

# Safiyyah's War

## GLOSSARY

### Chapter 1 –

D'accord: French for 'Okay' or 'Agree'

Inevitable: Something that can't be avoided

Arrondissement: A section of Paris

### Chapter 2 –

Yemma: Arabic for mother

Setti: Arabic for older man or father

Serene: Calm and peaceful

### Chapter 3 –

Fajr – Dawn, when the sun rises. This is a time when Muslims pray.

Imam – Someone who leads Muslims in prayer

Masha'Allah – An Arabic phrase meaning 'God has allowed it' to celebrate something.

Insha'Allah – An Arabic phrase meaning 'If God allows it' to wish for something.

### Chapter 4 –

Maman – French for mum

Chateau – A large, French house

Synagogue – A Jewish building of worship

### Chapter 5 –

Consulting – Asking for expert advice

Descended – Lowered, went down

Engulfed – Swallowing, taking in

### Chapter 6 –

Latitudes – The measurement of how North and South a country is

Regiments – A group or unit in the army

Oppressors – A person in power who treats others badly

### Chapter 7 –

L'heure Bleue – French for 'the Blue Hour' for the early morning or late evening when the sky is blue.

Front Line – Where the fighting happens in a war.

Patronised – Talking down to someone kindly but that makes them feel foolish.

### Chapter 8 –

Air raid – an attack where bombs are dropped on the target

Interspersed – Spread in-between things, for example noises spread between each other 'beep honk beep honk'

Relentlessly – extreme way without stopping.

### Chapter 9 –

Quran – The holy book for Muslims

Fatigue – tiredness or exhaustion

Refugees – People who have moved in order to escape war or problems

### Chapter 10 –

Defiantly – Going against someone else, showing resistance

Glamorise – Making something glamorous, showing a negative thing in a positive way

Eloquence – Well-spoken and persuasive



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Rationing – Allowing someone to have small amounts of things, this is often done with food during war time

The Wireless – A mobile radio used during World War Two to listen to news or music

Preoccupied – Busy

### Chapter 12 –

Morale – the confidence in a group

Evacuation – Leaving an area for safety

Exasperated – Tired and frustrated

### Chapter 13 –

Picardy – An area in Northern France where there was a lot of fighting.

Nuns – Women who are committed to religion and don't marry

Stealthy – Sneaky and quietly

### Chapter 14 –

Scavenge – Searching for something out of thrown away goods

Mesmerised – Amazed by something, can't look away

Iridescent – Showing bright and shining colours

### Chapter 15 –

Disoriented – confused, dizzy, and unable to think clearly

Curfew – A time limit when you have to return home by

Congregation – A group of people, often a group for worship

### Chapter 16 –

Pillage – To steal from people especially during war

Concentration Camp – A place where people were imprisoned and killed during World War Two.

Kaleidoscope – a changing and colourful pattern of colours

### Chapter 17 –

Maniacal – Wild and uncontrollable behaviour

Ethical – Whether something is right or wrong

Serendipitously – Something happening by chance or luck

### Chapter 18 –

Ecosystems – A community of living plants and animals

Biodiversity – A range of living things in an area

Flabbergasted – Shocked and confused, not sure how to respond to someone

### Chapter 19 –

Interrogations – Harshly interviewed

Turmoil – Chaos and change

Immaculate – Perfect, clean, organised

### Chapter 20 –

Contorted – twisted or bent out of shape

Implored – Questioned and sought out information

Irreversibly – Unable to undo



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### Chapter 21 –

Ramadan – A holy month for Muslims involving fasting where Muslims do not eat during daylight hours

Deteriorated – Made worse or destroyed

Assalamu alaikum – An Arabic greeting meaning 'Peace'

### Chapter 22 –

Nonchalant – Casual, informal

Pedestrians – People walking from place to place, not driving

Wistful – dreaming and wishing for something

### Chapter 23 –

Sombre – Dark and dull, sad and serious

Legible – Able to be read

Subtly – Quietly and not obviously

### Chapter 24 –

Penalise – Punish or treat worse because of something

Contagious – Able to spread from one person to another, like a disease

Kabyle – A group of people from a place in Algeria in North Africa

### Chapter 25 –

Frantic – Rushed and panicked

Luscious – Pleasing, rich and lovely

Tentatively – Carefully

### Chapter 26 –

Concealed – Hidden carefully

Dignity – Being worth honour and respect

Dilapidated – Run down, not looked after

### Chapter 27 –

Miracles – An amazing thing that goes against logic and science

Traumatised – After something really awful happens, this is how someone feels

Renewed – Given a new chance, redone, continued

### Chapter 28 –

Imperceptibly – Without being noticed

Catacombs – an underground graveyard/cemetery, Paris is famous for a very large underground cemetery filled with skulls

Supplication – Begging and asking for help

### Chapter 29 –

Salaam – An Arabic greeting

Distraught – Really upset and unable to be helped

Crescent – The curved shaped of the moon

### Chapter 30 –

Constellations – Patterns in the stars such as Aries and Andromeda

Inconsolable - Really upset and unable to be helped

Tuberculosis – an infectious disease that causes coughing and lung problems



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### Chapter 31 –

Sympathetic – Feeling pity and sorrow for someone else

Audibly – Being able to be heard

Exquisite – Amazing, fancy, wonderful

### Chapter 32 –

Persistent – Never giving up

Ingenuity – Amazing, genius

Exodus – A book in the Bible and the Jewish Holy Book (Tanakh) about Jewish people escaping slavery and leaving Egypt

### Chapter 33 –

Savannahs – An open area of land without trees covering the view of the sky

Incriminating – Evidence that makes you look guilty

Muezzin – A man who starts a prayer for Muslims

### Chapter 34 –

Hijab – A cloth that some Muslim women wear to cover their hair for modesty and privacy

Oppressors – A person in power who treats others badly

Empowers – Making someone powerful

### Chapter 35 –

Eradicate – to get rid of and destroy completely

Covertly – Secretly, carefully without being noticed

Imminently – Very shortly, about to happen

### Chapter 36 –

Marvelled – Looked at in amazement

Composure – How well you present

Munshids – Arabic word for a singer or a song

### Chapter 37 –

Elated – Really happy and in high spirits

Minaret – A tower in a Mosque (holy building for Muslims) where a bell can ring to call people to come and pray

Cypress Trees – Trees that grow in Asia, North Africa and other warm places. They often represent mourning, growth and new beginnings.

