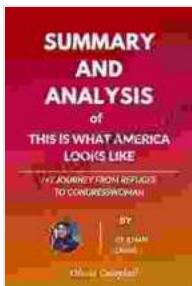


# My Journey From Refugee To Congresswoman

I was born in Mogadishu, Somalia, in 1982. My father was a schoolteacher and my mother was a nurse. I have two sisters and one brother. We lived a comfortable life in a small house in the city.



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In 1991, when I was eight years old, the civil war in Somalia broke out. Our lives were turned upside down. Our home was destroyed, and we were forced to flee. We spent the next four years in a refugee camp in Kenya.

In 1995, my family was resettled in the United States. We lived in a small apartment in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I was enrolled in school, and I quickly learned English. I went on to earn a degree in political science from North Dakota State University and a law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School.

In 2016, I was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives. I was the first Somali-American legislator in the United States. In 2018, I was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. I am one of the first two Muslim women ever elected to Congress.

My journey from refugee to Congresswoman has been a long and challenging one. But it has also been a journey of hope and resilience. I am grateful for the opportunities that I have been given, and I am committed to using my voice to fight for the rights of all Americans.

### **The Importance of Education**

Education has played a key role in my life. It has given me the tools I need to succeed in my career and to fight for the things I believe in. I am a strong believer in the power of education, and I am committed to ensuring that all Americans have access to a quality education.

### **The Importance of Civic Engagement**

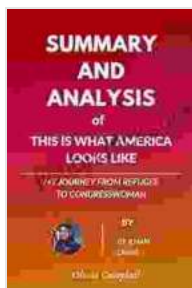
Civic engagement is essential to a healthy democracy. It is important to be informed about the issues that affect our communities and to make our voices heard. I encourage everyone to get involved in their communities and to make a difference.

### **The Importance of Hope**

Hope is a powerful force. It can help us overcome challenges and achieve our goals. I have faced many challenges in my life, but I have never given up hope. I believe that anything is possible if you set your mind to it.

I am hopeful for the future of our country. I believe that we can build a better future for all Americans, regardless of their race, religion, or

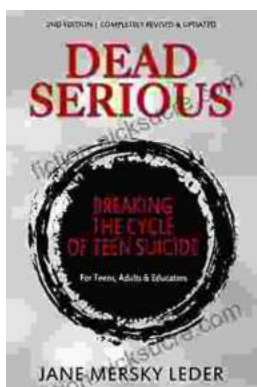
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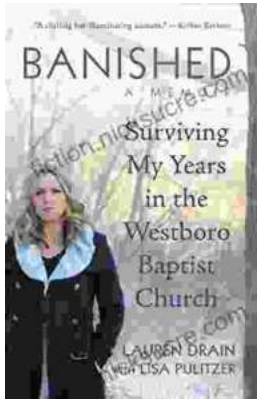
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