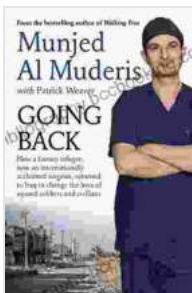


How Former Refugee Now An Internationally Acclaimed Surgeon Returned To Iraq To Give Back



Dr. Alaa Alwan was born in Baghdad, Iraq, in 1960. He grew up in a middle-class family, and his father was a doctor. Alaa was a bright student, and he excelled in math and science. He dreamed of becoming a doctor like his father, but his plans were derailed by the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq War in 1980.



Going Back: How a Former Refugee, Now an Internationally Acclaimed Surgeon, Returned to Iraq to Change the Lives of Injured Soldiers and Civilians

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Alaa was drafted into the Iraqi army, and he served for four years. During that time, he saw firsthand the horrors of war. He witnessed the death and destruction that war brings, and he was deeply affected by what he saw.

After the war, Alaa returned to Baghdad and resumed his studies. He graduated from medical school in 1989, and he began working as a surgeon. He quickly became one of the top surgeons in Iraq, and he was known for his skill and compassion.

In 1991, the Gulf War broke out. Alaa was once again drafted into the army, and he served for another four years. During that time, he saw even more death and destruction. He was also tortured by Iraqi soldiers.

After the Gulf War, Alaa fled Iraq and went to live in the United States. He was granted political asylum, and he began working as a surgeon in a hospital in New York City.

Alaa was a successful surgeon in the United States, but he never forgot his homeland. He longed to return to Iraq and help his people. In 2003, the United States invaded Iraq, and Alaa saw an opportunity to go home.

Alaa returned to Iraq in 2004, and he began working as a surgeon at a hospital in Baghdad. He also started a foundation to help provide medical care to poor Iraqis.

Alaa's work in Iraq is dangerous, but he is determined to help his people. He has been threatened by insurgents, and he has been kidnapped and tortured. But he refuses to be deterred.

Alaa's story is an inspiring one. He is a man who has overcome adversity to become a successful surgeon and a humanitarian. He is a role model for all who believe that anything is possible.

Alaa's story is told in his book, "The Scar of War: A Surgeon's Odyssey." The book is a powerful and moving account of Alaa's life and work. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the human cost of war.

Here is an excerpt from the book:

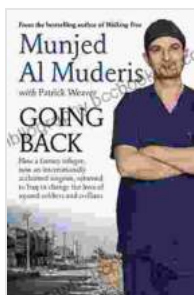


***“I have seen the worst that war can do. I have seen children killed and maimed. I have seen families torn apart. I have seen people driven to madness. But I have also seen the best that humanity has to offer. I have seen people who have lost everything but their hope. I have seen people who have risked their lives to help others. I have seen people who have forgiven their enemies.*”**

War is a terrible thing, but it can also bring out the best in people. It can make us more compassionate, more resilient,

and more determined. It can make us realize what is truly important in life."

Alaa's story is a reminder that even in the darkest of times, there is hope. He is a living example of the power of the human spirit.



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