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### Parvana's Change Throughout the Book

*The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis takes place in Afghanistan during the Taliban-Era, taking place in an uncivilized society. *The Breadwinner* Takes place in 1996 when the Taliban had taken control of Afghanistan. Many people's lives were destroyed in seconds. Women and girls were not allowed to leave their homes without a man or boy. Women were also not allowed to attend school. A character's identity can change from the beginning to the end of a novel.

In *The Breadwinner* Parvana at first resembles a gentle girl trying to help her family. However when Parvana's father is taken away by the Taliban she is forced to support and help her family to survive. From digging up bones to sell, to dressing up as a boy in order to get food, Parvana's whole character changed as the book progressed.

Parvana even had to watch a man's limbs be cut off,

In the end, Parvana becomes more of a risk taker and a very tough girl. Pretending to be a boy, Parvana fears being caught. "Out on the street, she kept waiting for people to point at her and call her a fake. No one did. No one paid any attention to her at all. The more she was ignored, the more confident she felt." (p. 67).

*The Breadwinner* reveals the horrifying truth about our world, and is very relatable to many people.