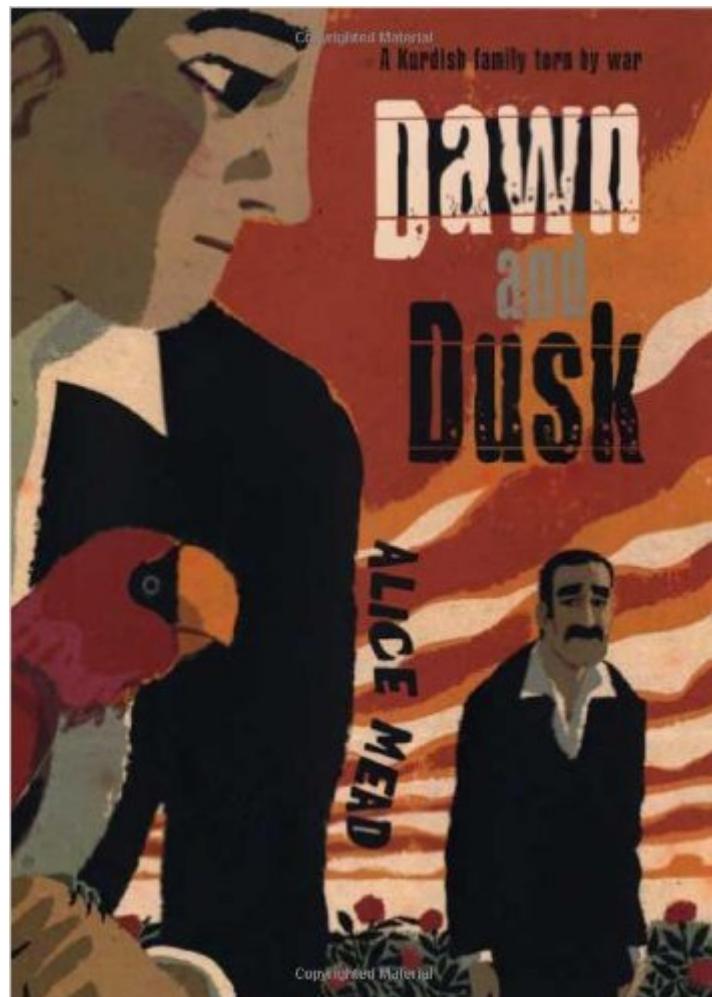


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DAWN AND DUSK by Alice Mead is a compelling work of fiction that is a timely read for youth of the 21st Century. Azad is a pre-teen, Kurdish boy living in Iran along the Iraq border in the late '80's during the Iran-Iraq war. To make the lives of his people even more trying, the Kurds are despised

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