


# Christmas Trivia:


What was the first American composed Christmas carol to ever become widely popular?





  
**We Three Kings of Orient Are**

SLOWLY


  
 1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far  
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him a - gain,  
 3. Frank - in - cense to - of - fer have I; In - cense owns a De - i - ty night;  
 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;  
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;


  
 Field and foun - tain, moor and mountain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star,  
 King for ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er O - ver us all to reign,  
 Prayer and prais - ing all men rais - ing, Wee - ship Him, God on high,  
 See - row - ing, sigh - ing; bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb,  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Sounds thro' the earth and skies.

REFRAIN.


  
 O star of won - der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



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# A King Who Is Worthy

## Isaiah 9:1-7

<sup>1</sup> But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shone.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:1-7 (ESV)

# What Makes Him Worthy?

...and his name shall be called  
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Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6b

# What Makes Him Worthy?

## Wonderful Counselor

Wonderful - Hebrew: *pele* or פֶּלִאִי  
extraordinary, hard to be understood,  
God's dealings with His people

So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all the *wonders* that I will do in it; after that he will let you go.

Exodus 3:20



# What Makes Him Worthy?

## Wonderful Counselor

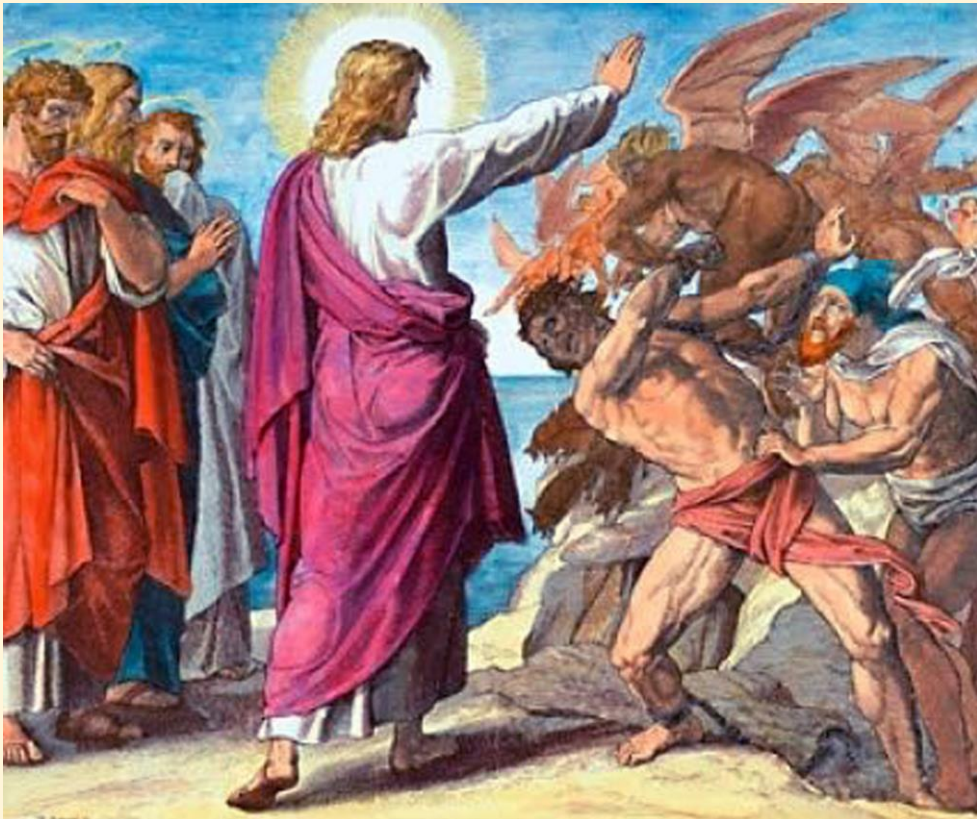


...they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

Luke 2:46-47

# What Makes Him Worthy?

## Mighty God *El Gibbor*



*El* - God

Gibbor - Mighty warrior,  
champion, hero

# What Makes Him Worthy?

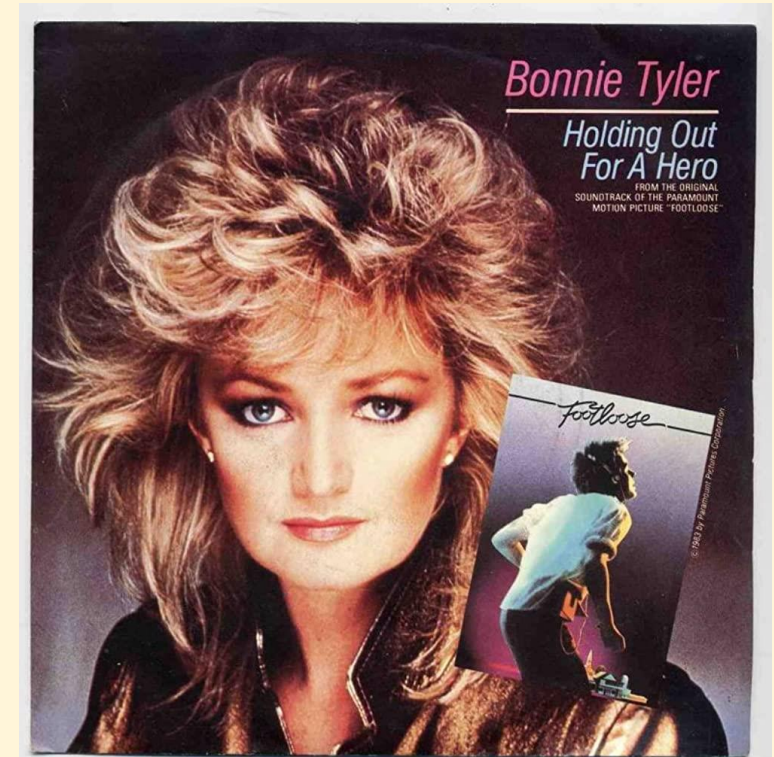
## Mighty God

I need a hero.

I'm holding out for a hero 'til the morning light.  
He's gotta be sure, and it's gotta be soon,  
and he's gotta be larger than life...

Somewhere after midnight in my wildest  
fantasy, somewhere, just beyond my reach,  
there's someone reaching back for me.

Bonnie Tyler's *Holding Out For a Hero*





# What Makes Him Worthy?

## Mighty God *El Gibbor*

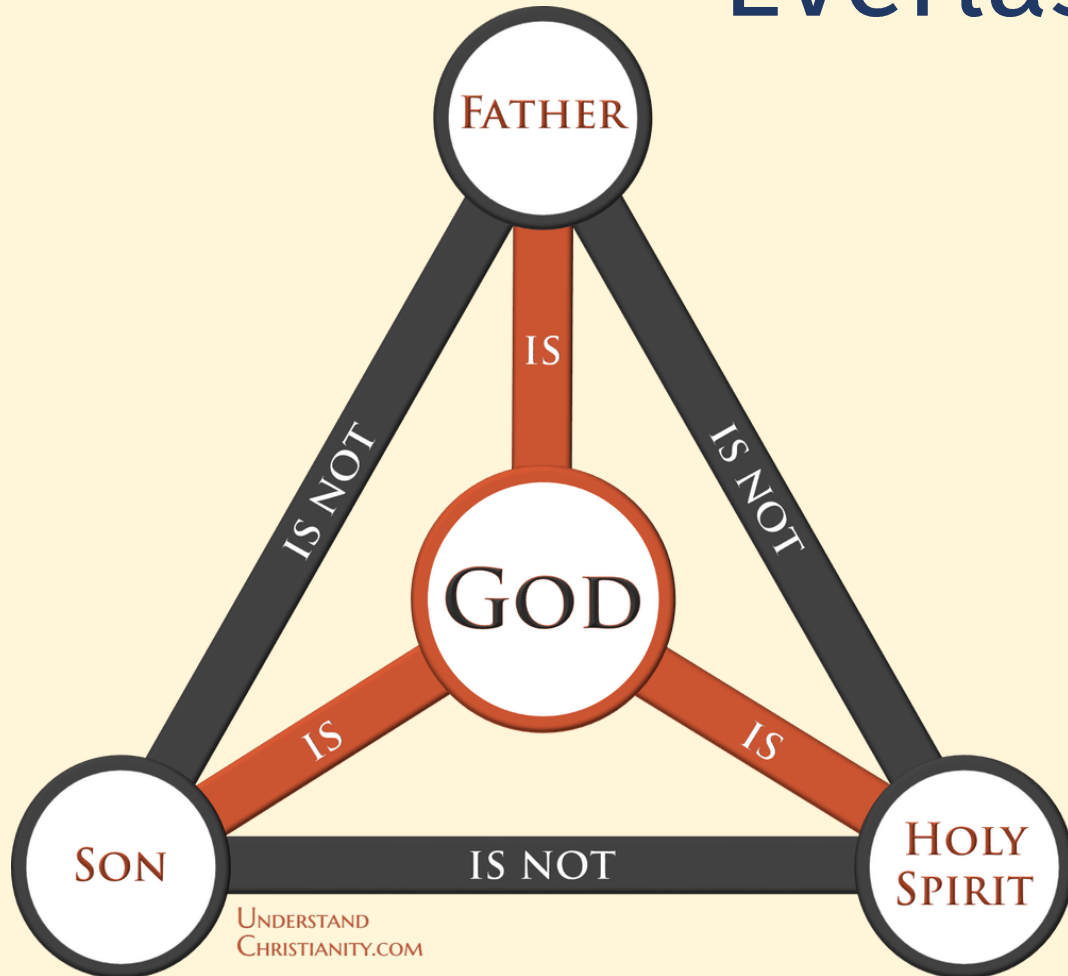


Jesus in Revelation 19

The Lord is a Warrior  
Matt Papa (Feat. Shai Linne)

# What Makes Him Worthy?

## Everlasting Father



Distinctions and Unity of the Trinity  
“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...”  
Jesus in Luke 4:18

“I and the Father are one.”  
Jesus in John 10:30

Fatherly love that never ends

# What Makes Him Worthy?

## Everlasting Father





# What Makes Him Worthy?

## Prince of Peace

Peace - Hebrew: *shalom* or שְׁלוֹמַם  
peace, wholeness, soundness, welfare

“*Shalom* is the webbing together of God, humans, and all creation in justice, fulfillment, and delight. We call it peace, but it means far more than mere peace of mind or a cease-fire between enemies. In the Bible, *shalom* means universal flourishing, wholeness, and delight. *Shalom*, in other words, is the way things ought to be.”

Cornelius Plantinga, *Not the Way It's Supposed to Be*

# What Makes Him Worthy?

## Prince of Peace

But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
*upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,*  
and with his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

# How Should We Respond?

## Receive King Jesus With Joy

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given...

Isaiah 9:6

Darkness to Light

Expanding Nation

Harvest/Feasting

Victory

Freedom



# How Should We Respond?

Receive King Jesus With Joy  
Like the Wisemen



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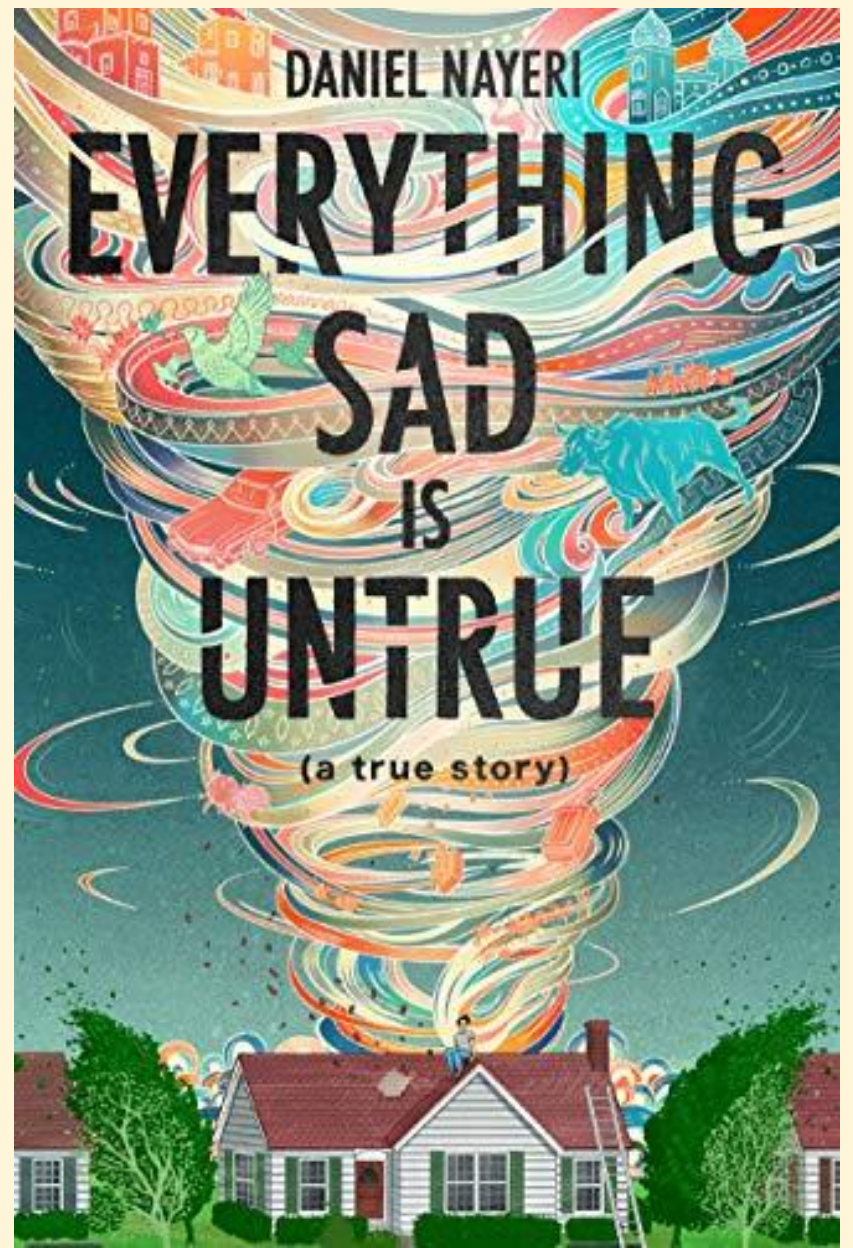
Reject King Jesus  
Like Herod



# How Should We Respond? Receive King Jesus With Joy



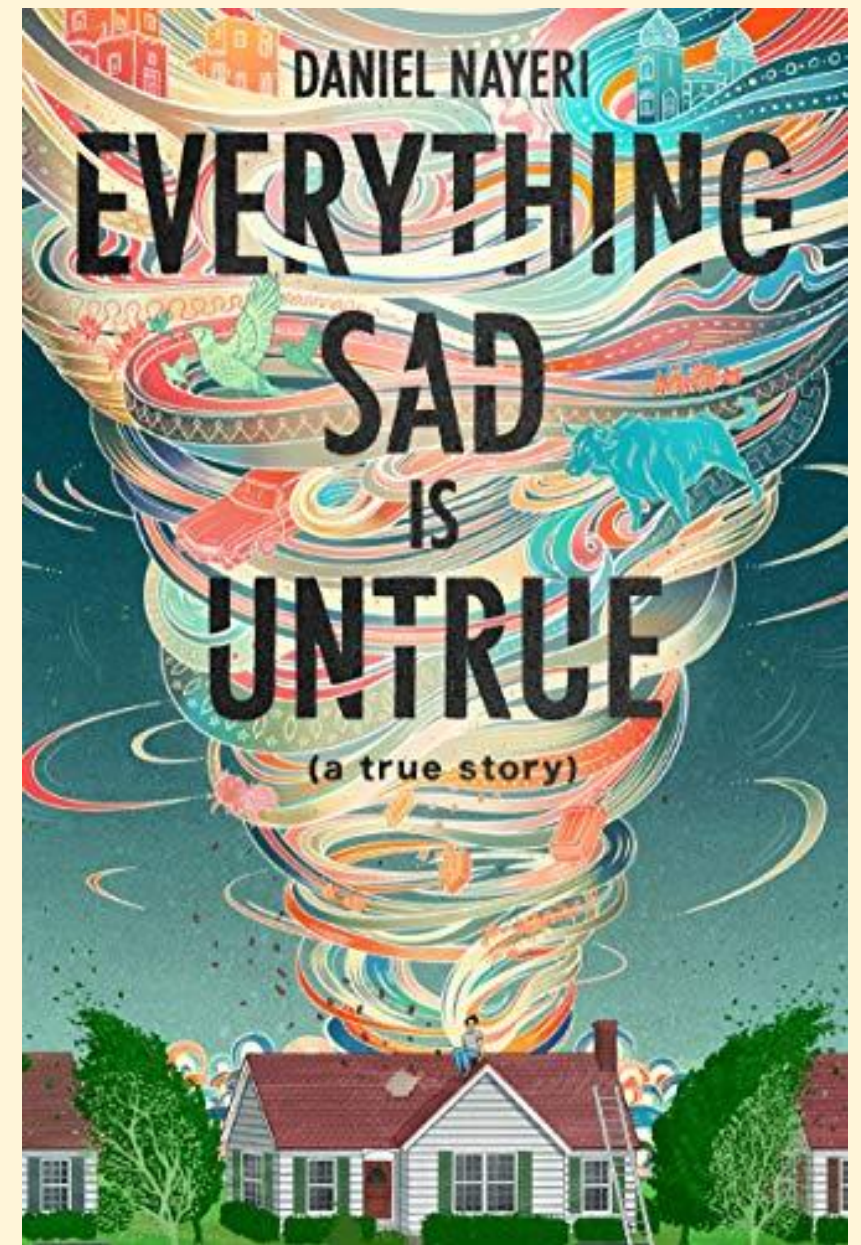




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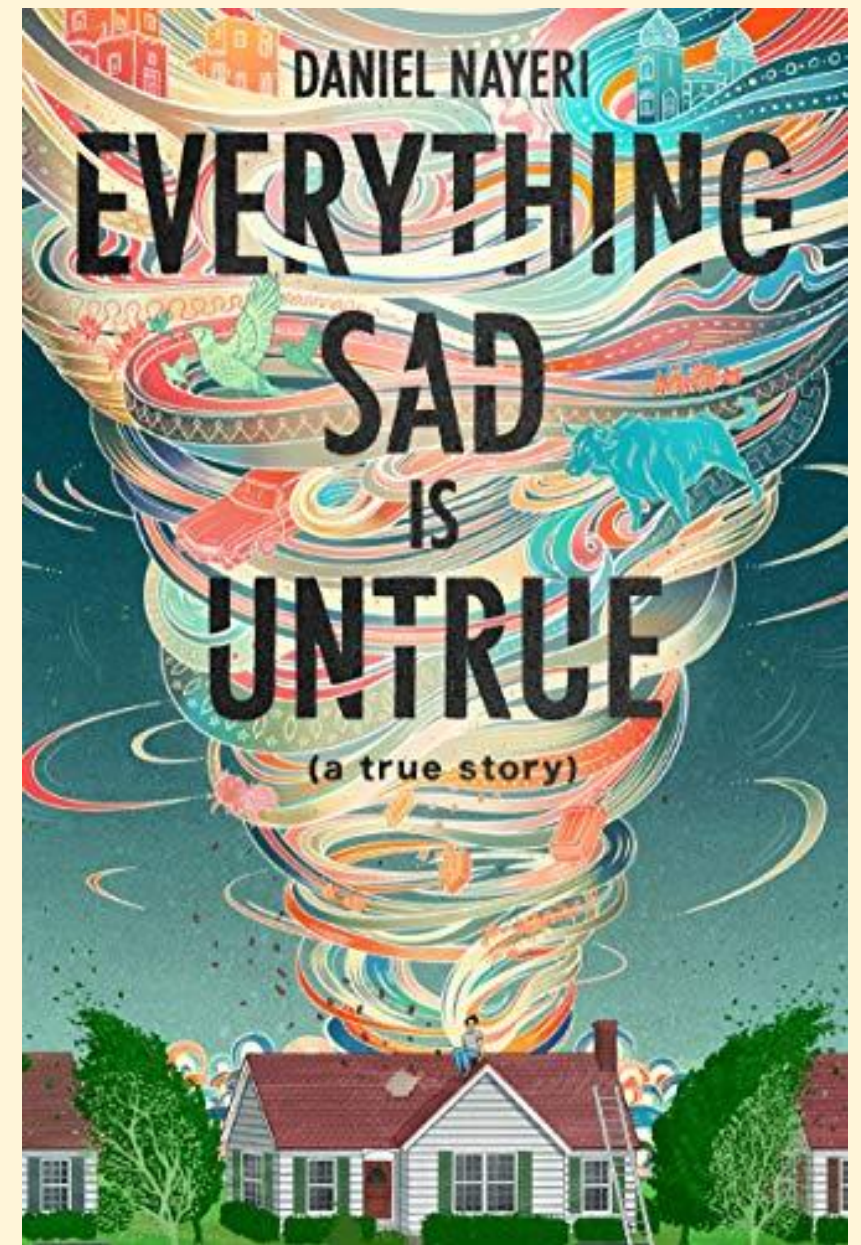


*When I tell the story in Oklahoma, this the part where the grown-ups always interrupt me. They say, “Okay, but why did she convert?” Cause up to that point, I’ve told them about [our amazing house], all the villages my grandfather owned, all the gold, my mom’s own medical practice—all the amazing things she had that we don’t have anymore because she became a Christian. All the money she gave up, so we’re poor now. But I don’t have an answer for them. How can you explain why you believe anything?*





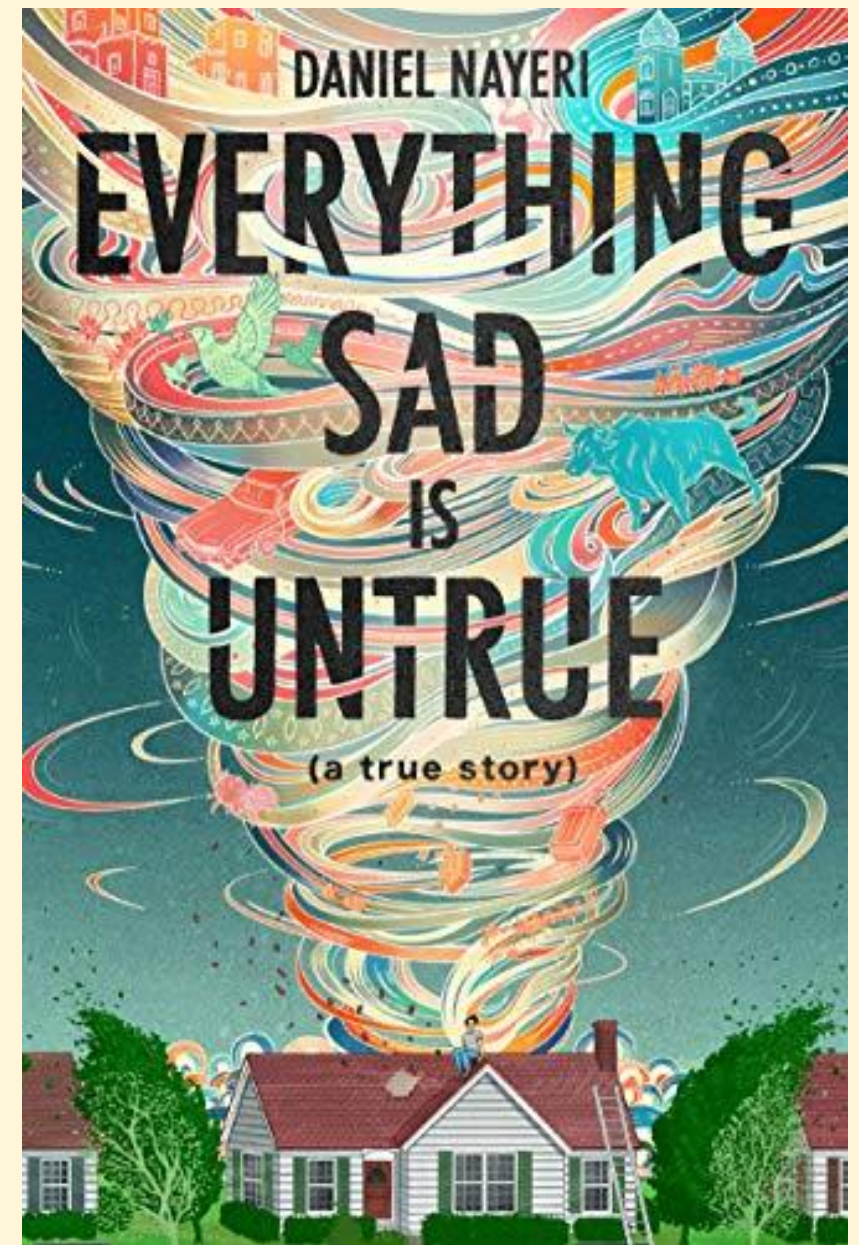
*So I just say what my mom says when people ask her. She looks them in the eye with the begging hope that they'll hear her and she says, "Because it's true." Why else would she believe it? It's true and it's more valuable than seven million dollars in gold coins, and thousands of acres of Persian countryside, and ten years of education to get a medical degree, and all your family, and a home, and the best cream puffs in Jolfa, and even maybe your life.*





*My mom wouldn't have made the trade otherwise. If you believe it's true, that there is a God and He wants you to believe in Him and He sent His Son to die for you—then it has to take over your life. It has to be worth more than everything else, because heaven's waiting on the other side. That or [my mom] is insane. There's no middle. You can't say it's a quirky thing she thinks sometimes, cause she went all the way with it... We can wonder and question and disagree. You can be certain she's dead wrong. But you can't make [my mom] agree with you. It's true. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. This whole story hinges on it.*

Daniel Nayeri, *Everything Sad Is Untrue* P.196-197



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