

***Last to Eat, Last to Learn: My Life in Afghanistan Fighting to Educate Women* by Pashtana Durrani and Tamara Bralo**

Inspired by her family's strong belief in education, Pashtana Durrani began advocating for the education of women in Afghanistan already as a teen. Although she was living in a refugee camp in Pakistan, she was determined to be a hero for her native country and for the women who were treated as second-class or even as invisible.

Durrani's father was a tribal leader, a fierce lover of Afghanistan, and inspired his daughter so strongly that when she won a path out of the refugee camp to a preparatory program for Oxford University, she chose instead to go to Afghanistan, in order to found an NGO.

In Afghanistan, Pashtana founded the nonprofit LEARN and organized a program to provide digital learning opportunities to girls in remote areas of the country, training teachers to help the girls. Just as her dreams are coming to fruition, Afghanistan descends into chaos as the Taliban seizes more and more territory, and finally Kabul. Determined to the last, Pashtana resists leaving far past any reasonable argument, which made me extremely nervous for her. She was individually targeted by the Taliban, but managed to make her way to safety, though it was by ways I couldn't imagine. An interesting book about events in the recent past – how fortunate the women of the world outside Afghanistan are, for the opportunity to become educated and to read!

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