



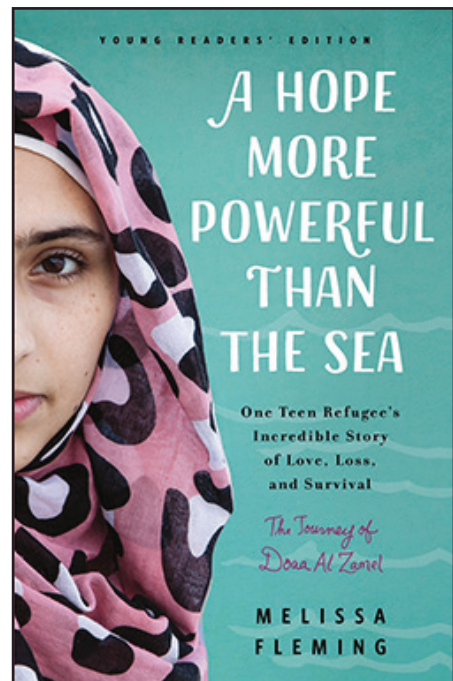
## A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea

by *Melissa Fleming*

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### Booktalk!

When Doaa was born in Syria, a family friend declared that “this one is special.” Boys were considered more valuable than girls, but from an early age, Doaa was resourceful and independent. Although shy as a young child, her ferocious stubbornness protected her. And as a teenager, Doaa saw the flames of revolt spread across the Middle East. She began to participate in secret demonstrations, but when Doaa saw her government shooting its own people, would she agree to flee Syria with her family?



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