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## the importance of wings

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### **It's the 1980s and your feathered hair can make you or break you.**

Roxanne just wants to be a normal American girl with a normal American family. But with her mother back in Israel and her father working long hours as a cab driver in Manhattan, there are no family dinners, no help with schoolwork, and no shopping for cool clothes. And forget about feathered wings—Roxanne's droopy brown hair practically screams SPAZZ.

Roxanne's favorite part of the day is watching television reruns after school: *Little House on the Prairie*, *The Brady Bunch*, and especially *Wonder Woman*. They're all perfect examples of perfect Americans, and Roxanne is desperate to be like them.

Things change, though, when Liat moves into town. Tough, strong, beautiful—and Israeli, too—Liat challenges Roxanne's assumptions about what it means to be cool, and what it means to be American.

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