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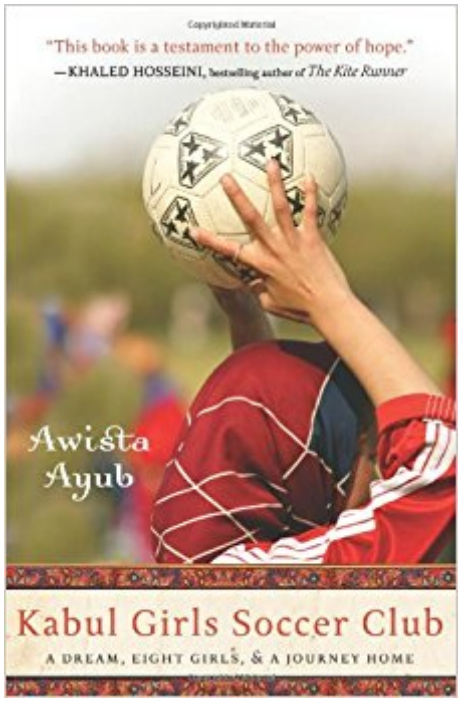
Kabul Girls Soccer Club: A Dream, Eight Girls, And A Journey Home



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Synopsis

A ball can start a revolution. Born in Kabul, Awista Ayub escaped with her family to Connecticut in 1981, when she was two years old, but her connection to her heritage remained strong. An athlete her whole life, she was inspired to start the Afghan Youth Sports Exchange after September 11, 2001, as a way of uniting girls of Afghanistan and giving them hope for their future. She chose soccer because little more than a ball and a field is needed to play; however, the courage it would take for girls in Afghanistan to do this would have to be tremendous--and the social change it could bring about by making a loud and clear statement for Afghan women was enough to convince Awista that it was possible, and even necessary. Under Taliban rule, girls in Afghanistan couldn't play outside of their homes, let alone participate in a sport on a team. So, Awista brought eight girls from Afghanistan to the United States for a soccer clinic, in the hope of not only teaching them the sport, but also instilling confidence and a belief in their self-worth. They returned to Afghanistan and spread their interest in playing soccer; when Awista traveled there to host another clinic, hundreds of girls turned out to participate--and the numbers of players and teams keep growing. What began with eight young women has now exploded into something of a phenomenon. Fifteen teams now compete in the Afghanistan Football Federation, with hundreds of girls participating. Against all odds and fear, these girls decided to come together and play a sport that has reintroduced the very traits that decades of war had cruelly stripped away from them--confidence and self-worth. In However Tall the Mountain, Awista tells both her own story and the deeply moving stories of the eight original girls, describing their daily lives back in Afghanistan, and how they found strength in each other, in teamwork, and in themselves--taking impossible risks to obtain freedoms we take for granted. This is a story about hope, about what home is, and in the end, about determination. As the Afghan proverb says, However tall the mountain, there's always a road.

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Customer Reviews

This sweet memoir of a girl's soccer team in Afghanistan manages to touch on many of the tougher issues facing citizens, and women in particular, in Afghanistan. The tone is light as the narrator describes a small set of teenage girls learning to pass, dribble, and cooperate on the playing field; but there are harsher moments, too, which the narrator incorporates without unnecessary drama. Soccer is considered a boy's sport in Afghanistan, so the formation of a team - and eventually a league - was frequently controversial.Part of the story is about the intensive, six-week long training camp organized for the team of novice players in the US. The narrator describes their impressions of America and their increasing self-confidence on the field. They don't win many games, but they gain skills and expertise that make them the finest female soccer players in Afghanistan by the time they return home.Spliced in with the narrator's account of the training camp are the stories of individual girls in the year following their trip. Most of these personal accounts are bittersweet - one of the girls goes into a severe depression because she misses the excitement and variety of her trip, and has a hard time pulling out of it. One girl betrays the others, and joins another team - her new coach wants her to invite all the girls who trained in America, but she doesn't. She wants the glory for herself. One faces extreme disapproval from her family, who don't have a problem with a girl playing soccer so much as they refuse her the right to her own pleasures, goals, or accomplishments - the head of the family, her older brother, tells her, "It is enough that you are going to school...That's all for you.

I don't want to be the bearer of bad news, but after reading the previous two reviews I was expecting a story filled with horror, drama and hardship. This was, afterall, a story about girls playing soccer in Afghanistan.The horror was there in the background whenever the Taliban was mentioned, but unlike the previous reviewers, the hardship in this story was not the Taliban, but Afghan society and their views of women or girls playing soccer. In Afghanistan girls and women play basketball or volleyball, not soccer. That's strictly a boys' and man's sport. The author and several supporters tried hard to recruit interested girls and supportive parents. (Most girls came from privileged backgrounds) Many pages were spent describing the heartache and frustration of getting a team organized, breaking glass ceilings, and finding sponsors.Another hardship was training

young teen girls who all their lives knew nothing but war, indiscriminate killings and discriminations. Tempers flew, patience was tried and broken. Getting war-torn girls to get together and get along was another battle to overcome. (Once their confidence was solidified, the team aura went better)Most of the story describes training in either Afghanistan or the USA, organzing an official team and playing a great finale that ends with a happy end. But somehow it all just seems flat, and at times boring to the point that I wanted to put the book down because the climax of the plot wasn't developing. I almost gave this review three stars if it weren't for the overall subject, a subject that by itself should draw intereste, sympathy and passion.But somehow, that just wasn't there in this well-intended book.

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