

Mina

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I dedicate this book to my great grandparents,grandparents, and my mom .

Mina is a brave,joyful,kind,intelligent,she has a high spirit,and she has high hopes for everyone.

Mina's grandfather was one of the three educated people in his town.He wanted to spread knowledge,so he opened the first school in his town.He

was the father of 5 kids,all of them joined the same school.One of them was Mina's father.When her father finished elementary school,her grandfather passed away.Life got hard for her grandmother,so she moved to the city of Kabul.After Mina' father graduated from high school,he joined the army and got married.God blessed him with 7 kids.

One of them was beautiful little Mina.By the time Mina was 5,the war in Afghanistan got worse,so they migrated to Peshawar,Pakistan.Living life as an Afghan refugee was not

easy ,because of economic difficulty and language.Little Mina and her siblings loved to go to school,but they couldn't go to school because of financial difficulties,so their parents started home schooling them .

After 2 years her dad opened an elementary school.Little Mina and most of the Afghan refugees kids came to the school.The kids were full with joy because they could learn and play in a safe environment.Little Mina spent all her teen years in Peshawar,Pakistan.

She got engaged when she was 16 years old. At the age of 18 she got married, and she had to move with her husband to the U.S.A. She had never traveled outside her city, so it was challenging for her to travel alone from Pakistan to the U.S. Although she never traveled outside the country and didn't know a word of English, she made it to the U.S. and that's how she started her married life. Her marriage was an arranged marriage, and she had never seen her fiancé before.

She had an abusive marriage, and then God blessed her with 2 beautiful girls. Life was getting harder for her as a victim of abuse. Since she didn't know her rights as a residence of U.S, she had to put up with the abusive marriage. But she was strong and she believed, she knew that she would find a way out for her and her little girls. When the right time came she got separated and started a new life. She became independant and she lived happily with her 2 little princesses.

“She learned from her life that you have to be strong and patient until the right time comes,there is a way for every difficulty.”