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Shazia Hobbs is author of *The Gori's Daughter* - a fictional life story of a young mixed race woman, daughter of a Kashmiri father and a Glasgow mother, moved into the household as mistress alongside the Muslim wife and the children from both relationships. Her whole life is a constant dramatic struggle against the rejection and hostility her background generates in both Glasgow's white and Asian communities. The book graphically documents her fight to offer her own daughter a culture and traditions she can accept with pride.

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