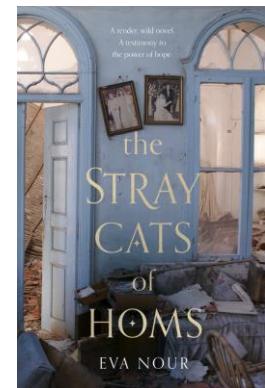


THE STRAY CATS OF HOMS

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Sami was born and brought up in Homs in Syria. This is the story of his life as he told it to Eva whom he encountered when he was living as a refugee in Paris. We learn what life was (and still is) like in Syria during the civil war and why many families left. Sami's family stayed for a long time: he escaped, despite many difficulties, on his own. His family is still in Syria. Eva is a Swedish journalist who was sent to France to report on the terror attacks in 2015

Sami and Eva are not their real names, as to divulge them could lead to repercussions for those still living in Syria. The book is definitely 'moreish', but sometimes I had to put it to one side: it was too harrowing to continue. The story puts into perspective, and brings to life, the many TV images we have experienced.

I will not tell you more because I could not do justice to Sami's story in a few words. I would recommend that you begin by reading "A note from the author" at the end of the book before you begin on the story itself. It is available on Kindle as well as in print.

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