Summary

I read the book the *Breadwinner*. This book is about a little Afghan girl named Parvana who lives with her once rich family. Then the Taliban came to power and everything in their lives changed. Her father gets arrested, so she has to cut her hair, change into boys clothes and work in the marketplace. She does this in order to get money for her family since women are not allowed to work, so her mother isn’t allowed to work and her father is in jail.

When she is working in the marketplace, she meets a friend from school named Shauzia, who also works in the market. The work together and sell cigarettes and become really close and good friends. Her friend helps her through all her problems and helps her find solution.

A few weeks later, Parvana’s father returns from prison. A few weeks after that, the Taliban conquers and massacres the inhabitants. Since Parvana’s mother is still there, Parvana and her father go back to find her mother.

This book is mainly about the journey about acting like a boy in order to get money for her family, dealing with her father in jail and looking for her mother.

Recommendation

I personally did not like this book at all. There were some interesting parts, but not many. I didn’t like it because it was very boring and dull. It seemed like the book was going on and on about finding her mother and dealing with her father in jail, but it made the book adventurous.

I thought it was dull because it was a lot about their country being under the control of the Taliban and that wasn’t a big interest to me.

I would recommend this book to anyone interested in Afghanistan culture. Also if you like slower moving books this would be perfect. I would also recommend this book to anyone who likes adventurous books.

The good thing about this book was its adventure. The book was adventurous because her dad was put in prison, so she had to deal with that. Also because when the Taliban came to power everything in their lives changed. It changed because her mother was not able to work anymore because women were not allowed to work.

Pavana herself then had to change into a boy because there was no other way to provide for her family with her dad in jail. Those were the only parts that made the book interesting. Another thing that happened was when the Taliban conquer and massacre the inhabitants her father and her go to look for her mother after her father gets out of jail. Her mother was left behind during the massacre. Overall it was a very interesting, but dull book.