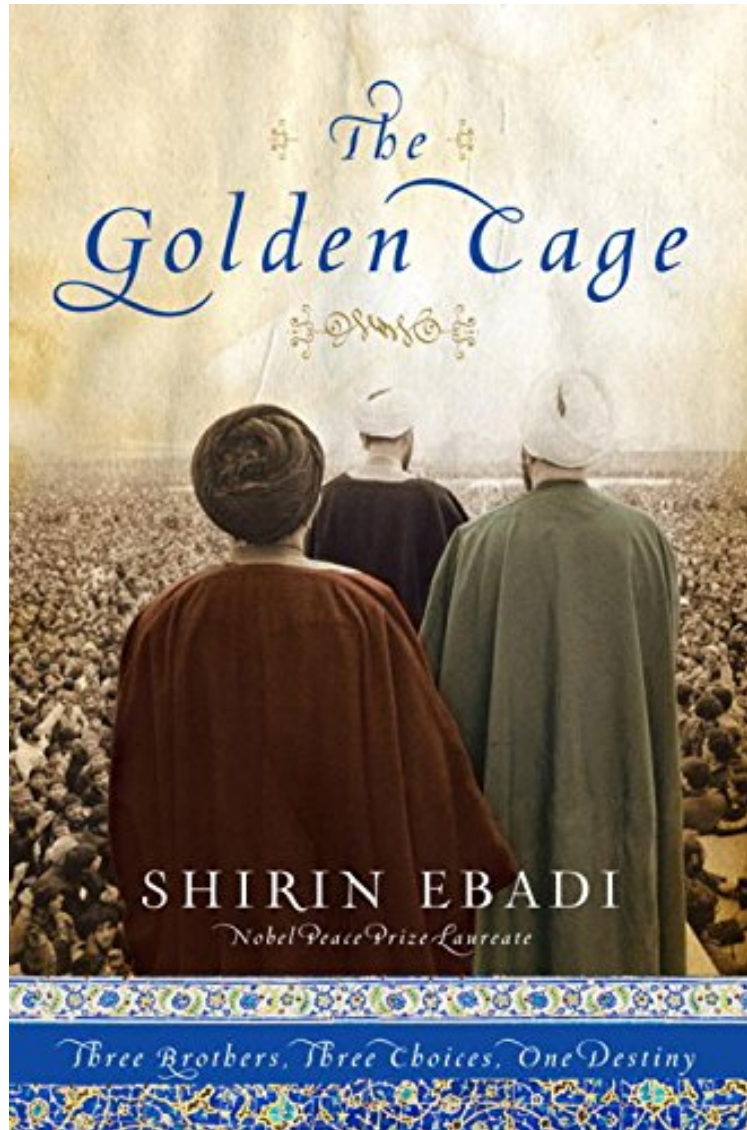


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18 of 18 people found the following review helpful. Telling Us All About It By DSlaughterI was very excited to order and read this book given Shirin Ebadi's status as a Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. The story relates the family history of a close friend of Ms. Ebadi's and the tragic lives of the family's three brothers. Although the beginning of the book seemed disorganized and a little confusing, things settled down as I began to understand the main characters and their

personalities. Although Ms. Ebadi is the narrator, the book is not really about her or her life. It is about her friend's family and three brothers, all of whom chose different political beliefs and associations. From this book I gained insight into the culture, traditions, religion, and politics of Iran from the 1900's until today. I gained additional respect for the people of Iran and the stresses and the hardships they live with daily. I applaud Ms. Ebadi for relating what must have been a difficult story. Even though the book itself may not directly change the status of people in Iran, she has done what the Iranian sociologist Ali Shariati suggested (on page 252 of Ebadi's book) and that is "if you can't eliminate injustice, at least tell everyone about it". Thank you, Ms. Ebadi, for telling us all about it.

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Powerful story that needed to be told. By Meera or sometimes Alex I have tremendous respect for Shirin Ebadi, having read her book *Iran Awakening*, and the modern peacemakers book *Shirin Ebadi*. This is a woman committed to Human Rights as well as love for her country. She shows in this book three different perspectives of the three brothers who were family friends for many years. For those of us who wonder how perspectives are shaped, and lives lived so differently in one family and all of the Moslem faith she sheds light on just that, while making clear her deep need for social justice in Iran. Dr. Ebadi is a key founder of the Nobel Women's Initiative, a group of Nobel Prize winning women working together to raise awareness in creating nonviolent social change. I consider this book a must read for those interested in the struggle for human rights in Iran, or anywhere else.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. worthy of reading. By Janet Davis This book opened my understanding of Iran and its history. It was amazing that three brothers could be led in three opposing directions that led to power, imprisonment, and exile. As I read the book, I was thankful that I was born in the USA and have a deeper empathy for Iran. The book led me to learn more about Iran and Ms Ebadi. She has had a heart wrenching life that she underplays in telling the story of three brothers. However her purpose of letting the world know what has happened in Iran was definitely accomplished.

"If you do not have the power to overthrow the rule of oppression, inform others of the oppression." Persian proverb

For over fifty years the Shah Pahlavi dynasty ruled Iran until Ayatollah Khomeini's 1979 Islamic Revolution seized power and began its own reign of tyranny. The questions about the revolution shape *The Golden Cage* while the answers shed light on Islamic Iran's current events and tell us why it strives for nuclear energy, chants "Death to Israel," and claims to be the most powerful force in the Middle East and Muslim world. History perhaps is best described through life stories we each can hold dearly. *The Golden Cage* is one such story about three brothers the author knew through their sister, Pari, a childhood friend. Each brother subscribes to a different political ideology that tears Iran and their lives apart. As Pari observes, her brothers live deluded lives in golden cages of ideology. These words mark the beginning of this story, illuminating the multifaceted, oppressive Iran of today and years past.

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