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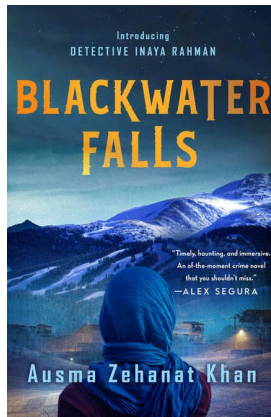


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Ausma Zehanat Khan is the author of *Blackwater Falls*, the debut of a timely new



crime series with Minotaur Books. American Muslim detective, Inaya Rahman investigates homicides with her Latina partner Catalina Hernandez, and Black civil rights lawyer Areesha Adams—a trio who work to

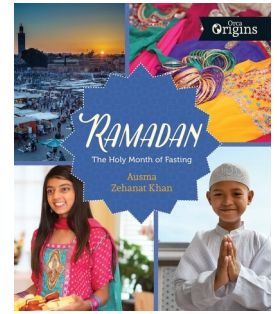
change policing in America. *Blackwater Falls* was published in 2022 and was an Apple Book pick, and a Nero Award finalist. Khan followed *Blackwater Falls* with the stunning sequel, *Blood Betrayal*.

Khan's debut novel was *The Unquiet Dead*, published by St. Martin's Press/Minotaur Books, and winner of the Barry Award, the Arthur Ellis Award and the Romantic Times Reviewers Choice Award for Best First Novel, and a finalist for the 2016 Macavity Award. Her debut was followed by four more Khattak/Getty crime novels. CrimeReads named Khan one of the Rising Stars of Crime Fiction in the 2010s, and CrimeReads and Library Journal named her novel, *A Deadly Divide*, one of the

best crime novels of 2019. Both her crime series have been optioned for television.

The Bloodprint, Ausma Zehanat Khan's fantasy debut, was hailed as “one of the year's finest fantasy debuts”. It was the first book in the Khorasan Archives fantasy quartet published by Harper Voyager. Khan has also been published in the anthologies, *Private Investigations*, *Sword Stone Table*, and *The Perfect Crime*.

Khan's non-fiction book, *Ramadan*, for middle-grade students, was published by Orca Books as part of the Origins series. It was selected as a Children's Book Council Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People 2019, and as the Children's Literature Roundtable of Canada's 2019 Information Book Award Honour Book. *Ramadan* was also a Hackmatack Children's Choice Award finalist.



A frequent lecturer and commentator, Khan holds a Ph.D. in international human rights law with a research specialization in military intervention and war crimes in the Balkans. She also holds an LL.M., an LL.B., and an Honors B.A.

She was featured in a Shondaland profile of *Muslim Women Authors Everyone Should Know*, and as *Ms. Chatelaine* in *Chatelaine* magazine. Most recently, she was profiled on Public Radio International. She frequently appears on CBC Radio and has been interviewed by the BBC World Service and BBC Radio Woman's Hour, as well as appearing on CTV Your Morning, CBS and The Agenda.

Formerly, Khan served as Editor in Chief of *Muslim Girl* magazine. The first magazine to address a target audience of young Muslim women, *Muslim Girl* re-shaped the conversation about Muslim women in North America. The magazine was the subject of two documentaries, and hundreds of national and international profiles and interviews, including CNN International, Current TV, and Al Jazeera "Everywoman".

Khan practiced immigration law in Toronto and taught international human rights law at Northwestern University and York University. She is a long-time community activist and writer, having most recently founded the Index of Muslim Writers. A British-born Canadian, Khan now lives in the Washington, D.C., area with her husband.