

Brief Synopsis
A Look in the Mirror

In ***A Look in the Mirror*** Muhammad, a Pakistani national living in Manhattan, is a successful young financier when New York City is hit with the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. He begins to experience the bias of terrified and angry people who now look at him with suspicious eyes. He only has to watch TV or read the newspaper to recognize that he is far from alone. Muhammad tells his best friend that it will be a long time before brown-skinned people with Middle Eastern accents will be treated fairly in America. Muhammad makes some changes in his life to cope with his new reality but the choices he makes are not particularly the best.

At the same time he is suffering from bias in America, his brother and nephew are dealing with hatred and prejudice in Dubai and Pakistan. Muhammad's brother can't find work in Dubai because he is a Pak. Muhammad's young nephew is being taught hate in a madrassa and being groomed for a mission of death.

Through much tragedy and pain, Muhammad finally comes to realize that bias exists everywhere and that he cannot hide from it. ***A Look in the Mirror*** reflects reality that everyone can be both a victim and a purveyor of hatred and bigotry.