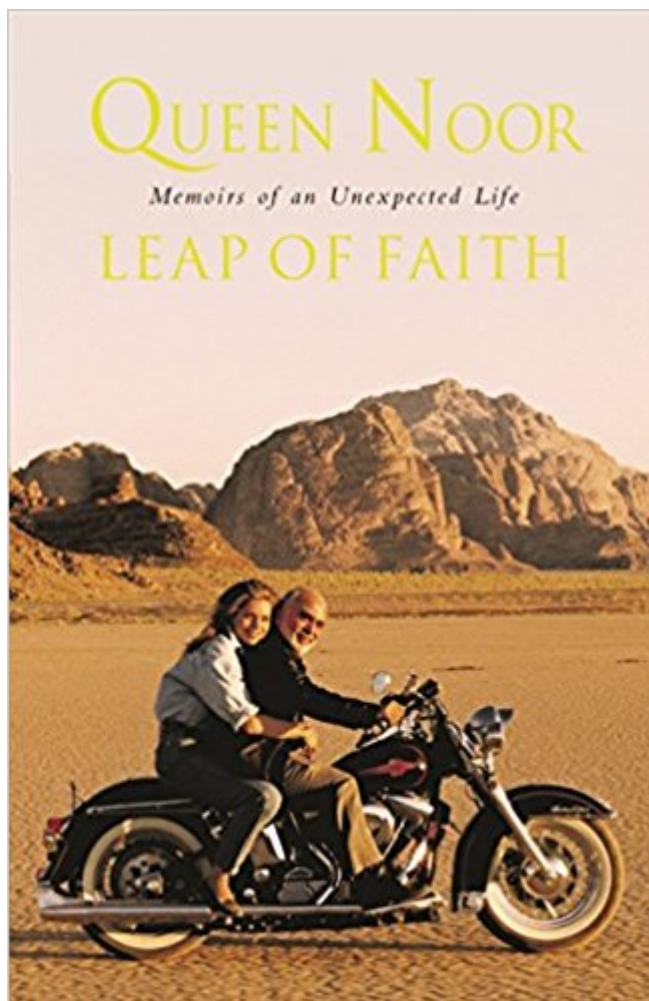


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# A Leap Of Faith: Memoir Of An Unexpected Life



## Synopsis

The dramatic and inspiring story of one woman's incredible journey into the heart of a man and his nation. Born into a distinguished Arab-American family, Lisa Halaby was a strongly independent young woman. After studying architecture at Princeton, her work on projects in the Middle East gave her a profound understanding both of the links between the environment and social problems, and also of the tumultuous history of the Arab nations. Then, in 1974, her life took a very different turn, when her father introduced her to the world's most eligible bachelor, King Hussein of Jordan. After a whirlwind romance, she became Noor Al Hussein, Queen of Jordan. With eloquence and honesty, Queen Noor speaks of the obstacles she faced as a young bride and of her successful struggle to create a role for herself as a humanitarian activist. She tells of her heartbreaking miscarriage and the births of her four children, along with her continuing support for King Hussein's campaign to bring peace to the Arab nations. But most of all this is a love story - an honest and engaging portrait of a truly remarkable woman and the man she married.

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Here she tells the story of her life as a young royal bride, her humanitarian work, her miscarriage and the births of her four children. Above all she describes her abiding love for her husband who died in 1999. \* SUNDAY TRIBUNE \*

Queen Noor was born in the USA, living in New York, California and Washington before going to university at Princeton, where she joined the first freshman class to accept women. She majored in architecture and urban planning. After graduating she worked in Australia, Iran and Jordan before

meeting King Hussein. With sons educated in England (one trained as a soldier at Sandhurst), Queen Noor now divides her time between the UK, Jordan and New York.

I bought this book ver and waited around 4 weeks for it to be delivered, this was obviously before I had an IPAD and I discovered ebooks! So I couldn't wait for this book to be delivered as it was also my first online purchase. But what a disappointment! I could not complete reading this book, I think I managed only about 1/2 chapters. Before giving up. It was too dense and I just felt I would not have been able to gain a true sense of Queen Noor, which I was hoping to achieve after reading her biography. I think she is a fascinating woman and she could have allowed some of that to come through in her biography.

Excellent

I was happy to read this and I learned a lot about Jordan and about Muslims.

Helps understand part of the problems in the Middle East

This is one of the best books I have ever read. It explains the mess in the middle East better than anything else I have ever seen

This book is amazing! Funny, inspiring and hits the intellect with raw insight into the real life of a Royal family. And not just any Royal family, King Hussein and Queen Noor. What an amazing couple, love them both. I had the privilege of meeting Queen Noor when I was young, and I must say she is indeed just as beautiful from the inside as she is from the outside. King Hussein, may God bless him with the highest heaven and have mercy on him, was a very good man too. And don't the negative comments deter you from reading this book, unless your a zionist, then I understand why you wouldn't want to....truth seems to infuriate you guys.

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