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A Novel by Somia Sadiq

WITH STUNNING LYRICISM, *GAJARAH* TELLS THE STORY OF A FEARLESS WOMAN TORN BETWEEN TWO WORLDS—PAKISTAN AND CANADA—WHOSE LIFE IS UPENDED BY SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

Emahn is big-haired, mischievous, and larger than life. Born in the Arabian Gulf, she spends extended summers with her grandparents, aunties, and cousins on the rooftops of Lahore. But tucked away beneath her spirited exterior, Emahn carries the weight of childhood trauma. When she marries and moves to Canada, she quickly learns the art of navigating multiple realities, and compartmentalizing memories of the world she left behind, even as she clings to the stories of her home. She is resilient, she is driven, she is unbreakable. Almost.

When tragedy strikes, Emahn must draw upon the deepest wells of her ancestral strength to survive, even if it means revisiting her gutting past. Braided together with prose, poetry, and mythical parables, *Gajarah* confronts the realities of forgiveness and justice, and asks what it means to belong to a land that so forcefully pushes one away.



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