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ABOUT THE BOOK

This award-winning novel is the story of twin brothers separated during the Lebanese civil war, and their journeys home. As the novel begins, the U.S. Marine barracks at Beirut International Airport has been destroyed by a truck bomb. Saleh stares through the window of a rescue helicopter at his twin, Samir, who is still standing on a rooftop in the burning city. Spanning two decades and unfolding simultaneously in Beirut and Brooklyn, *The Echo of Sand* is a brave and honest novel about resilience and reconciliation.

“In America, Saleh finds success but no happiness in the American dream. Left behind, discontented Samir longs for New York and a chance to become a filmmaker. Abeba is a Kenyan girl taken from her home in a village to work in a laundry, and then to New York where she cleans offices. Saleh, Samir, and Abeba are members of ‘a generation lost in the rubble,’ a generation displaced by war and poverty. Rich in the sights and smells of Lebanese and African immigrant life, the book hums with a vibrant and irresistible authenticity.”

—DRUSILLA CAMPBELL

“In her wonderfully detailed parallel portraits of the brothers Salam, Gail Chehab deftly lays bare the tensions between tradition and change, Muslim and Christian, Beirut and Brooklyn. An unforgettable novel, but also an inside look at the effects of globalization on the lives of ordinary people.”

—MAXINE PAETRO

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ms. Chehab was born in Briarcliff, New York. She received a B.S.B.A from The American University and an M.B.A. in International Business from Pepperdine University. She has held prestigious positions with such institutions as Altos Hornos de Mexico, Deutsche Bank N.A., and The Conference Board. Her literary works-in-progress include the young adult novel *Light from the Disappearing Sun*—recognized by Joyce Carol Oates as Honorable Mention for the *Zeotrope*: All-Story Fiction Contest and chosen as runner-up for the San Diego Book Award for the Unpublished Young Adult Novel—and “Milk and Cookies with the President,” a picture book manuscript that was a finalist in the Pacific Northwest Writers Association’s awards. She lives with her husband and two children in California.