

# Monia Mazigh fought a very public battle to free and exonerate her husband, Maher Arar, who was imprisoned and tortured for alleged links to al-Qaida. In this exclusive story with *Canadian Living*, Monia shares – for the first time – the heart-wrenching details of her personal journey. This is the story of a woman driven by honour and love.

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**IT ALL BEGAN IN TUNISIA.** Four years ago my husband, Maher Arar, our nine-month-old son and five-year-old daughter and I were visiting my family for the summer. Maher was returning home earlier than us to go back to his job as a technology consultant and promised he would call me as soon as he arrived in Ottawa. As he got into a taxi in front of my family's house, we waved goodbye. Nothing seemed out of the ordinary. ►

