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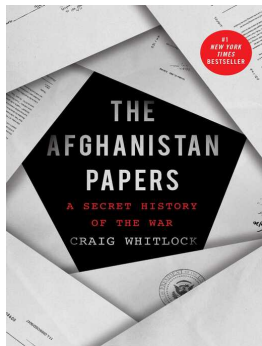
“Awami Attan” by Naghma

Naghma Shaperai is an Afghan singer who started her career in the early 1980’s. She sings mostly in Pashto, but has also recorded in Dari.

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Non-fiction



“The Afghanistan Papers : a secret history of the war” by Craig Whitlock, The Washington Post

A Washington Post Best Book of 2021

The #1 New York Times bestselling investigative story of how three successive presidents and their military commanders deceived the public year after year about America's longest war, foreshadowing the Taliban's recapture of Afghanistan, by Washington Post reporter and three-time Pulitzer Prize finalist Craig Whitlock.

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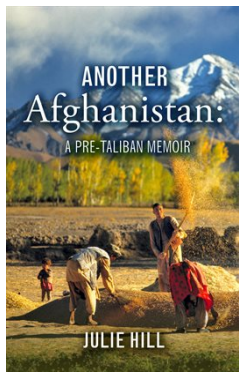
“Sparks like stars” by Nadia Hashimi

An Afghan American woman returns to Kabul to learn the truth about her family and the tragedy that destroyed their lives in this brilliant and compelling novel from the bestselling author of *The Pearl That Broke Its Shell*, *The House Without Windows*, and *When the Moon Is Low*.



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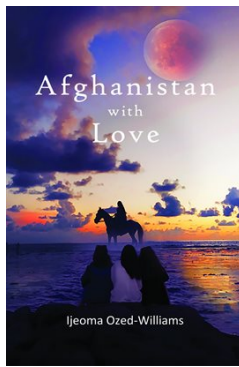
Biography



“Another Afghanistan: a Pre-Taliban Memoir” by Julie Hill.

Another Afghanistan: A Pre-Taliban Memoir is set in the mid-1970s, when Julie Hill was posted with her husband, a United Nations Development Program Representative in Kabul, in between the fall of the old monarchy and the takeover of the country by the Taliban in the 1990s. The book fills a void in what most people know about that country, which has been largely defined by the excesses of the Taliban and the politics of the US and the old Soviet Union.

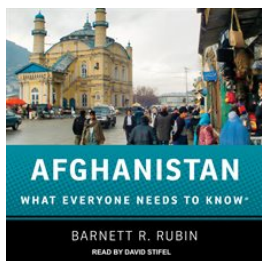
Non-Fiction



“Afghanistan With Love”

Three young women go to help rebuild Afghanistan for different personal reasons. Their mission is largely successful until they are kidnapped. In meeting with the natives - both the good and the bad, and in interacting with one another in good times, and bad times, they discover love beyond themselves. Overshadowing them is an Afghan warrior-princess, who is as much a part of the controversies in the land as she becomes a part of theirs. There is hope in the midst of hopelessness, of joy in the midst of sorrows, and of love and forgiveness in the midst of all the carnage.

Audiobook



“Afghanistan” by Barnett R. Rubin, read by David Stifel

Afghanistan, a landlocked country in Central Asia, has improbably been at the center of international geopolitics for four decades. After providing a concise history of Afghanistan, Barnett R. Rubin explores the various peoples and cultures of the country and its relations with neighbors like Pakistan and Iran. He also provides an authoritative overview of the conflicts that have plagued the country since the Soviet invasion. He explains why Afghanistan matters and what its future might look like.



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Movie

The poster for the movie 'The Kite Runner' features a colorful kite flying in a blue sky with white clouds. The title 'THE KITE RUNNER' is written in large, bold, black letters. A quote at the top reads, 'There is a way to be good again.'	<p>“The Kite Runner” director Marc Forster, 2007, 2h07 min.</p> <p>Haiti, five years after the earthquake... In a coastal town forgotten by the rest of the world, the sea is gaining ground and although the memories of the great disaster still haunts the villagers, life must go on... Shot in the mist and sunlight, Ayiti Mon Amour is the story of old wounds that need healing in order to begin anew.</p>
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Documentary

The poster for the documentary 'The Taliban Five' shows a man in a white shirt and a black turban. The title 'THE TALIBAN FIVE' is written in large, bold, black letters. Below the title, it says 'An unprecedented interview with Muhammad Nabi Omari'.	<p>“The Taliban Five” director Jean-Baptiste Renaud, Sonia Ghezali, 2021, 60 min.</p> <p>Now that the Taliban have retaken Afghanistan, what will their administration be like? In this exclusive film, including an unprecedented interview with Muhammad Nabi Omari, one of the notorious ‘TALIBAN FIVE’, we see how the destinies of these five men summed up 20 years of war in Afghanistan. And how these same men will probably shape the next Taliban government.</p>
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