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Against the backdrop of the Lebanese civil war, this beautiful first novel intertwines the voices of father and daughter, expressing their inner exile and infinite loss.

A child born in Beirut during the civil war is used to having to hide their fear and suddenly move out of their home. The child's father, a poet who has decided not to take sides in the conflict, has nothing to offer his daughter but anguish, lucidity, silence and a lavish green patch of paradise. When she was twelve years-old, her family fled to Paris, leaving her behind. As a teenager and then as an adult, she continues to take refuge among her beloved plants. In this first novel, Dima Abdallah gives a heartbreaking account of her ongoing battle with the memory of a childhood in ruins.

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