

One Boy War: An Afghan's Fight for Freedom by Nancy McDonald - Book Review



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One Boy War: An Afghan's Fight for Freedom is an extraordinary account of the life of Rahmatullah, a young boy who grew up in war-torn Afghanistan. The book follows Rahmatullah's journey from his childhood in the mountains of eastern Afghanistan, through his harrowing experiences as a child soldier, to his eventual escape to freedom in the United States.

Rahmatullah was born in 1984, in a small village in eastern Afghanistan. His father was a farmer, and his mother was a housewife. Rahmatullah had a happy childhood, playing with his friends and attending school. However, his life was turned upside down when the Taliban took control of Afghanistan in 1996.

The Taliban imposed a strict interpretation of Islamic law on Afghanistan, which severely restricted the rights of women and children. Rahmatullah

was forced to leave school, and he was no longer allowed to play outside with his friends. He was also forced to work long hours on his father's farm.

In 2001, the United States invaded Afghanistan in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The war brought hope to many Afghans, including Rahmatullah. He hoped that the war would end the Taliban's reign of terror and that he would be able to return to school.

However, the war did not go as Rahmatullah had hoped. The fighting was intense, and the Taliban continued to control large parts of the country. In 2003, Rahmatullah's father was killed by a Taliban bomb, and his mother was seriously injured. Rahmatullah was now an orphan, and he had no one to care for him.

Desperate for survival, Rahmatullah joined a group of child soldiers. He was forced to fight against the Taliban, and he witnessed firsthand the horrors of war. He saw his friends killed, and he was constantly in danger of being killed himself.

In 2006, Rahmatullah was finally able to escape from Afghanistan. He made his way to Pakistan, and then to the United States. He was granted asylum in the United States, and he now lives in California.

One Boy War is a powerful and moving story of one boy's journey through war-torn Afghanistan. It is a story of hope, resilience, and survival. Rahmatullah's story is a reminder of the human cost of war, and it is a testament to the power of the human spirit.

I highly recommend **One Boy War** to anyone interested in the human cost of war, the resilience of the human spirit, or the power of hope. It is a book

that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.

About the Author

Nancy McDonald is an award-winning journalist and author. She has written extensively about Afghanistan, and she is the author of several books, including **One Boy War** and **The Time of the Peacock: A Memoir of Afghanistan**.

Additional Resources

- Nancy McDonald's website
- One Boy War on Our Book Library
- Kirkus Reviews review of One Boy War
- Publishers Weekly review of One Boy War



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