

**‘FROM BAGHDAD, WITH LOVE’**

by

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On the surface this *is* a heart-warming story of a whole range of humans trying to rescue a tiny puppy from within a war zone. But it is also a story of how humans who find themselves as part of the killings and atrocities are also trying to rescue, at least in part, their own humanity.

It is a story of how, if people can come together for a common purpose, *it can be done, against all odds*. And it is a story of how the tiny puppy can bridge differences between cultures (ethnic, civilian and military) by evoking the wonderful warmth and kindness that is common to us all.

The book depicts the reality of day-to-day life within dreadful conditions, but what is striking is that it is written with an uncommon degree of self-reflection as well as neutrality. Recommended.

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