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In 2008, Nathan Deuel, a former editor at Rolling Stone and The Village Voice, and his wife, a National Public Radio

foreign correspondent, moved to the deeply Islamic Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to see for themselves what was happening in the Middle East. There they had a daughter, and later, while his wife filed reports from Baghdad and Syria, car bombs erupted and one night a fire raged outside the family's apartment in Beirut. Their marriage strained, and they struggled with the decision to stay or go home. At once a meditation on fatherhood, an unusual memoir of a war correspondent's spouse, and a first-hand account from the front lines of the most historic events of recent days—the Arab Spring, the end of the Iraq war, and the unrest in Syria—*Friday Was the Bomb* is a searing collection of timely and absorbing essays. Nathan Deuel has contributed essays, fiction, and criticism to *The New York Times*, *Financial Times*, *GQ*, *The New Republic*, *Times Literary Supplement*, *Virginia Quarterly Review*, *The Paris Review*, *Salon*, *Slate*, *Bookforum*, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *Columbia Journalism Review*, *Tin House*, *The Atlantic*, and many others. Previously, he was an editor at *Rolling Stone* and *The Village Voice*. He holds an M.F.A. from the University of Tampa and a B.A. in Literature from Brown University, and he attended Deep Springs College. He recently moved to Los Angeles from Beirut with his wife and daughter.