

SWIMMING *on the* LAWN by YASMIN HAMID

ABOUT THE BOOK

Told through the eyes of Farida, as well as her inquisitive sister and brothers, this is a beautiful story about growing up in Sudan. Sudanese culture and customs are brought to life, from the ubiquitous tea service and hearty breakfasts to the commemoration of Muslim holidays and the rites of birth and death. But a happy childhood spent in the capital and the rural villages of 1960s Sudan ends startlingly with a sudden military coup that changes the make-up of Farida's family forever.

Swimming on the Lawn is a powerful reminder that many children around the world are affected by war and are helpless against it.

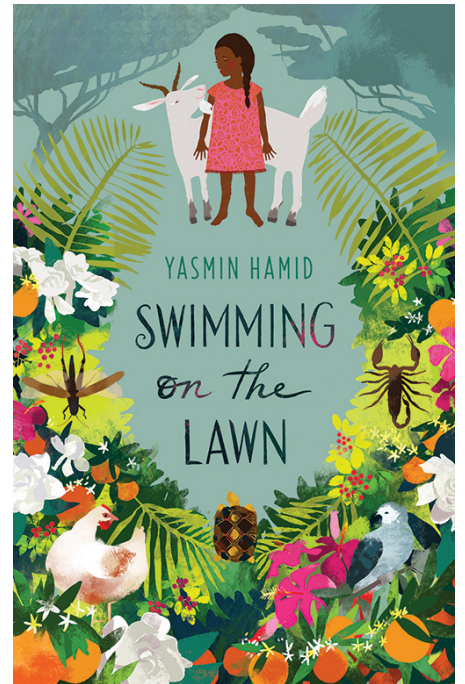
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Yasmin Hamid grew up in East Africa with her siblings, English mother and Sudanese father. She loves reading and has been in the same book club group for almost twenty-five years. She is happily married and has lived in Western Australia since 1988. This is her first novel for children.



KEY POINTS

- At a time when Australia's reaction to refugees and asylum seekers is ambiguous, this book makes a strong case for compassion and care.
- Told in short, standalone chapters in direct and unadorned prose, the book is perfect for teachers to use as excerpts in the classroom.
- Teaching notes available from fremantlepress.com.au and the book will be promoted via direct mail campaigns to state teaching associations,



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