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Description:

From Set against the backdrop of the Iran-Iraq War, Delijan's story tells of an interrelated group of Iranians, all of whom are negatively affected by the country's fundamentalist regime. Azar gives birth in prison only to have her daughter cruelly taken away months later. Leila sacrifices her life as an independent factory worker to raise the children of her two imprisoned sisters. Amir, an imprisoned father, constructs a bracelet for his young daughter out of discarded date pits. We revisit some of the same characters in the present day as they grapple with the excitement, hope, and turmoil following the 2009 Iranian presidential election. At the center of it all is the jacaranda tree, whose physical presence represents the beauty of the land and inner strength of its people, while its pungent and inescapable smell signifies the regime's suffocating control of its citizens. Filled with

compelling characters and poetic language, this beautiful and poignant novel highlights the unbreakable bond between parent and child, and a people's passionate dedication to their homeland, despite its many flaws. --Kerri Price --This text refers to the edition.

Review "Set in post-revolutionary Iran, Delijani's gripping novel is a blistering indictment of tyranny, a poignant tribute to those who bear the scars of it, and a celebration of the human heart's eternal yearning for freedom."

(Khaled Hosseini, author of *The Kite Runner* and *And the Mountains Echoed*)

"Delijani is exceptionally talented as a writer, and the subject matter is both compelling and timely.... [A] searing and somber slice-of-life novel, centered around children whose parents were singled out for persecution by the Iranian government... [Delijani] scores a win with her grittiness and uncompromising realism."

(*Kirkus Reviews*)

"Filled with compelling characters and poetic language, this beautiful and poignant novel highlights the unbreakable bond between parent and child, and a people's passionate dedication to their homeland, despite its many flaws."

(Booklist)

"Heartbreakingly heroic."

(*Publishers Weekly*)

"This deeply personal account of the rich, lustrous tapestry of life, family, love and searing loss amid the Iranian revolution moved me to tears more than once. Like the characters of *Children Of The Jacaranda Tree*, Delijani herself is a revolutionary: a fiercely brave, beautiful and unflinching new voice."

(Abigail Tarttelin, author of *Golden Boy*)

"The way [Delijani] describes the tensions between young people in love is extraordinary."

(*Associated Press*)

"Delijani's debut is full of rich characters, meticulously developed. Their authenticity draws the reader into their experiences, making it difficult to remain unaffected.... *Children of the Jacaranda Tree* is an enlightening look at—and a reminder of—the individual human element in the larger movements of politics and history. Given its autobiographical roots, *Children of the Jacaranda Tree* is an especially admirable and brave debut."

(*ShelfAwareness.com*)

"*Children of the Jacaranda Tree* is a beautifully rendered tale that reads almost like a collection of connected short stories, with characters' perspectives and histories being unveiled as they intersect with one another."

(*BookPage*)

"A literary triumph.... Incredibly, Delijani manages to convey so much in her gorgeous, gripping debut novel. The result is a striking portrait of Iranian life that is as intimate and magical as the Jacaranda tree itself."

(*Bustle.com*)

"Delijani shows us again and again that regaining a childhood is impossible; death stories take that away. She shows that there is rarely a time for going back. Choices are made, lovers must leave, and

secrets remain. The truths of the book are truths of our own lives. The hope that Delijani offers to us is that the next generation will understand the gifts and sacrifices made for them and go forward... *Children of the Jacaranda Tree* is worth talking about, passing on to a friend, and re-reading for its beauty."

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