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Voorhees Trial Attorney's Debut Novel Follows One New Jersey Family Through the Twenty-Five Years After September 11

BROTHERS IN SERVICE, by A.M. Soliman, published September 1, 2026

VOORHEES, N.J. — A.M. Soliman has spent more than two decades in New Jersey courtrooms. His first novel, *Brothers in Service*, published September 1, follows one New Jersey family from the morning of September 11, 2001 through the twenty-five years that came after — and what that single day did to them.

Omar Bakari walks out of the World Trade Center covered in ash and comes home to New Jersey. His twin sons answer that morning in opposite ways. Ali turns to the Constitution and becomes a civil-rights lawyer. Adam enlists. Each is convinced he has found the right way to protect the family; each finds the other's choice harder to forgive than he expected. Then something happens during Adam's deployment in Iraq that he cannot put into words and Ali cannot resolve the way he resolves everything else — by arguing it. The silence that follows lasts eighteen years, until Ali's son Elias starts asking about the uncle nobody will discuss.

The novel is not about the attacks. It is about the quarter-century afterward — the suspicion, the wars, the small daily demands to prove you belong — and what it does to a family when each member answers those demands differently.

Before entering the law, Soliman was a journalist: a newspaper reporter, a columnist for *The Record*, a commentator on CNN and NPR, and the producer and director of the 2003 PBS documentary *Born in the USA: Muslim Americans*. His opinion writing received a New Jersey Press Association award. He lives and practices in New Jersey, and his practice includes civil-rights litigation.

CRITICAL RESPONSE

“Soliman's stimulating novel delves into such challenging and topical issues as the damaging nature of the media, generational trauma, and the commodification of tragedy... A thought-provoking work.” — **Kirkus Reviews**

“Devastating, raw, and deeply human. This novel offers an essential, unforgettable look at 9/11 and its aftermath through the eyes of a Muslim American family.” — **Oliver Reece, NetGalley**

“I found myself relating on an emotional level to the feelings of one brother, while recognizing that I may actually be more of the other, which was hard to accept... A heavy read, but propulsive.” — **Jenny Hernandez, NetGalley**

BOOK DETAILS

BROTHERS IN SERVICE: A Novel · A.M. Soliman · Independently published, September 1, 2026 · Literary fiction · 282 pages · Paperback \$15.99, Kindle \$4.99 · ISBN 9798188269494 · Available on Amazon and to bookstores and libraries through expanded distribution · amazon.com/dp/B0HDFG3YHF

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A.M. Soliman is a trial attorney in New Jersey whose practice includes civil-rights litigation. Before entering the law he worked as a journalist in print and broadcast and directed a PBS documentary. He lives and practices in New Jersey. *Brothers in Service* is his first novel.

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