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## Introduction



I originally wrote some of these reflections in Arabic a long time ago, when I was a school girl. I didn't translate them word for word; I just captured the essence. It was shocking that some of the issues raised, remained the same to date. For some communities, it extended over the years. They might have only been refined or digitalised.

In my first book, "The Roots That Gave Birth to Magical Blossoms", all the reflections were based on distant memories passed to me by my late mother. They showed how women's experience in closed societies paved the way for their present achievements. Hence, I chose "The Glowing Blossoms That Kept the Roots Alive", as a title for this book to celebrate the many roots and generations.

All I shared, rose from within different cultures, experiences and worries. They have been transformed into applauded successes by the younger generations. My current book is a natural continuation to reinforce those achievements, which were initiated by the roots.

I tried to present the chosen topics in a way that reflects the views of both men and women of different ages.

I really benefited from the feedback I received from my valued readers. I look forward to receiving your honest views on this book, which are vital for my progress to be a better writer.