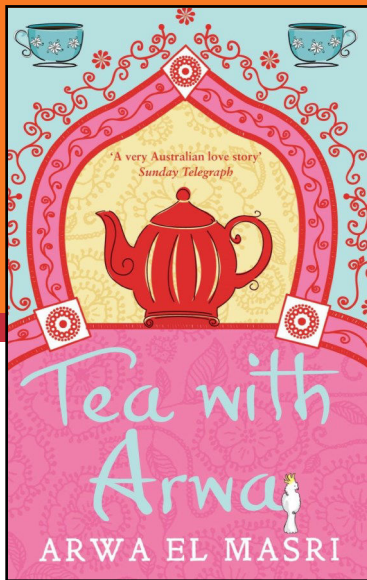


Tea With Arwa

By Arwa El Masri

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Genre and Subject

Australian Muslim Women

Memoir

Spirituality and Religion

Synopsis

The most important things in Arwa el Masri's life are her family and her faith ... and then her love of food. *Tea with Arwa* tells her personal story and her belief that regardless of faith, we are all looking for the same things: safety, love and a sense of home.

Author Biography

Arwa is a child of many countries. She was born in Saudi Arabia in 1976, lived in America as a child and spent time with her extended family in Syria. As the child of Palestinian migrants she was a stateless person with no recognised home country. In 1990 Arwa became an Australian citizen. She is married to legendary Australian rugby league player Hazem El Masri.

Discussion Starters

- What observations are made in the book about politics, family traditions, religious beliefs, language or food?
- Does the author criticize or admire the culture? Does she wish to preserve or change the way of life? Either way, what would be risked or gained?
- What is different from your own culture? What do you find most surprising, intriguing or difficult to understand?
- What is the central idea discussed in the book? What issues or ideas does the author explore?
- Do similar issues affect your life? How so—directly, on a daily basis, or more generally?
- What **specific passages** struck you as significant—or interesting, profound, amusing, illuminating, disturbing, sad...? What was memorable?
- What have you learned after reading this book? Has it broadened your perspective about a difficult issue—personal or societal? Has it introduced you to a culture in another country...or an ethnic or regional culture in your own country?

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