

JINN IN THE FAMILY

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When a Western-trained psychologist returns to Zanzibar, the stories he once dismissed as superstition rise up to meet him—alive, layered, and rooted in blood.

Raised in Canada and shaped by science, he believed identity was a matter of will. But on his ancestral island, whispers of jinn and witches unearth a deeper truth—carved by exile, memory, and spirits that do not forget.

Told across two intertwined timelines—modernity and antiquity—*Jinn in the Family* blends poetic fiction with cultural myth, weaving Arab, African, and Indian lineages into a haunting story of inheritance. It asks: what is lost when diasporic people abandon identity and the unseen—and what might be reclaimed when we finally listen?

*More than folklore.
More than horror.
This is the story of
what lives in the quiet,
and what refuses to die.*



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PRAISE FOR JINN IN THE FAMILY

"This book is like a great meal, savour it."
Anthony Q. Farrell,
award-winning television writer (*The Office*, *Little Mosque*)

"A bold and necessary healing potion... a book that doesn't just tell stories—it resurrects them with purpose."

Dr. Ardavan Eizadirad, Wilfrid Laurier University

"At a time of deep intercultural fracture, this book builds bridges. It doesn't just entertain; it transforms."

Terry Macleod,
Former CBC Radio Journalist & Host



4.75 out of 5 Stars — Zainab Bint Yunus, *Muslim Book Reviews*



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