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Still Come Home

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When the odds are stacked against you, doing everything right still might not be enough to protect yourself and the ones you love. The three characters in Katey Schultz's novel are each searching for the best way to be, the best way to live—all the while fighting cultural, societal, and political forces far beyond their control. As their paths intersect over the span of three days, *Still Come Home* explores how their decisions will forever alter each other's lives.

Aaseya, an ambitious, educated Afghan girl, struggles to walk the line between social disgrace and faith that her hometown of Imar can unhardened and heal. Though she cannot bear her older husband, Rahim, a child, and she suspects her sister-in-law played a part in her family's murder, Aaseya maintains self-reliance and dignity by rebelling against the misogyny and violence surrounding her.

Second Lieutenant Nathan Miller blames himself for the death of a soldier under his command and worries that his constant absence from his North Carolina home has permanently damaged his marriage.

When Rahim learns that the Taliban, whom he reluctantly works for, are hatching this violent plan, conflicting loyalties to country, to enduring peace, and to his young wife take all three down a road that will change their lives forever.

"Schultz's ability to enter into these radically different lives is nothing short of breathtaking. There is tragedy here, but also humor, moral blindness, along with deep courage. And the desert holds it all." —**Abigail DeWitt**, author of *News of Our Loved Ones*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

KATEY SCHULTZ is the author of *Flashes of War*, which the *Daily Beast* praised as an "ambitious and fearless" collection. Honors for her work include the Linda Flowers Literary Award, Doris Betts Fiction Prize, IndieFab Book of the Year from *Foreword Reviews*, a Gold Medal from the Military Writers Society of America, four Pushcart nominations, and writing fellowships in eight states. She lives in Celo, North Carolina, and is the founder of Maximum Impact, a transformative mentoring service for creative writers that has been recognized by both CNBC and the What Works Network. A reading group guide, along with an invitation to schedule a livestream Q&A with the author, is available at <https://kateyschultz.com/still-come-home>.

