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## **New Jersey Civil-Rights Trial Attorney's Second Novel Puts an Emergency-Room Dismissal on Trial — and a Daughter in Her Father's Shoes**

**THE NAME SHE CARRIES**, by A.M. Soliman, publishes November 10, 2026 · A Kirkus Reviews "Get It" pick

**VOORHEES, N.J.** — Three months after his debut, A.M. Soliman — a New Jersey trial attorney whose practice includes civil-rights litigation — publishes a second novel drawn from the other side of his working life: the client who wasn't believed. *The Name She Carries*, out November 10, follows a young lawyer who inherits her father's final case on behalf of a Black woman dismissed in an emergency room.

Mary Adel grew up watching her father command courtrooms. Now Zach Adel is running out of time — and the case of his career has just passed into her hands. When the Reynolds family refuses to settle — they don't want money; they want the truth read into the record — Mary takes the case that will define her: a Black woman dismissed in an emergency room, four words typed into her chart, and a hospital betting that no jury will call it what it was. But the fight reaches further than the defense table. To see it through, Mary must stand up to her own firm — and learn the difference between inheriting a name and earning it.

*Kirkus Reviews*, which marked the novel a "Get It" pick, called it "a poignant story that exposes racism in the medical field but fuels an activist hope for the future . . . A well-written and accessible book on all levels . . . The characters are well developed and have relatable human dimension. Most importantly, they all evolve over the course of this story — even the villain." Reedsy Discovery called it "a deeply moving and profound novel . . . the touching determination of a father to teach his daughter how to recognize what is right."

Soliman wrote the book, he says, from the lawyer's side of the table: years of sitting across from people whose accounts had been doubted by the institutions meant to help them, and a question about what a father actually hands a daughter — protection, honesty, or the courage to stand up when it costs her something.

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. His first novel, *Brothers in Service* (September 2026), follows a New Jersey family across the twenty-five years after September 11; Kirkus called it "a stimulating novel . . . a thought-provoking work."

### **CRITICAL RESPONSE**

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"WOW! . . . I didn't want it to end. . . . The author made Aisha and Mary, the main characters, very relatable and dealing with very topical issues of right and wrong in a discriminatory climate." — Sharon, Goodreads, five stars

"I couldn't put this book down. I read it in one sitting." — Jacqui, Goodreads, five stars

### **BOOK DETAILS**

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