

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### *A Land of Permanent Goodbyes* by Atia Abawi

1. Tareq and his family try to live a normal life, while knowing that a bomb could drop on their apartment at any time. How would you cope with this circumstance?
2. Destiny narrates the story. How does this change our experience and perspective as a reader?
3. Our experiences form us into the people we become. With this knowledge, compare your life as a teenager in Iowa to Tareq's teenage experiences.
4. Tareq speaks with his brother Salim throughout his difficult escape from war to Europe. Why does Tareq do this, and is it helpful?
5. Unfortunately, there are thousands of Tareqs and Susans who are the 'lucky ones' because they survived. Is there a solution to this problem? Is there something each of us can do to help?

