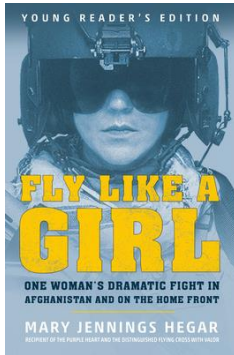
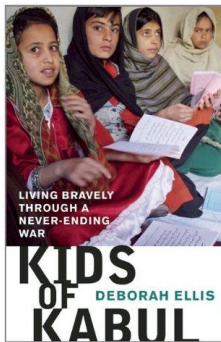


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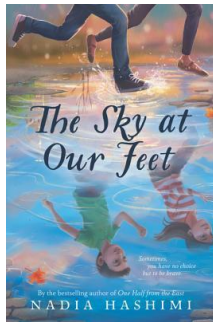
Mary Jennings Hegar – [*Fly Like a Girl*](#) (TEEN 921 HEGAR 2021)

Major Mary Jennings Hegar is an American soldier who served in the Air National Guard in Afghanistan. In 2009, her plane was shot down while on a mission. Although she was wounded, she survived, and received awards for bravery for her service. She also made it her personal mission to campaign for women to be able to serve openly on the front lines of battles in American wars. This is her story of fighting for freedom, and fighting for equality for women.



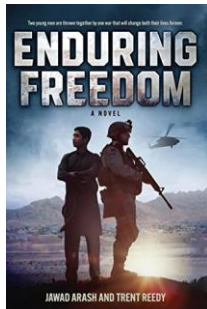
Ellis, Deborah – [*Kids of Kabul: Living Bravely Through a Never-Ending War*](#) (TEEN 305.235 ELL 2018)

In 2011, Deborah Ellis went to Kabul to find out what has happened to Afghanistan's children since the fall of the Taliban in 2001. She interviewed children who spoke about their lives now. They are still living in a country torn apart by war. Violence and oppression still exist, particularly affecting the lives of girls, but the kids are weathering their lives with courage and optimism.



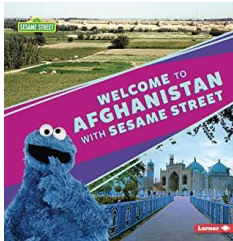
Nadia Hashimi – [*The Sky at Our Feet*](#) (J HAS 2018)

Jason has just learned that his Afghan mother has been living illegally in the United States since his father was killed in Afghanistan. Although Jason was born in the US, it's hard to feel American now when he's terrified that his mother will be discovered—and that they will be separated. When he sees his mother being escorted from her workplace by two officers, Jason feels completely alone. He boards a train with the hope of finding his aunt in New York City, but as soon as he arrives in Penn Station, the bustling city makes him wonder if he's overestimated what he can do. After an accident lands him in the hospital, Jason finds an unlikely ally in a fellow patient. Max, a whip-smart girl who wants nothing more than to explore the world on her own terms, joins Jason in planning a daring escape out of the hospital and into the skyscraper jungle—even though they both know that no matter how big New York City is, they won't be able to run forever.



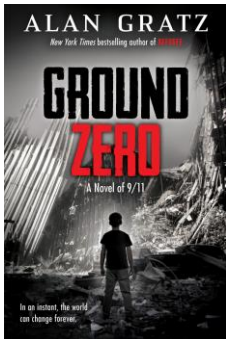
Jawad Arash – [*Enduring Freedom*](#) (TEEN ARA 2021)

In this dual-narrative tale, a teenage American army private and an Afghan boy living under the horrors of the Taliban, caught on separate sides of the world during the tumultuous times leading up to and following 9/11, come to discover how much more they have in common than they ever could have imagined.



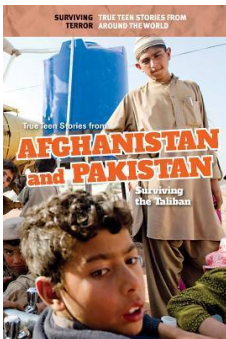
Christy Peterson – [Welcome to Afghanistan with Sesame Street](#) (E 958.1 PET 2021)

Our friends at Sesame Street are ready to introduce us to the beautiful country of Afghanistan! Learn about everyday life in Afghanistan, from the food markets, to the beautiful countryside. This book features lots of fun pictures and infographics that make learning accessible to even the youngest readers.



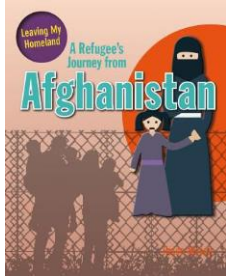
Alan Gratz – [Ground Zero](#) (J GRA 2021)

This book shares the stories of two children experiencing 9/11 and its legacy, in very different ways. Brandon is a nine-year-old boy who gets to go to work with his dad on September 11, 2001. They are in the World Trade Center in New York when the planes hit. He and the other people in the building must work together if they want to stay alive. Reshima is an eleven-year-old girl who lives in present-day Afghanistan. The war has been part of her everyday life, and she dreams of peace. When she finds an American soldier who is wounded, she invites him home to get help – and puts her whole family in danger.



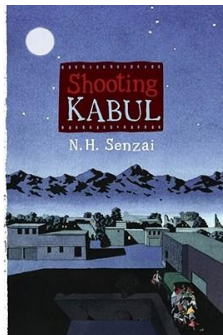
Cassandra Schumacher - [True teen stories from Afghanistan and Pakistan : surviving the Taliban](#) (TEEN 958.1047 SCH 2018)

The teens in this book are sharing their stories of what it has been like to grow up in Afghanistan and Pakistan under the rule of the Taliban. This terrorist group has been in power in these countries since the 1990s. They are strict enforcers of radical Islamic law, and are quick to punish people who have broken the rules. In particular, they are strict about what girls are or are not allowed to do, and many girls cannot receive the education they want. Here, teenagers are sharing stories of being attacked by armed soldiers, having their movement limited, and resisting injustice.



Helen Mason – [A Refugee's Journey from Afghanistan](#) (J 362.7791 MAS 2017)

Sonita's family lived in a refugee camp in Pakistan when she was born. They had originally lived in Afghanistan, but they had to flee when their country was no longer safe enough for them to live in. When they leave the refugee camp to try to go back home to Afghanistan, they face a new batch of challenges. This book makes the refugee experience personal, explaining displacement in a way that children can understand.



N. H. Senzai – [Shooting Kabul](#) (J SEN 2010)

Fadi is twelve years old when his parents decide that Afghanistan is too dangerous for them to stay in. They plan to move to the United States. As they're getting ready to leave, his sister gets accidentally left behind. This is a story of trying to adjust to living in a new country, being separated from family, and longing for home.

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