers numb. A camera. Nuri realizes that it had not struck the photographer that he took a picture of a real human being. A former psychotherapist and daughter of Cypriot refugees, Lefteri sensitively maps out what it's like when war comes home, alerting the subtle effects of trauma and grief. Nuri and Afra are not broadly outlined as victims, but rather suffer in different and complex ways from the PTSD state that is still rarely explored in literature beyond the accounts of veteran warriors or war correspondents. Nuri and Afra manage to escape their shattered hometown, but they cannot escape the memories that haunt them. You are lost in the dark, Afra Nuri says, reminding us that although she is the one who has lost sight, he is even more cut off from his loved ones - and himself. Lefteri's slow-building narrative rarely goes into sentimentality or overwhelming gloom. Nuri's love of beekeeping and Afra's art gift, interspersed with happier memories of Syria, offers a glimpse of the beauty that is still within reach. By creating characters with such rich, complex inner lives, Lefteri shows that to extend compassion to millions of people, it helps to start with one. This is shown in the September 02, 2019 issue of TIME. For your safety, we have sent a confirmation email to the address you have entered. Click the link to confirm your subscription and start receiving our newsletters. If you don't get the confirmation within 10 minutes, please check your spam folder. Write to Naina Bajekal on naina.bajekal@time.com. Backorder (temporarily sold out) Price \$27.00 \$24.84 Publisher Ballantine Books Publishing Date August 27, 2019 Pages 336 Dimensions 5.8 X 1.3 X 8.4 inches | 1.0 pounds Language English Type Bound EANUPC Christy Lefteri grew up in London and is the child of Cypriot refugees. She is a lecturer in creative writing at Brunel University. The beekeeper of Aleppo was born out of his time as a volunteer at a UNICEF-backed refugee center in Athens. She is the author of the novel A Watermelon, a Fish and a Bible. [Christy] Lefteri sensitively maps out what it's like when war comes home, warning of the subtle effects of trauma and grief. Nuri and Afra are not broadly outlined as victims, but suffer rather in different and complex ways from PTSD. . . . By creating characters with such rich, complex inner lives, Lefteri shows that to extend compassion to millions of people, it helps to start with one. --Time Beekeeper Nuri and his wife, Afra, are devastated by the Syrian civil war. After the violence claims that their children and Afra appear, the couple are forced to flee Aleppo and make the fraught journey to Britain - and an uncertain future. --USA Today (5 Books not to miss) In telling the daily brutally as well as glimpses of beauty, this novel humanizes the terrifying refugee stories we read about in the news. Lefteri explores questions of trust and portrays what trauma and loss can do to individuals and their relationships. . . . A beautiful rumination about seeing what's right in front of us - both the negative and the positive. --The Boston Globe (Pick of the Week) Great for book club. . . a powerful story of the refugee experience, hope, and love. --Real Simple Uri story rings with authenticity, from the enormous, impersonal horrors of war to the little kindness that helps people survive it. . . . A well-crafted structure and a troubled but engaging narrative this touching story of Syrian refugees. --Kirkus Reviews (star review) A haunted and resonant story of Syrian war refugees carrying out a treacherous journey. . . Readers will find this profoundly affecting both its psychological intensity and emotional sharpness. --Publishers Weekly In fluent, righteous language, Lefteri humbly brings us closer to the refugee experience that beekeeper Nuri and his wife, an artist named Afra who has gone blind forming the horrors she has seen, escaping Aleppo and traveling dangerously to Britain. . . . There is no overload of the tire with drama; this story tells itself, absorbing and heartbreaking. --Library Journal Reading List VIEW LIST (153 BOOKS) © 1996-2014, Amazon.com, Inc. or its affiliates By selecting I agree below, you agree that NPR websites use cookies, similar tracking and storage technologies, and information about the device you use to access our websites to improve viewing, listening and user experience, customizing content, customizing messages from NPR's sponsors, providing social media features and analyzing NPR traffic. This information is shared with social media, sponsorship, analytics and other third-party service providers. Details. Decline and visit Plain Text Site July 03, 2020 Helia rated rated it was ok Believe me when I say that I do not like to be in the minority when I review books, but unfortunately this book was very disappointing for me. This is a story about the plight of the refugees. It follows a Syrian refugee family in 2015-2016, as they leave war-torn Syria and make their way to England. What they experienced in Syria was terrifying. What they experienced on their journey was just as terrifying. This is a story of heartbreak, destruction and chaos of war and the pain of seeing believe me when I say that I don't like being outnumbered when I go through books, but unfortunately this book was very disappointing to me. This is a story about the plight of the refugees. It follows a Syrian refugee family in 2015-2016, as they leave war-torn Syria and make their way to England. What they experienced in Syria was terrifying. What they experienced on their journey was just as terrifying. This is a story of heartbreak, destruction and chaos of war and the pain of seeing your homeland and your way of life burned, bombed and destroyed. It's the story of being torn apart from family and friends, and losing things and people that you keep your girlfriend. Unfortunately, this is also a story that forgets to evoke any feelings whatsoever about any of these problems. First, I have to say that I may have liked the story a little better, if the writing style was not painful to read. I didn't like the author's overly stylized writing at all. I think she went for literary and poetic. I'm sorry to say that I felt it was trying too hard and coming across as fake. It was almost like the purpose was not to evoke emotions in the reader, or raise awareness of important questions, or connect us as people in the world no matter where lines are drawn in the sand and the flags are placed. It was as if the purpose was to submit this writing for a literary prize. But true literature and poetry have strong emotional traits. That's their whole point! Secondly, this book was not written in a chronological timeline, which is usually not a problem for me. However, this lacked any kind of logical demarcation, and with so many timelines that seemed completely fluid and a mixture of what was real and what was not, it quickly became a mess. We had 3 notable timelines: The happy past (before the civil war Syria), the terrible past (civil war in Syria and the journey from Syria to England), and then the present (England); but then we also had various dream sequences complete with sleep walking both today and in the past (including a bunch of imaginary friends, etc.) and all this needed complete concentration and attention to the story to get right in your mind. Now I'm a pretty serious reader, pen and notepad by my side stroke, highlighting passenger punches. So I don't usually have problems with concentration or attention. But if your storytelling and your characters are so boring they make me take my phone to Instagram instead of googling the political topics and the geographical places you're talking about in your story, then you can start to see why I'm going to have trouble following your very fluid timelines. . . . This brings me to my biggest complaint with this book. How can you write a book about such a heartbreaking subject and make your story and the cast of characters so boring? Honestly, in just 300 pages, this was the longest short book I've read in years!!! If this book was not chosen by my bookclub, I would have DNF even at the halfway point. It took me over a month to read this book. Every time I put it down, I really struggled to get it back. I was quite furious with the author's choice in telling this story. Without ruining it for you, there is something absolutely devastating going on with this family in Syria. In flashbacks to the past, the author tells us about everything except what matters most. She apparently avoids telling us about what and how the events related to this devastating incident. Now before you jump up and down and tell me that she did this on purpose, that she did not want to tell us about the incident because she wanted to show off the protagonists' refusal to deal with their feelings related to this trauma, please let me say that this is not lost on me. But in trying to mirror the refusal of the protagonists to talk about trauma, the author failed to create any connection whatsoever between me and these characters. The story was told in a very cold and detached way, possibly to mirror how trauma could make people feel like zombies, but reading this made me feel completely empty. I didn't feel anything for the characters. I didn't understand them. I didn't care that much. And all this made me feel terrible. How is it that reading one paragraph on the Humans of New York blog/facebook/Instagram page when Brandon Stanton covers a refugee camp in a couple of weeks can make me cry uncontrollably while reading 300 pages of this, didn't make me feel anything? I understand that the author's time volunteering in Greece and working with refugees inspired her to write this book. I wish she had written this story to give us more information, more background to what is actually happening in Syria. I understand that many people can disagree and say that this story was about the cast of characters and their individual experiences and not about the country and its civil war. I don't agree. I think both the protagonist and his cousin and cousin's wife, as well as what appeared to be the entire population of Aleppo made decisions to leave or stay and when to go and where to go, and these decisions were all dependent on the political climate, how quickly things escalated, when things happened, when the first bomb fell, how many people died in what kind of timeline. . . . So all this would have enriched history, and would have explained reasoning, their thought it would have helped us put ourselves in their shoes. It would have made them more understandable, and would have made for a much more emotionally rich book, and it would have taught us something. The conflict in Syria is very complex. There's a lot that could have been unpacked here. It seemed like a lost opportunity to talk about the bees and aparies for about 785 times, and not about what actually goes on around them. And the bees, the symbolism, the gosh. . . I know that this book is about a beekeeper, and of course pretty much within the first 20 pages, you realize the bees symbolize humanity with their vulnerability, their resilience, their community, etc. The next 280+ pages, and the incessant use of bees for symbolism purposes was an absolute overkill. The comparison of English bees to Syrian bees, the whole novella written about wingless bee stuck in a concrete courtyard in England. . . . Oh, my God, put the hammer down! Why do you have to hit me over the head with that? This is not a Class 8 English class! Another thing that didn't help the case was the terrible editing of this book. There were many sharp mistakes that would have been easily avoidable with good editing. I read the online version. Maybe they were corrected in the hard cover? I'm not sure. But they were so unnecessary. Things that people would sit by the window and watch the sunset, then an hour later, would go on an afternoon walk. . . . Another time, the protagonist remembers a party he and his cousin threw for Eid 10 years ago, a party for his employees in a hotel restaurant. He remembers his wife in a beautiful red and gold abaya, holding his son's hand and walking him here and there to mingle with friends. Well, a few pages later, it's 2016 and an officer in Greece asks them for the date of birth of their son, and he says January 2009. So um math a lot? These random errors were distracting, especially for a pen and notepad like me. I realize that I have been quite brutal in my review above. So let me say that the last couple of chapters got better, and I liked the hopeful note the book ends on. But I'm sorry to say it was too little too late for me. I picked up this book because my book club chose it, but I was excited about it. I was very interested in reading a book about the Syrian civil war and the displacement of millions of refugees and their plight. But this book was not what I hoped it would be at all, and left me feeling empty, and underwhelmed. I do not recommend it at all.1.5 stars. . . . More. . . More.

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