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“An ambitious novel of an Iranian woman’s personal and professional struggles during a time of war and unrest...Powell does a good job of capturing the intense emotions of a very dramatic time...a captivating plot with a well-developed protagonist.”

—Kirkus Reviews

“I thoroughly enjoyed reading Roxana’s Revolution, a gripping story of individuals caught in events both inexplicable and out of control. We see the characters pulled between desire for something better for their beloved homeland and the growing knowledge that even worse is waiting for them, their friends, and their families. Eventually reality overwhelms, as it always does, even the most fervent hopes.

—John Limbert

When the media frenzy over the hostage crisis of 1979 worsens and anti-Iranian sentiment surges all over the United States, Roxana, a Wall Street attorney has no choice but to return to Iran. During a stop in Paris, she meets Steve Radcliff, an American reporter with a tenacious attraction to her. Back in Tehran, where circumstances are nothing less than volatile, Roxana learns that revolutions while exciting and historic on pages of a book are painful to endure. As one crisis after other spins out of control, the government imposes wearing of a mandatory veil. This harsh revolutionary rule and Saddam Hussein’s invasion of Iran diminish Roxana’s hope to have a normal life. She rejects Steve’s marriage proposal and refuses to leave Iran with him. But a near-death experience and loss of her freedom in a border-sealed Iran propel her to enter a marriage doomed from its inception.

In this novel, an Iranian woman’s life comes full circle as she takes a journey through Europe, and back to the United States. A dire situation takes Roxana back to Paris where a life-altering surprise is waiting for her.

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John Naylor says

I received this book for free via Goodreads First Reads.

I have had this book in my possession for over a year and a half so I apologise to the author for not getting to it sooner.

This is not an easy review to do. I could talk about the inequality in both Iranian and American judicial processes when women are involved. It actually would be topical for me to do so.

I could talk about spousal abuse and why some women suffer it so not to lose custody of their children. I could talk about a lot of issues that this book raises and raises well.

The fact is that I found this book as one of the most thought provoking reads I have had in a long time. It raises issues about the Iranian Revolution and the Iran/Iraq war that many westerners are unaware of. It deals with the before, during and aftermath of these things expertly. It deals with the hatred some Americans have for other races and how some religions and cultures have been excluded from the USA before.

There are a lot of reasons to read this book. I would recommend that as many people as possible do. A definite 5 star read and a huge recommendation.

Kirsty says

I won this book through Goodreads First Reads. Review to follow.

Pat says

the story really resonated with me; thanks goodreads!
