

HIJAB AND BOXING-GLOVES

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SYNOPSIS

More and more young women in Jordan are breaking out of their traditional role and stepping into the ring, wearing boxing gloves besides of the hijab. By fighting they want to strengthen their bodies, but also their personality, in order to empower and defend themselves against violence and oppression. But still, in the conservative, male dominated Jordan society, their path is full of stones.

The film portrays the 31-year-old Bedouin Reem al-Shammary, Jordan's featherweight champion. We follow her during ups and downs at boxing-matches and training for the Olympics qualification, as well in her daily life. Reem's fight continues also beyond the ring: in the town hall, where she argues with conservative men, and in the desert, supporting young Bedouin women to rebel against the will of their fathers. More and more, rage is brewing behind the hijab.

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Carmen Butta · PRODUCER Irene Höfer

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52 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

KOPFTUCH UND
BOXERHANDSCHUHE

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Coming of Age, Gender, Politics,
Religion, Sports

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Arabic

PREMIERE

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PRODUCTION COMPANY

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FILM LOCATION

Jordan