



BROTHERS AND STRANGERS

A GERMAN-IRAQI MEMOIR

JUNIS SULTAN

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.



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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

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