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"Evocative and hopeful," says Newbery Honor-Winner Rita Williams-Garcia of this intense survival story set during the Armenian genocide of 1915.

It is 1914, and the Ottoman Empire is crumbling into violence.

Beyond Anatolia, in the Armenian Highlands, Shahen Donabedian dreams of going to New York. Sosi, his twin sister, never wants to leave her home, especially now that she is in love. At first, only Papa, who counts Turks and Kurds among his closest friends, stands in Shahen's way. But when the Ottoman pashas set in motion their plans to eliminate all Armenians, neither twin has a choice.

After a horrifying attack leaves them orphaned, they flee into the mountains, carrying their little sister, Mariam. But the children are not alone. An eagle watches over them as they run at night and hide each day, making their way across mountain ridges and rivers red with blood.

A YALSA Best Fiction Nomination

A Notable Books for a Global Society Award Winner

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"I have walked through the remnants of the Armenian civilization in Palu and Chunkush, I have stood on the banks of the Euphrates. And still I was unprepared for how deeply moved I would be by Dana Walrath's poignant, unflinching evocation of the Armenian Genocide. Her beautiful poetry and deft storytelling stayed with me long after I had finished this powerful novel in verse." —**Chris Bohjalian**, author of *The Sandcastle Girls* and *Close Your Eyes, Hold Hands*

"A heartbreaking tale of familial love, blind trust, and the crushing of innocence. A fine and haunting work." —**Karen Hesse**, Newbery Medal-winning author of *Out of the Dust*

"This eloquent verse novel brings one of history's great tragedies to life." —**Margarita Engle**, Newbery Honor-winning author of *The Surrender Tree*

*"This beautiful, yet at times brutally vivid, historical verse novel will bring this horrifying, tragic period to life for astute, mature readers." —*School Library Journal*, **Starred**

"A **powerful** tale balancing the graphic reality of genocide with a shining spirit of hope and bravery in young refugees coming to terms with their world." —*Booklist*

"The **emotional impact** these events had on individuals will certainly resonate." —*Kirkus Reviews*

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