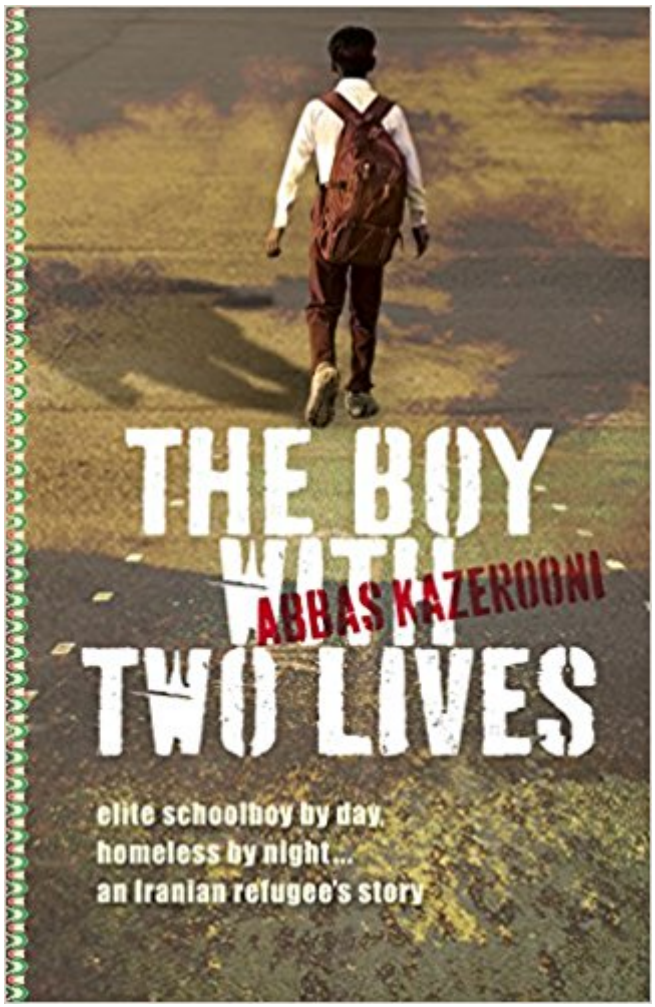
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The Boy With Two Lives



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Synopsis

When 10-year-old Abbas arrives in England having just fled conscription into the Iranian army and survived almost three months alone in Istanbul waiting for a visa, little does he know that his troubles have only just begun. His cousin packs him off to boarding school, infrequent phone calls are his only contact with his beloved mother, and he eventually finds himself homeless at the age of 13. Abbas's extraordinary resilience in the face of overpowering odds makes this story, based on true events, inspiring and unforgettable.

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Gr 8 UpÃ¢â ¬â •Kazerooni recounts his experience as a 10-year-old Iranian refugee beginning a new life at a British boarding school. Readers follow along as he adapts to being a new student: learning the English language, adjusting to British culture, and making friends. Unfortunately, he has a neglectful and abusive guardian who offers little support. During the holidays, Kazerooni is forced to work making sandwiches and live on his own in a small building. He finds relief only through infrequent calls to his mother and the kindness of his guardian’s in-laws, who take him in during the holidays and provide him treats and money. When it is time to go to high school, Kazerooni wins a scholarship, but his guardian’s neglect eventually leads to Kazerooni’s homelessness at night even as he attends an elite school by day, forcing him to take care of himself, alone. Readers not familiar with Kazerooni’s previous work may be lost at the beginning of the book, as there is no previous history presented. However, the narrative becomes more compelling as it details the highs and lows of the author’s boarding school life and his eventual homelessness. He tells his story with candor,

and his resourcefulness and resolve in a terrible situation are inspiring. VERDICT This fitting sequel to Kazerooni’s previous memoir should appeal to high schoolers and young adults looking for an uplifting survival story.Ã¢â ¬â •Margaret Nunes, Gwinnett County Public Library, GA

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Not only did I love it, my 7-year-old did too. We also bought the sequel and enjoyed those as well. I wish these titles could make it onto school reading lists. Engaging, fast-paced and you root for Abbas the entire way.

Enjoyed the book so much - Tragic story with a wonderful ending.

Good to know what happened after he fled his country.

Both are great .

This book is an autobiography that begins when a ten-year-old Iranian boy is sent to a British boarding school. This is actually the second book in his story. In the first book, he tells of how his parents got him out of Iran and over to Turkey at the age of eight. This picks up a few years later and tells his story throughout his school career.I found it painful to read the best comparison I can come up with is that I had the same feeling reading AngelaÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s Ashes many years ago. Some people seem to get the short end of the stick in life continually. ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s just one terrible tragedy after another. After working so hard tp get him into the school so that he can get an education his mother dies. His father is distant, and it really is an Oliver Twist type tale after that-only itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s true.It was engaging but just so gloomy. I need to read a feel good book now.I borrowed this book from the Chicago Public Library to review it for the Cybils Awards.

I read Abbas’ first book then immediately picked up this one, and now I need to know what happened after England! I couldn’t put this book down. How a young boy could endure and thrive under the circumstances he had to live with is beyond my comprehension. In the first book, On Two Feet and Wings, his parents get him out of Iran when he is 8 years old, about to turn 9, so he won’t be taken into the army. What? I live in the US! 9 year olds don’t go in the army! Anyway, his dear

mother was initially supposed to go with him to Turkey but at the last minute she isn't allowed to leave. She and his father push him to go on his own. Istanbul wasn't easy, but he did have nice people who helped him along the way. Then he goes to England and is sponsored by a guardian relative named Mehdi (may he rot in Hell). I was amazed at Abbas' strength and resilience. I know he is now a lawyer in California and is licensed in several states to practice law. How did he get here? How did he become a lawyer? I need book 3!

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