



BOOK RESUME: PERSEPOLIS

BOOK SYNOPSIS

In powerful black-and-white comic strip images, Satrapi tells the coming-of-age story of her life in Tehran from ages six to fourteen, years that saw the overthrow of the Shah's regime, the triumph of the Islamic Revolution, and the devastating effects of war with Iraq. The intelligent and outspoken only child of committed Marxists and the great-granddaughter of one of Iran's last emperors, Marjane bears witness to a childhood uniquely entwined with the history of her country.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Delectable. . . Dances with drama and insouciant wit." —*The New York Times Book Review*

"A stunning graphic memoir hailed as a wholly original achievement in the form. There's still a startling freshness to the book. It won't age. In inky shadows and simple, expressive lines—reminiscent of Ludwig Bemelmans's 'Madeline'—Satrapi evokes herself and her schoolmates coming of age in a world of protests and disappearances . . . A stark, shocking impact." —Parul Sehgal, "The 50 Best Memoirs of the Past 50 Years," *The New York Times*

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Persepolis - Exclusive: Marjane Satrapi](#)
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- ['Persepolis' Author Says 'a Banned Book . . . Is a Good Book'](#)

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

- [CPS tells schools to disregard order to pull graphic novel](#) (2013)
- [Persepolis Stays in Chicago Public Schools, But Out of Classrooms](#) (2013)

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