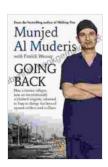
# From Refugee to Acclaimed Surgeon: A Doctor's Return to Iraq

Dr. Jassim Alwan's journey from refugee to internationally acclaimed surgeon is one of perseverance, compassion, and a deep commitment to giving back to his community.



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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Alwan was born in Baghdad, Iraq, in 1975. He grew up during a time of great turmoil and violence in his country. In 1991, when Alwan was just 16 years old, the Gulf War broke out. Alwan and his family were forced to flee Iraq and seek refuge in Jordan.

In Jordan, Alwan completed his high school education and went on to study medicine at the University of Jordan. He graduated in 2001 and began

working as a surgeon in a refugee camp. In 2004, Alwan was awarded a scholarship to study at the University of California, San Francisco. He completed his residency in surgery in 2009 and went on to become a faculty member at the university.

In 2014, Alwan made the difficult decision to leave his successful career in the United States and return to Iraq. He was driven by a desire to help his people rebuild their country and provide them with access to quality healthcare.

Since his return to Iraq, Alwan has been working as a surgeon at the Baghdad Teaching Hospital. He has also founded the Alwan Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides medical care to refugees and displaced people in Iraq.

Alwan's work in Iraq has been recognized by the international community. In 2016, he was named one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World. He has also received the Nansen Refugee Award from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Alwan's story is an inspiration to all who have been displaced by war or persecution. It is a story of perseverance, compassion, and a deep commitment to giving back to one's community.

#### Alwan's Return to Iraq

Alwan's decision to return to Iraq was a difficult one. He had built a successful career in the United States and had a comfortable life. But he felt a deep calling to help his people rebuild their country.

"I couldn't sit back and watch my people suffer," Alwan said. "I had to come back and help them."

Alwan knew that returning to Iraq would be dangerous. The country was still embroiled in a civil war, and sectarian violence was rampant. But he was determined to make a difference.

Alwan returned to Iraq in 2014 and began working as a surgeon at the Baghdad Teaching Hospital. He quickly realized that the need for medical care in Iraq was immense. The country's health care system had been devastated by years of war and violence.

In addition to his work at the hospital, Alwan also founded the Alwan Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides medical care to refugees and displaced people in Iraq. The foundation provides a range of services, including primary care, surgery, and mental health care.

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#### The Alwan Foundation

The Alwan Foundation was founded in 2014 by Dr. Jassim Alwan. The foundation's mission is to provide medical care to refugees and displaced people in Iraq.

The foundation provides a range of services, including primary care, surgery, and mental health care. The foundation also provides training for

Iraqi medical professionals.

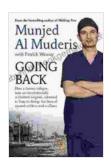
The Alwan Foundation has been instrumental in providing medical care to refugees and displaced people in Iraq. The foundation has helped to improve the health of thousands of people and has given them hope for a better future.

#### Alwan's Legacy

Dr. Jassim Alwan is a true hero. He is a skilled surgeon, a compassionate humanitarian, and a dedicated advocate for refugees and displaced people.

Alwan's work in Iraq has made a real difference in the lives of thousands of people. He has provided them with access to quality healthcare, and he has given them hope for a better future.

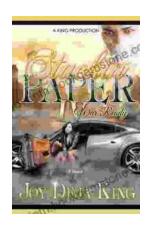
Alwan's legacy will live on long after he is gone. He is an inspiration to all who believe in the power of compassion and the importance of giving back to one's community.



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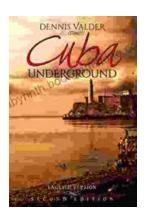
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