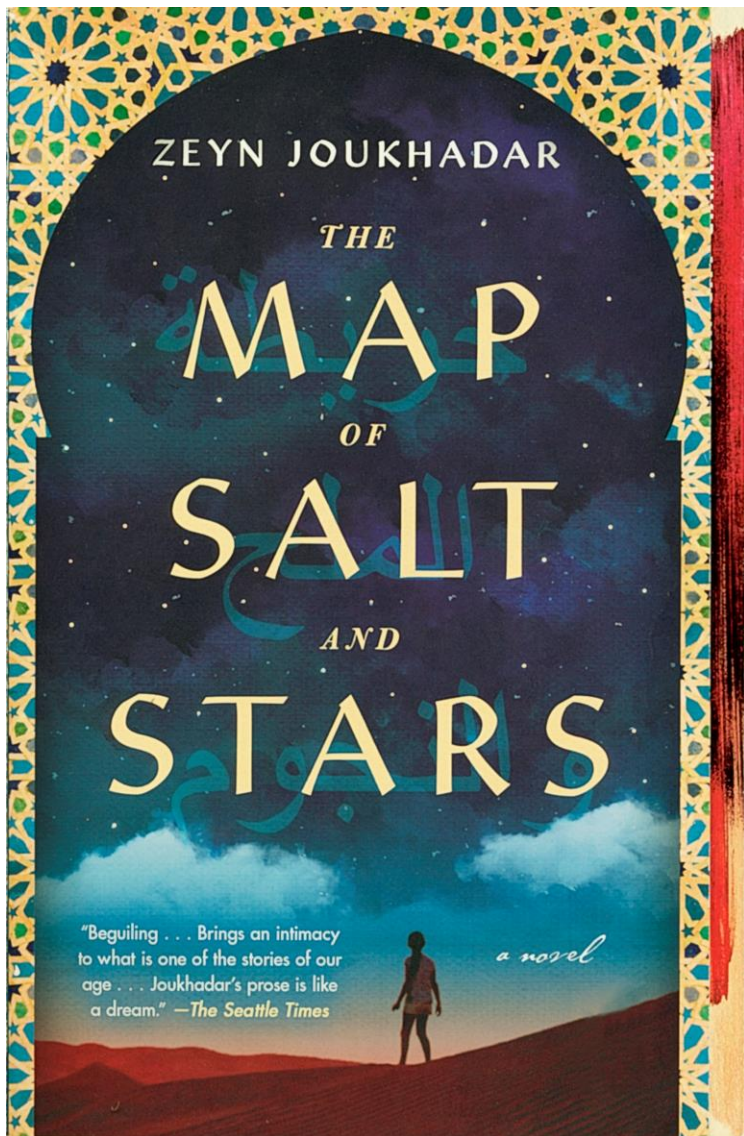


The Map of Salt and Stars

by Zeyn Joukhadar



“...magical and heart-wrenching” —
Christian Science Monitor

“...important and timely because it shows how interconnected two supposedly opposing worlds can be. Our many stories are part of the same larger tale, part of the same larger map.” —

— *New York Times Book Review*

“We’ve all been aware of the plight of Syrian refugees, but in this richly imaginative story we see one small family – both haunted by history and saved by myth... It’s beautiful and lovely and eye-opening.”

—Chris Bohjalian, author of *The Flight Attendant* and *The Guest Room*

Following alternating timelines and a pair of unforgettable heroines coming of age in perilous times, *The Map of Salt and Stars* is the story of one girl telling herself the legend of another and learning that, if you listen to your own voice, some things can never be lost.

- In the summer of 2011 Nour has just lost her father to cancer, and her mother moves Nour and her sisters from New York City back to Syria to be closer to family.
- To keep her father’s spirit alive as she adjusts to her new home, Nour tells herself their favorite story—the tale of Rawiya, a twelfth-century girl who disguised herself as a boy in order to apprentice herself to a famous mapmaker.
- When a shell destroys Nour’s house, she and her family are forced to flee the civil war across seven countries of the Middle East and North Africa — along the very route Rawiya and her mapmaker took in their quest to chart the world. Nour’s family’s journey becomes more and more dangerous, until they face a choice that could mean they will be separated forever.

