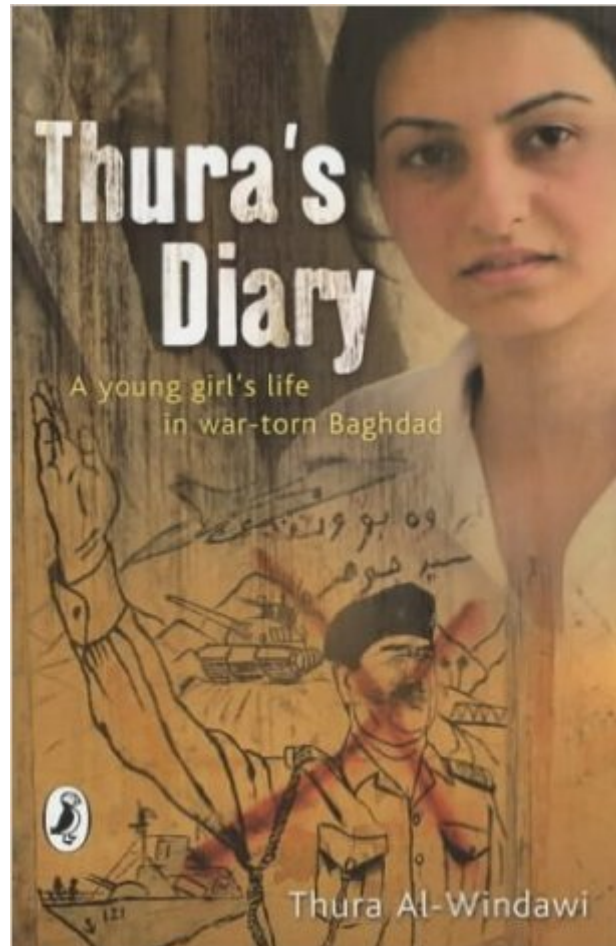


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# Thura's Diary



## Synopsis

What would it really be like to live through the bombing of Baghdad? This poignant diary is a first-hand account of a family in a city living under attack. Written by 19-year-old Thura al-Windawi, it describes the chaos and destruction around her. Her younger sister Sama, who is seven, "keeps drawing guns...before she drew ladies in dresses". She describes a handsome American soldier: "he's got beautiful sunglasses...but I think he's probably a monster". Thura must also face the death of her childhood friend, Freday, killed during the bombing: "I feel shocked, like part of me is dying, too".

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THURA'S DIARY: My Life in Wartime Iraq\*\*\*\*\* It tells the true story of the suffering endured through the bombing of Baghdad, June 17, 2004I believe the uniqueness of this diary will fascinate readers of all ages. Thura wrote in her Diary " ...and every time a plane goes over our house the noise is indiscrivable-unles you live with it, you cannot know it."Iraqi people of all ages have suffered for over 40 years. The suffering varied in intensity and kind. Thura's and my experience are not different from those of other Iraqis. Like millions others I found it lifesaving to depart in 1982 my birth place, Baghdad, and since then I was not able to return back.Thura was a 19 years teenager who found writing a diary is a way to control her chaotic war surroundings. Furthermore, the environment under which Iraqi children grew up is completely different from that in the West, one has to be careful what thoughts can be safe and sound to express. Hence, the short of substance and material some noted in Thura's diary should be excusable.I found the diary rich with love and feelings towards her country, her younger sisters, parents, friends and all the people who were suffering from the war.

She eloquently described the terrifying events she witnessed from 15th March, 2003 until the 26th of August when she was fortunate to be escorted out of Baghdad to America to finish her education and fulfilling her and her parent's dreams. One needs not to say again that millions of Iraqis of all ages have been living in hell that started decays ago. But keeping a diary by a 19 years old girl while her town, Baghdad, is bombarded and missiles flying over her home is a commendable effort. She took a real risk by starting this diary not knowing what the future will be.

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