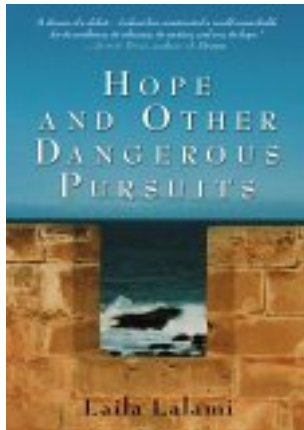

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Due donne e due uomini su un gommone tentano di raggiungere l'Europa attraversando il Mediterraneo. Le loro vite non hanno niente in comune. Cosa li ha portati ad abbandonare il loro paese e a rischiare la morte in mare? E cosa li aspetta alla fine della traversata? Questo romanzo percorre a ritroso le storie dei quattro protagonisti, cercando di scoprire cosa li ha spinti a cambiare per sempre il loro destino.

Insightful reviews

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Kim: From December 2005 School Library Journal:

When is fourteen kilometers the deciding factor between hope and resignation? When it is the distance between two lives, one the actual, poverty-ridden world of modern-day Morocco, and the other the successful life of imagination. The tale opens with thirty people huddled on an inflatable lifeboat meant to hold eight, attempting to illegally cross the Strait of Gibraltar from Tangier to Spain. Lalami explores the lives of four of these travelers, from the circumstances that lead up to their being on that lifeboat, to the lives they make for themselves after their attempted crossing is thwarted by the Spanish border's Guardia Civil.

Murad lives with his mother and younger siblings. Although he has a degree in English and speaks fluent Spanish, his life consists of hustling American and British tourists to various points of interest in Morocco. Halima, married with two young sons, works as a janitor to make ends meet while her husband drinks her earnings away and beats her in frustration. She sees the trip as her one chance at escape. Faten, an outspoken university student, crosses paths with an education administrator and finds herself expelled from school. Aziz, tired of seeing his wife go off to work while he cannot find employment, dreams of making a life for himself in Spain and bringing his wife over once he is established. Two of these four characters avoid the Guardia Civil; two of them do not. Each learns that ultimately, success has little to do with location, and everything to do with the smaller, day-to-day decisions. With a softness and lyricism that belie the fact that this is a first novel, we are introduced to beautifully written characters that make for a gem of a tale.

jeniwren: First time novelist Lalami has written a beautiful story that is surprisingly detailed for a slim novel of 200 pages. It begins with the crossing from Morocco by four protagonists, an abused wife, a fanatical student, a hustler and a husband seeking decent wages by way of the Strait of Gibraltar for a new life in Spain. The pilot refuses to take them all the way where they are tipped into the ocean and forced to swim only to be met by the waiting authorities as they reach the shore. It is here that the story reverses and we meet each character in turn and what led to their decision to flee. The prospect of drowning takes on a symbolic reference as they are people trapped in oppressive lives and cultures. All too often we hear about 'illegal immigrants' and the author has succeeded in giving a human face to her characters where governments always refer to them as illegal in a political construct. Sadly it is the case that for many who choose this option it remains but a dream and ultimately a dangerous pursuit.

Carole: this is often the e-book that Rochester, big apple reads for 2008. the topic is informative because it regards the lives of fellows and ladies suffering to outlive in sleek Morocco. The structure of brief tales describing one severe second within the lives of 4 characters, then the past, and later the current is unique. The writing is stark and easy in an excellent way. I cherished the ebook - i don't love it.

Suzy : For a debut, this ebook was once beautiful good. I might most likely decide up whatever via Lalami again. The writing appeared a bit stiff, yet now not so undesirable as to get within the way, and in a few locations it was once good. I beloved the way in which the tale used to be told: It starts off with a clandestine journey from Morocco to Spain, and we get to understand a piece approximately all of the characters at the boat. From there it is going to the again tale of every of the characters at the boat, one through one, each one very different, and every having a distinct explanation for being within the boat. Then the e-book shifts and tells the tale of what occurred to every of them after the boat trip. although i've got gotten to grasp many people--mostly of their 20's--from Morocco via my job, I by no means had any concept that existence there has been as depicted during this book. the category and gender divisions and the low customers for employment have been disheartening.

Joe: Lalani's first novel reads like a loose flowing divulge of the lives of 4 determined those that try and depart their plight within the towns of Morocco to illegally go the Straits of Gibraltar to Spain for a greater approach of living. truthfully they just alternate a method of dwelling for another, yet Lalani takes us throughout the procedure with fantastically written prose and inventive flashbacks and flash forwards that impression our lives with these of her major characters. the typical thread of human desire for a greater existence is noticeable amidst the most obvious Moroccan/Spanish cultural changes and it's eye opening. whereas it ends a little bit abruptly, it is a pleasing speedy learn -- definitely worth the effort.

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