



Strangers in Jerusalem Kerry Olitzky, Inas Younis

After many years, Leila is back in her birthplace, Jerusalem, and she's on a mission. Before she left for the Holy Land, Leila promised that she'd say a healing prayer for her best friend back home, even though Leila is Muslim and has never prayed in a Christian church. While making her way through the crooked streets in the Old City of Jerusalem, Leila meets Asma and Rachel, two girls also trying to find holy sites of religions that are different from their own. Together, they'll discover that Jerusalem is perhaps the most special and welcoming place in the world.



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