



Tale of Tala

“Chaker Khazaal is one of the most exciting writers of his generation. He brings characters to life of extraordinary depth, wisdom and power. His stories take us to places we all need to understand if we are to make a success of a century of turbulence and people on the move. They stand as a compelling and vital signpost to a world of greater human dignity, compassion and understanding.”

— Thomas Fletcher, Former U.K. Ambassador,
Visiting Professor NYU, Author of *The Naked Diplomat*

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Synopsis:

Life over Death. Triumph over Failure. Hope over Despair.

In *Tale of Tala*, Henry, a bestselling New York writer is trying to cope with the unexpected death of his mother and the failure of his latest book. His life—a triumphant success—had collapsed.

Flying to Amsterdam to indulge in decadence and depravity, Henry gorges on everything from illicit drugs to vile carnal acts. Wanting more, he heads to Slovenia.

Enter Tala—a strikingly beautiful but deceptively cunning prostitute. A Palestinian refugee, her tale of loss and suffering strikes a chord with Henry. The perilous journey between Turkey and Greece; the desperate search for her husband Bilal; kidnapped by human traffickers.

Finding himself falling in love, Henry promises to search for the missing Bilal and vows to protect his muse from the perils of life. For a man used to winning, one might wonder how far he will go to help Tala, or will he only go far enough to keep her for himself?

Three People. Three Journeys. One Tale.

Lies over Truth. Murder over Safety. Crisis over Peace.

When a winner loses everything will he become villain or victim?

Biography:

Chaker Khazaal — Acclaimed author of *Confessions of a War Child* trilogy, speaker, and reporter—grew up in a Palestinian refugee camp in Beirut. Always a dreamer, he immigrated to Canada and graduated with a B.A. in International Development Studies from York University in Toronto. An advocate for humanitarian causes, Chaker was named *Esquire Man of the Year* (2015) and *Most Influential Arab Under 40* (2016). He has won several awards for his novels and articles in the *Huffington Post*. Reporting on the refugee crisis in 2015, interviews often took place in conflict zones where the events of *Tale of Tala* were inspired.

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