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How do the choices you and others make impact your identity?

Your identity is who you are summed up, taking in many different factors. In the book, *The Breadwinner*, the story takes place in Afghanistan, where injustices are quite common. Girls aren't able to go to school, they must wear a head-cover called a Burqa, and couldn't even go shopping without having to call for what they needed.

This story's main character is an 11-year-old girl named Parvana. Women don't have many privileges in Afghanistan, so her father mainly did all the work. However, one night, he was falsely arrested, and everything changed. This change was so drastic and so important, that Parvana had to change her identity in order to keep her family alive. This change impacted everyone drastically, their identities were flipped, and everything started going wrong. She had to dress like a boy, act like a boy, and WAS a boy in everyone's eyes. This impacted everyone drastically, their identities were flipped, and everything started going wrong.

Identity is something that is not often changed, as there usually has to be a strong reason behind it to want to change it. After Parvana's father was arrested and taken, her Mother's identity changed. Before, she was efficient, kind, and your typical Mother. But now, she never wanted to do anything, she just laid in her bed, all day, and all night. This just shows how quickly things can change. Even when her husband came

back, it took a while for her identity to change back. Even when their identity changes back to normal, you can tell it'll never be the same.

The author created harsh and scary events in the story to emphasize the brutality that these characters had to go through, in order to shape their identity to make Parvana and her family seem like troopers and upstanders. This is clever to me, as it almost makes you feel sympathy, or impressed when the character performs an action.

Overall, this book was fascinating! It was so cool to see the quick progression of the story, and seeing how the different events in the story played a big role in people's identity! Identities truly do play a significant role in a person's life.