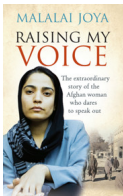


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Raising My Voice is the real story of Afghanistan's youngest female politician, Malalai Joya

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April came with much promise, for I managed to get my hands on a book I had much wanted to read for months. Raising My Voice is the real story of Afghanistan's youngest female politician, Malalai Joya. I first came across her name in an Afghan exhibit in Second Life, the creator of which told me of this amazing woman and her struggle to bring justice and freedom to the people of her country.

Joya's story is an inspiring one. Through her own words you learn the truth about post-war Afghanistan. Even though the country has a parliament, it is a corrupt one, populated by the same warlords who ravaged the Afghan population before the rise of the Taliban. Those few politicians who choose to stand up for the rights of their people are silenced, ridiculed, threatened and murdered in the pursuit of justice. From an early age, Joya chose to be a fighter: surviving endless derision and many assassination attempts, she has continued fighting for Afghanistan. Reading her story has made me an avid fan of hers; in an age of political apathy and spineless ineffective politicians it is satisfying to learn about a politician who truly deserves the title.