

I Am Malala

By Malala Yousafzai

A new book in our church library is "I Am Malala", the story of the teenage girl in Pakistan who was shot by the Taliban for promoting education for girls. Her amazing intelligence and resilience is very inspiring. It is also a lesson for all of us who don't realize that even their own people are attacked by these fanatics. It also shows how insidious they are. Malala's father was always certain he would be the target since he was the head of the school that educated girls with the same opportunities and lessons as the boys and he was outspoken against the Taliban presence in their area. However, they got to him by attacking his daughter. This is a UMW recommended reading and as a footnote, Malala who is now in her 20's will be speaking at the University of Washington on July 24. It would be an interesting follow-up to reading the book.

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