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Many Identities, One Life: Author Janis Sultan Lays Bare the Experiences of Immigrants and Those Who Help Them in *Brothers and Strangers: A German-Iraqi Memoir*

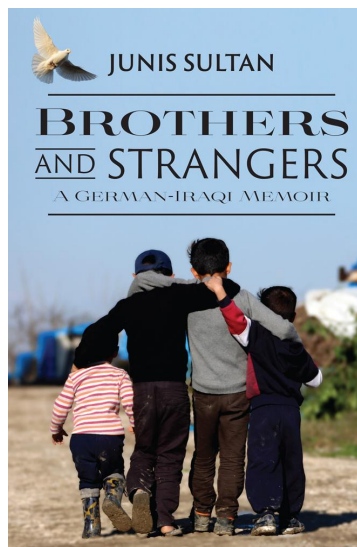
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“A heartbreaking story of loss, violence, and the quest for identity. . . . This thoughtful and honest account of the consequences of migration on individual lives and families reminds us that we all have a responsibility in building a world in which everyone can prosper.”

- Lena Hartz, *Routed* magazine

[Brandylane Publishers, Inc.](#) of Richmond, Virginia, is excited to announce the upcoming release of a new memoir, *Brothers and Strangers: A German-Iraqi Memoir*, written by Junis Sultan.

“*Growing up, I often wondered whether my skin looked brown or white.*” In this intimate portrait, German-Iraqi immigrant Junis Sultan reflects on his family’s journey from Iraq to Germany and beyond as refugees searching for a place in the world. A brilliantly written and deeply moving story that demonstrates how love and friendship can triumph over political propaganda and hatred, *Brothers and Strangers* is scheduled for release on January 11, 2022.



Born in Mosul, Iraq, to a wealthy intercultural family, Junis Sultan’s happy, privileged childhood is abruptly cut short by the start of the Gulf War in 1991. With their home destroyed, Junis’s

family flees to Germany, settling in a small conservative town near Frankfurt. As his family struggles to adapt to their new circumstances, Junis finds himself increasingly torn between two worlds—fighting to carve out an identity for himself between his family’s expectations and a culture that demands his assimilation. After the 9/11 terror attacks, Junis begins to keep a diary, in which he reflects on questions of family, friendship, religion, and politics. These deep insights gradually expand beyond cultural borders, as Junis begins to explore the universal human needs for bonding and freedom.

Brothers and Strangers is a unique, heartfelt memoir of endurance, forgiveness, and self-actualization, offering a timely message about the importance of acting with openness and love in a global reality.

About the Author

[Junis Sultan](#) teaches politics, economics, and English near Frankfurt, Germany. He studied as a Horizonte and Fulbright scholarship holder at Goethe University, Frankfurt, and California State University, Fullerton. Parts of his debut memoir were put on stage in the German National Library, Frankfurt. His memoir was also a finalist of the 2019 Restless Books contest for New Immigrant Writing. Junis is currently studying to receive his doctorate in modern political theory at the University of Heidelberg.

Interviews available upon request.

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Brothers and Strangers: A German-Iraqi Memoir (paperback, 330 pages, \$19.95) is available for pre-order from [Amazon](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), and other fine booksellers. Kindle e-book (retail \$4.99) forthcoming.