



# Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America

By Galareh Asayesh

Download now

Read Online →

## Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America By Galareh Asayesh

This lyrical memoir evinces the author's passion for constructing an American life with the spiritual fervor and deeply aesthetic rituals that were part of her childhood in Iran. Asayesh, who immigrated to North Carolina as a girl, writes too of her struggle to arrive at an acceptable sexuality in the face of parental panic, and tells of her frustration, during later trips to post-Shah Iran, with "the sisters," the Ayatollah's ubiquitous enforcers of female modesty.

↓ [Download Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America ...pdf](#)

📄 [Read Online Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America ...pdf](#)

# Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America

By Galareh Asayesh

## Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America By Galareh Asayesh

This lyrical memoir evinces the author's passion for constructing an American life with the spiritual fervor and deeply aesthetic rituals that were part of her childhood in Iran. Asayesh, who immigrated to North Carolina as a girl, writes too of her struggle to arrive at an acceptable sexuality in the face of parental panic, and tells of her frustration, during later trips to post-Shah Iran, with "the sisters," the Ayatollah's ubiquitous enforcers of female modesty.

## Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America By Galareh Asayesh Bibliography

- Rank: #2223194 in Books
- Brand: Galareh Asayesh
- Published on: 2000-10-19
- Released on: 2000-10-19
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 8.50" h x .50" w x 5.56" l, .67 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 240 pages

 [Download Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America ...pdf](#)

## Editorial Review

From Library Journal

This lyrical memoir revisits still-important questions about immigration, race, and cultural assimilation. Asayesh, a journalist at the Miami Herald, emigrated from Iran to the United States as a young girl; now married and a parent, she finds herself mourning the loss of her old self and angry at Americans' anti-Iranian racism. Moving back and forth between past and present, she chronicles her life as a series of trips to and from Iran as a child who spoke no English, on the eve of the 1992 Gulf War as a green card-holding adult, and as the parent of a young biracial American citizen and in doing so, tells the story of both her family's and Iran's tumultuous recent history. This beautifully written narrative provides a rare, humanizing glimpse into the politics, culture, and geography of a place about which most Americans know shamefully little. Although slow-moving and seemingly plotless at times, this is for the most part a wonderful and timely tale. Recommended strongly for all libraries. Rachel Mattson, "Library Journal"

Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From [Booklist](#)

To have the spiritual culture of the East and the material luxuries of the West may seem like paradise, but Asayesh has spent her life trying to acclimate herself to such a situation--to be accepted in St. Petersburg, Florida, and to retain the language, religion, rituals, and ceremonies of Iran. As a girl and young woman, Asayesh longed to be considered cultivated and Western as opposed to the Eastern stereotype of backward and primitive. Now, in her thirties and a mother of two, she has maintained an Iranian culture within an American home. Asayesh reveals not only the prejudice she has faced in the U.S., but she explains how Iranians view their culture as inferior to that of the West. Asayesh draws from her childhood during the Shah's reign to objectively compare life in Iran before and after the 1978 revolution. She is even critical of herself. This emotional biographical journey is Asayesh's reclaiming of her heritage, a part of herself that she abandoned years ago. It is politically and historically informative and will help bridge the gap between East and West for many readers. *Michelle Kaske*

From Kirkus Reviews

The vibrant, discerning memoir of a young newspaper journalist which depicts her immigration from Iran in 1977, her assimilation into American culture as a teenager, and her return to her native country in October 1990 as war loomed over the Persian Gulf. What makes this work particularly effective is the manner in which Asayesh weaves her keen reporter's eye for objective detail with her almost poetic ability to describe and analyze her own emotional connection to the story. Her first-hand accounts of post-revolution Iran are as meticulous and perceptive as they are rare. With equal fascination, she describes revolutionary graffiti demanding the destruction of Israel and the end of women dressing in violation of religious law, military recruiting propaganda clips shown before movies, and her young relatives' fascination with American superstars like Madonna and Kim Wild. She resolves the tension dividing the Iranian population between the religious government and modern cosmopolitan ways into women's daily, sometimes hourly choice of headgear (should they wear the more fashionable, modern-looking scarf, or the more traditional chador which will keep them from drawing attention from the religious police?). The heart of this memoir, however, is set in America, not Iran. Asayesh's depiction of growing up in Chapel Hill and her attempt to negotiate her sexuality while caught between two worlds evokes a familiar theme of many immigrants arriving here from "traditional" cultures. Co-workers' reactions to her ethnicity will not surprise the millions of Arab-Americans who have fallen under a cloud of suspicion since the fall of the Shah in the 1970s. Her ongoing attempt to forge a living connection between her home country and her new identity as an American is a well-crafted rearticulation of the central theme of immigrant literature the world over. An especially topical

read considering the ongoing tension between the United States and much of the Arab world. -- *Copyright*  
©1999, *Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.*

## **Users Review**

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Numbers Harless:**

Throughout other case, little individuals like to read book *Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America*. You can choose the best book if you'd prefer reading a book. Given that we know about how is important any book *Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America*. You can add understanding and of course you can around the world by a book. Absolutely right, since from book you can understand everything! From your country right up until foreign or abroad you may be known. About simple thing until wonderful thing it is possible to know that. In this era, you can open a book as well as searching by internet system. It is called e-book. You can use it when you feel fed up to go to the library. Let's study.

#### **Crystal Freeman:**

The book *Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America* make one feel enjoy for your spare time. You should use to make your capable much more increase. Book can to get your best friend when you getting strain or having big problem together with your subject. If you can make looking at a book *Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America* to get your habit, you can get far more advantages, like add your current capable, increase your knowledge about a number of or all subjects. You could know everything if you like open and read a guide *Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America*. Kinds of book are a lot of. It means that, science guide or encyclopedia or other folks. So , how do you think about this e-book?

#### **Sam Dickson:**

Playing with family inside a park, coming to see the ocean world or hanging out with close friends is thing that usually you have done when you have spare time, then why you don't try point that really opposite from that. Just one activity that make you not experience tired but still relaxing, trilling like on roller coaster you are ride on and with addition associated with. Even you love *Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America*, you may enjoy both. It is great combination right, you still would like to miss it? What kind of hang type is it? Oh can happen its mind hangout folks. What? Still don't buy it, oh come on its called reading friends.

#### **Roberta Anglin:**

Your reading sixth sense will not betray anyone, why because this *Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America* publication written by well-known writer whose to say well how to make book that can be understand by anyone who have read the book. Written with good manner for you, dripping every ideas and creating skill only for eliminate your own hunger then you still doubt *Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America* as good book but not only by the cover but also through the content. This is one reserve that can break don't evaluate book by its deal with, so do you still needing a different sixth sense to pick this kind of!? Oh come on your reading through sixth sense already told you so why you have to listening to yet another

sixth sense.

**Download and Read Online Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America By Galareh Asayesh #0F4PLOJ382X**

## **Read Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America By Galareh Asayesh for online ebook**

Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America By Galareh Asayesh Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America By Galareh Asayesh books to read online.

### **Online Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America By Galareh Asayesh ebook PDF download**

**Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America By Galareh Asayesh Doc**

**Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America By Galareh Asayesh Mobipocket**

**Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America By Galareh Asayesh EPub**

**0F4PLOJ382X: Saffron Sky: A Life between Iran and America By Galareh Asayesh**