

# Nadia Hashimi

## Personal Bio

[Nadia Hashimi](#) is a pediatrician turned novelist who draws on her Afghan culture and heritage to craft internationally bestselling books. Her novels span generations and continents, taking on themes like forced migration, conflict, poverty, misogyny, colonialism, and addiction.

Nadia graduated from Brandeis University with degrees in Middle Eastern Studies and Biology. She studied medicine in Brooklyn, New York, and then completed her pediatric residency training at NYU and Bellevue hospitals.

Nadia continues to serve on boards of organizations committed to educating and nurturing Afghanistan's most vulnerable children and empowering the female leaders of tomorrow. She is a member of the US-Afghan Women's Council and an advisor to Kallion, an organization that seeks to elevate leadership through humanities. Her recent best-selling book, *Sparks Like Stars*, is about an Afghan American woman who returns to Kabul to learn the truth about her family and the tragedy that destroyed their lives.