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This unique collection of poetry reaches out to readers of all kinds, offering the compelling voice of a woman who grew up and lived in the United State as

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an Arab and an American.
The first two novellas in this volume, *Madam Vienna* and *The Secret of His Power*, come from the peak period in Idris' career, the late 1950s and early 1960s, while *New York 80* belongs to his

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late period, the 1980s. They all deal with a seminal theme in Arabic fiction: the East-West encounter, often treated allegorically by Arab writers through a love story between an Arab man and a Western woman

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who stand for their respective cultures.

SHORTLISTED FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR
ARABIC FICTION AN
INTERGENERATIONAL TALE
OF LIFE AND LOVE SEEN

THROUGH THE EYES OF
THREE WOMEN FROM RAQQA

The western popular imagination about the now devastated city of Raqqa, Syria is filled with static and clichéd images of the Arab world. On the news, Raqqa looks

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like a dusty and abandoned desert village overrun by ISIS and other brands of Islamic fundamentalists, making its desperate, impoverished people yearn to flee at all costs. In the Arab popular imagination, the

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image of Raqqa is not much different--this ancient city, nestled along the Euphrates river in northeastern Syria, is typically thought of by Arabs as a remote Bedouin outpost, far removed from the nearest large

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metropolis, Aleppo. People's real lives, however, are always more complex. Nothing could help bring these real and complex histories to more widespread attention than Shahla Ujalyli's brilliant new novel, *Summer with*

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the Enemy. This novel is a compelling tale that follows the charming, if at times difficult, everyday life of three women--Lamis, her mother Najwa, and her grandmother Karma - and all of the

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complexities of their relationships with each other, their extended family, and the wider social worlds they inhabit. The diversity of life in Syria, especially Raqqa, is on display throughout this book, and the stories told in its

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seven chapters move back and forth between time and place, with attention to the intimate details of lives and relationships, and with an eye to the larger historical and political contexts in which they live. An

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intergenerational novel, *Summer with the Enemy* traces the lives of these women not only in Raqqa where the bulk of the novel is set, but also in the places their families lived before -- Turkey, Jerusalem, Aleppo

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and Damascus. It reminds us that Syria and Syrians have never been isolated from the world, and that indeed the lives of people stretched far beyond the confines of Raqqa's city limits, long before the online

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world existed.

Muslim women have been stereotyped by Western academia as oppressed and voiceless. This volume problematizes this Western academic representation. Muslim

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Women Writers from the Middle East from Out al-Kouloub al-Dimerdashiyah (1899–1968) and Latifa al-Zayat (1923–1996) from Egypt, to current diasporic writers such as Tamara Chalabi from Iraq, Mohja Kahf from Syria,

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and even trendy writers such as Alexandra Chreiteh, challenge the received notion of Middle Eastern women as subjugated and secluded. The younger largely Muslim women scholars collected in this book present

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cutting edge theoretical perspectives on these Muslim women writers. This book includes essays from the conflict-ridden countries such as Iran, Iraq, Palestine, Syria, and the resultant diaspora. The strengths

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of Muslim women writers are captured by the scholars included herein. The approach is feminist, post-colonial, and disruptive of Western stereotypical academic tropes. From the Individual to the

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Collective in the Writings of
Radwa Ashour and Ahdaf Soueif
Specters

Midnight and Other Poems
Spectres
Rights, Challenges and

Achievements

Short story writing in Egypt was still in its infancy when Denys Johnson-Davies, described by Edward Said as “the leading Arabic–English translator of our time,” arrived

in Cairo as a young man in the 1940s. Nevertheless, he was immediately impressed by such writing talents of the time as Mahmoud Teymour, Yahya Hakki, Yusuf Gohar, and the future Nobel literature laureate

Naguib Mahfouz, and he set about translating their works for local English-language periodicals of the time. He continued to translate over the decades, and sixty years later he brings together this

remarkable overview of the work of several generations of Egypt's leading short story writers. This selection of some fifty stories represents not only a cross-section through time but also a spectrum of

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styles, and includes works by Teymour, Hakki, Gohar, and Mahfouz and later writers such as Mohamed El-Bisatie, Said el-Kafrawi, Bahaa Taher, and Radwa Ashour, as well as new young writers of today like

***Hamdy El-Gazzar, Mansoura
Ez Eldin, and Youssef Rakha.
In the global south, women
have and continue to resist
multiple forms of structural
violence. The atrocities
committed against Yazidi***

women by ISIS have been recognized internationally, and the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Nadia Murad in 2018 was a tribute to honor women whose bodies have been battered in the name of race, nationality,

***war, and religion. In the
Crossfire of History: Women's
War Resistance Discourse in
the Global South is an edited
collection that incorporates
literary works, testimonies,
autobiographies, women's***

resistance movements, and films that add to the conversation on the resilience of women in the global south. The collection focuses on Palestine, Kashmir, Syria, Kurdistan, Congo, Argentina,

***Central America, Sri Lanka,
and Bangladesh. The essays
question historical accuracy
and politics of representation
that usually undermine
women's role during conflict,
and they reevaluate how***

women participated, challenged, sacrificed, and vehemently opposed war discourses that erase women's role in shaping resistance movements. The transformative mode of these

examples expands the definition of heroism and defiance. To prevent these types of heroism from slipping into the abyss of history, this collection brings forth and celebrates women's fortitude

in conflict zones. In the Crossfire of History shines a light on women across the globe who are resisting the sociopolitical and economic injustices in their nation-states.

The most comprehensive reference work on African literature to date, this book covers all the key historical and cultural issues in the field. The Encyclopedia contains over 600 entries covering

criticism and theory, African literature's development as a field of scholarship, and studies of established and lesser-known writers and their texts. While the greatest proportion of literary work in

Africa has been a product of the twentieth century, the Encyclopedia also covers the literature back to the earliest eras of story-telling and oral transmission, making this a unique and valuable resource

for those studying social sciences as well as humanities. This work includes cross-references, suggestions for further reading, and a comprehensive index.

Radwa and Shagar are two women born on the same day. Spectres alternates between their childhoods, their days at work, their married and unmarried lives, and the two books they are writing.

***Memoirs of an Egyptian
Woman Student in America
Granada
Translating Dissent
Memory, Voice, and Identity
Journal of the American
Association of Teachers of***

Arabic Velvet

Hawa is a child of the grinding hardship of a Palestinian refugee camp. She has had to survive the camp itself, as well as the humiliation and destruction of an

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abusive family life. But now, later in life, something most unexpected has happened: she has fallen in love. Velvet unfolds over a day in Hawa's life, as she makes plans for a new beginning that may take her out of the camp. She sifts back

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through her memories of the past: the stories of her family, her childhood, and her beloved mentor, who invited her into the glamorous world of the rich women of Amman. This is a novel of enormous power and great beauty.

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Rich in detail, it tells of the women of the camp, and the joy and relief that can be captured amid repression and sorrow.

The stories within Hisham Bustani's *The Monotonous Chaos of Existence* explore the turbulent

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transformation in contemporary Arab societies. With a deft and poetic touch, Bustani examines the interpersonal with a global lens, connects the seemingly contradictory, and delves into the ways that international conflict can

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tear open the individuals that populate his world-all while pushing the narrative form into new and unexpected terrain.

Set in the late nineteenth century on a mythical island off the coast of Yemen, Radwa Ashour's *Siraaj*:

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An Arab Tale tells the poignant story of a mother and son as they are drawn inextricably into a revolt against their island's despotic sultan. Amina, a baker in the sultan's palace, anxiously awaits her son's return from a long

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voyage at sea, fearful that the sea has claimed Saïd just as it did his father and grandfather. Saïd, left behind in Alexandria by his ship as the British navy begins an attack on the city, slowly begins to make his way home, witnessing British

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colonial oppression along the way. Saïd's return brings Amina only a short-lived peace. The lessons he learned from the Egyptians' struggle against the British have radicalized him. When Saïd learns the island's slave population is

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planning a revolt against the sultan's tyrannical rule, both he and Amina are soon drawn in. Beautifully rendered from Arabic into English by Barbara Romaine, Radwa Ashour's novella speaks of the unity that develops among

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varied peoples as they struggle against a common oppressor and illuminates the rich cultures of both the Arab and African inhabitants of the island. Sub-Saharan African culture is a subject addressed by few Arabic novelists,

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and Radwa Ashour's novella does much to fill that void.

In 1960s Egypt a group of writers exploded onto the literary scene, transforming the aesthetic landscape. Space in Modern Egyptian Fiction explores how this

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literary generation presents a marked shift in the representation of rural, urban and exilic space, reflecting a disappointment with the project of the postcolonial nation-state in Egypt. Combining a sociological approach to literature

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with detailed close readings, Yasmine Ramadan explores the spatial representations that embodied this shift within the Egyptian literary scene and the disappearance of an idealized nation in the Egyptian novel. This

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study provides a robust examination of the emergence and establishment of some of the most significant writers in modern Egyptian literature, and their influence across six decades, while also tracing the social, economic,

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political and aesthetic changes that marked this period in Egypt's contemporary history.

Poems

Breaking Broken English

Selected Poems

Women's War Resistance

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Discourse in the Global South
Homecoming

Adonis

The five influential women writers discussed in Seymour-Jorn's timely work—Salwa Bakr, Nemat el-Behairy, Radwa Ashour, Etidal Osman, and Ibtihal Salem—all emerged on the

literary scene in the late 1970s and early 1980s. They came of age at a time when women's writing was attracting critical attention and more venues for publication were opening up. This widening platform enabled these writers to develop and mature as cultural critics, resulting in the creation

of a successful blend of politically and socially committed literature with artistically innovative literary techniques. Artfully combining literary analysis with ethnographic research, Seymour-Jorn explores the ways in which these writers generate new patterns of thinking and talking about

women, society, and social change. She describes how the writers conceive of their role as authors, particularly as female authors, and how they refigure the Arabic language to express themselves as women. By examining these authors' works and lives, Seymour-Jorn illuminates the extent to which

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writing brings women into the public sphere, an arena in which they have traditionally had limited access to positions of power and authority.

A collection of sixty short stories by women writers from across the Arab world.

Runner-up for 2015 Russian Booker

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Prize. From one of the most exciting voices in modern Russian literature, Alisa Ganieva, comes *Bride and Groom*, the tumultuous love story of two young city-dwellers who meet when they return home to their families in rural Dagestan. When traditional family expectations and increasing religious

and cultural tension threaten to shatter their bond, Marat and Patya struggle to overcome obstacles determined to keep them apart, while fate seems destined to keep them together—until the very end. Alisa Ganieva (b. 1985) grew up in Makhachkala, Dagestan. Her literary debut, the novella Salam, Dalgat!,

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published under a male pseudonym, won the prestigious Debut Prize in 2009. Her debut novel, The Mountain and the Wall (Deep Vellum, 2015) was shortlisted for all of Russia's major literary awards and has been translated into seven languages. Bride and Groom is her second novel, and was shortlisted

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for the 2015 Russian Booker Prize upon its publication in Russia. Ganieva currently lives in Moscow, where she works as a journalist and literary critic. Dr. Carol Apollonio is Professor of the Practice of Russian at Duke University. Her most recent literary translations include Alisa Ganieva's debut novel,

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The Mountain and the Wall (Deep Vellum, 2015). She was awarded the Russian Ministry of Culture's Chekhov Medal in 2010, and she currently serves as President of the North American Dostoevsky Society.

Set in late nineteenth-century Benghazi, Najwa Bin Shatwan's powerful novel

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tells the story of Atiqah, the daughter of a slave woman and her white master. We meet Atiqah as a grown woman, happily married with two children and working. When her cousin Ali unexpectedly enters her life, Atiqah learns the true identity of her parents, both long deceased, and slowly builds a

friendship with Ali as they share stories of their past. We learn of Atiqa's childhood, growing up in the "slave yards," a makeshift encampment on the outskirts of Benghazi for Black Africans who were brought to Libya as slaves. Ali narrates the tragic life of Atiqa's mother, Tawida, a black woman

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enslaved to a wealthy merchant family who finds herself the object of her master's desires. Though such unions were common in slave-holding societies, their relationship intensifies as both come to care deeply for each other and share a bond that endures throughout their lives. Shortlisted for the 2017

**International Prize for Arabic Ficiton,
Bin Shatwan's unforgettable novel
offers a window into a dark chapter of
Libyan history and illuminates the lives
of women with great pathos and
humanity.**

Siraaj

The Arc of Memory in the Aftermath of

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Trauma

Enchantress

A Child in Palestine

**Black-Arab Literary Solidarities and
the Politics of Language**

Three Egyptian Novellas

This open access book offers
innovative and wide-ranging

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responses to the continuously flourishing literary phenomenon of autofiction. The book shows the insights that are gained in the shift from the genre descriptor to the adjective, and from a broad application of “the autofictional” as

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a theoretical lens and aesthetic strategy. In three sections on “Approaches,” “Affordances,” and “Forms,” the volume proposes new theoretical approaches for the study of autofiction and the autofictional, offers fresh perspectives on many

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of the prominent authors in the discussion, draws them into a dialogue with autofictional practice from across the globe, and brings into view texts, forms, and media that have not traditionally been considered for their autofictional

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dimensions. The book, in sum, expands the parameters of research on autofiction to date to allow new voices and viewpoints to emerge.

Fantastic tales of demons and the Evil Eye, magical incantations, and

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powerful attractions abound in Enchantress, a novel that weaves together Talmudic lore, ancient Jewish magic, and a timeless love story set in fourth-century Babylonia. One of the most powerful practitioner of these

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mysterious arts is Rav Hisda's daughter, whose innate awareness allows her to possess the skills men lack. With her husband, Rava--whose arcane knowledge of the secret Torah enables him to create a "man" out of earth and to

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resurrect another rabbi from death--the two brave an evil sorceress, Ashmedai the Demon King, and even the Angel of Death in their quest to safeguard their people, even while putting their romance at risk. The author of the

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acclaimed Rashi's Daughters series and the award-winning Rav Hisda's Daughter: Apprentice has conjured literary magic in the land where "abracadabra" originated. Based on five years of research and populated with characters from the

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Talmud, Enchantress brings a pivotal era of Jewish and Christian history to life from the perspective of a courageous and passionate woman.

Black-Arab political and cultural solidarity has had a long and rich

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history in the United States. That alliance is once again exerting a powerful influence on American society as Black American and Arab American activists and cultural workers are joining forces in formations like the Movement for

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Black Lives and Black for Palestine to address social justice issues. In *Breaking Broken English*, Hartman explores the historical and current manifestations of this relationship through language and literature, with a specific focus on Arab

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American literary works that use the English language creatively to put into practice many of the theories and ideas advanced by Black American thinkers. *Breaking Broken English* shows how language is the location where

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literary and poetic beauty meet the political in creative work. Hartman draws out thematic connections between Arabs/Arab Americans and Black Americans around politics and culture and also highlights the many artistic ways

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these links are built. She shows how political and cultural ideas of solidarity are written in creative texts and emphasizes their potential to mobilize social justice activists in the United States and abroad in the ongoing struggle for

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the liberation of Palestine.

One of the Nobel laureate's most intriguing novels, translated for the first time into English

The Monotonous Chaos of Existence

Literary Autobiography and Arab

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National Struggles
The Autofictional
Space in Modern Egyptian Fiction
The Journey
Summer with the Enemy
***Granada A Novel Syracuse
University Press***

Palestine. For most of us, the word brings to mind a series of confused images and disjointed associations- massacres, refugee camps, UN resolutions, settlements, terrorist attacks, war, occupation, checkered

kouffiyehs and suicide bombers, a seemingly endless cycle of death and destruction. This novel does not shy away from such painful images, but it is first and foremost a powerful human story, following the

life of a young girl from her days in the village of al-Tantoura in Palestine up to the dawn of the new century. We participate in events as they unfold, seeing them through the uneducated but sharply intelligent mind of

Ruqayya, as she tries to make sense of all that has happened to her and her family. With her, we live her love of her land and of her people; we feel the repeated pain of loss, of diaspora and of cross-generational

misunderstanding; and above all, we come to know her indomitable human spirit. As we read we discover that we have become part of Ruqayya's family, and her voice will remain with us long after we have closed the book.

Arab women's writing in the modern age began with 'A'isha al-Taymuriya, Warda al-Yaziji, Zaynab Fawwaz, and other nineteenth-century pioneers in Egypt and the Levant. This unique study-first published in Arabic in 2004-looks at the

work of those pioneers and then traces the development of Arab women's literature through the end of the twentieth century, and also includes a meticulously researched, comprehensive bibliography of writing by

Arab women. In the first section, in nine essays that cover the Arab Middle East from Morocco to Iraq and Syria to Yemen, critics and writers from the Arab world examine the origin and evolution of women's writing

in each country in the region, addressing fiction, poetry, drama, and autobiographical writing. The second part of the volume contains bibliographical entries for over 1,200 Arab women writers from the last third of

the nineteenth century through 1999. Each entry contains a short biography and a bibliography of each author's published works. This section also includes Arab women's writing in French and English, as well as

a bibliography of works translated into English. With its broad scope and extensive research, this book is an indispensable resource for anyone interested in Arabic literature, women's studies, or comparative literature.

Contributors: Emad Abu Ghazi, Radwa Ashour, Mohammed Berrada, Ferial J. Ghazoul, Subhi Hadidi, Haydar Ibrahim, Yumna al-'Id, Su'ad al-Mani', Iman al-Qadi, Amina Rachid, Huda al-Sadda, Hatim al-Sakr.

Nada is no stranger to protest. She is five years old when her French mother takes her to visit her Egyptian father, a political activist with a passing resemblance to President Nasser, in prison. When he returns home five

***years later, a changed man,
their little family begins to
fracture and eventually Nada's
mother moves back to Paris.
Through her teenage years
Nada is surrounded by the
language of protest -
'anarchism', 'Trotskyism',***

'communism' - and, one summer in Paris, she discovers the '68 movement and her first love. And how to slam doors in anger. The more things change, the more they stay the same. Through student sit-ins,

imprisonments, passionate arguments, accidental alliances, fallen friends, joys and regrets, Nada's story grows into the story of Egypt's many celebrated activists such as Arwa and Siham. Moving, uplifting and deeply

human, Radwa Ashour's masterpiece is the story of Egypt in the second half of the twentieth century and a paeon to all those who choose a life of activism and quiet defiance.

A Novel of Rav Hisda's

Daughter

Blue Lorries

***Aunt Safiyya and the
Monastery***

In the Crossfire of History

A Palestinian Novel

An Anthology of Short Stories

****Written by the winners of the***

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Intranews Linguists of the Year award for 2016! Discursive and non-discursive interventions in the political arena are heavily mediated by various acts of translation that enable protest movements to*

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connect across the globe. Focusing on the Egyptian experience since 2011, this volume brings together a unique group of activists who are able to reflect on the complexities, challenges and

limitations of one or more forms of translation and its impact on their ability to interact with a variety of domestic and global audiences. Drawing on a wide range of genres and modalities, from

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documentary film and subtitling to oral narratives, webcomics and street art, the 18 essays reveal the dynamics and complexities of translation in protest movements across the world. Each unique

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contribution demonstrates some aspect of the interdependence of these movements and their inevitable reliance on translation to create networks of solidarity. The volume is

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framed by a substantial introduction by Mona Baker and includes an interview with Egyptian activist and filmmaker, Philip Rizk. With contributions by scholars and artists, professionals and

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activists directly involved in the Egyptian revolution and other movements, Translating Dissent will be of interest to students of translation, intercultural studies and sociology, as well as the reader

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interested in the study of social and political movements.

Online materials, including links to relevant websites and videos, are available at <http://www.routledge.com/cw/baker>.

Additional resources for

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Translation and Interpreting Studies are available on the Routledge Translation Studies Portal: <http://cw.routledge.com/textbooks/translationstudies>.

**THIS TRANSLATION IS AN
HOMAGE TO A GREAT**

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*LITERARY FIGURE AND TO
THOSE MOVEMENTS WHICH
CARRY ON HER LEGACY IN
THEIR WORK Never neutral and
deeply engaged in politics,
literature, people's struggles,
and what she calls the ?most*

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urgent causes of our times,? a young Radwa Ashour charts her years as a student in the US of the 1970s, where she would become the first PhD student to graduate from the newly founded W.E.B Du Bois

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department of Afro-American Studies and the English Department of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1975. A political progressive and leftist writer, critic, and activist, her memoir reflects

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not only on her own journey and struggles but those of the people she met and engaged with in the United States, especially African Americans. The Journey narrates the years which Ashour spent in the US

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and captures so vividly the spirit and ethos of the time it chronicles?the early 1970s. Anti-colonial movements, a commitment to popular struggles and people?s liberation, as well as linking

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scholarship and work on the ground, are all alive and real in her memoir. First published in Arabic over thirty years ago and written about a period (1973?1975) a decade before, the text is still vibrant and

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relevant today. Just emerging from the devastation of the Six Day War in 1967, Ashour talks about the pain of what we call the ?sixties generation? in the Arab world and intermeshes the pressing questions and

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issues of the time within a quotidian story, as well as the life of an Egyptian woman within a deeply divided US society at war both with itself and abroad. Radwa Ashour's work?through the unique lens

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of this incisively observant visitor?reminds us of what the issues and debates in the US of this period were like and how deeply connected they are to struggles today such as Black Lives Mater and Ferguson-

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Palestine.

Al-'Arabiyya is the annual journal of the American Association of Teachers of Arabic and serves scholars in the United States and abroad. Al-'Arabiyya includes scholarly

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*articles and reviews that
advance the study, research,
and teaching of Arabic
language, linguistics, literature,
and pedagogy.*

*"Frontispiece: Poem and
calligraphy by Adonis, XXXX.*

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*Translated by Bassam
Frangieh" --T.p. verso.*

Al-'Arabiyya

*Encyclopedia of African
Literature*

Written Between 1996-2016

My Name on His Tongue

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*Modern Woman in the Kingdom
of Saudi Arabia
A Critical Reference Guide,
1873-1999*

Radwa Ashour skillfully weaves a history of Granadan rule and an Arabic world into a novel that

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evokes cultural loss and the disappearance of a vanquished population. The novel follows the family of Abu Jaafar, the bookbinderhis wife, widowed daughter-in-law, her two children, and his two apprenticesas they

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witness Christopher Columbus and his entourage in a triumphant parade featuring exotic plants and animals and human captives from the New World. Embedded in the narrative is the preparation for the marriage of Saad, one of the

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apprentices, and Saleema, Abu Jaafar's granddaughter a scenario that is elegantly revealed in a number of parallel scenes. As the new rulers of Granada confiscate books and officials burn the collected volumes, Abu Jaafur

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quietly moves his rich library out of town. Persecuted Muslims fight to form an independent government, but increasing economic and cultural pressures on the Arabs of Spain and Christian rulers culminate in Christian conversions

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and Muslim uprisings. A tale that is both vigorous and heartbreaking, this novel will appeal to general readers of Spanish and Arabic literature as well as anyone interested in Christian-Muslim relations.

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The first book to situate the Saudi woman in a broader cultural context, this text explores a variety of themes, historical developments, and social taboos. It also investigates a wide range of writing by Saudi women, beginning with

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the first attempt by a woman to write for the public in the middle of the twentieth century up to the peak of the Saudi woman's literary production in this millennium. It is also concerned with the Saudi woman's social, economic, and

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religious contributions, making it possible for the reader to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the reality of Saudi women through studying and connecting the Saudi woman's past with her present. As such, this

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book represents a major contribution to the study of women in the Middle East, and offers a unique contrast between fictional presentation and lived experience. While such historic monuments as the pyramids at Giza, the Karnak

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Temple, and the Valley of the Kings draw visitors to Egypt each year, the country is today a large and varied collection of some 79 million people. An important political and cultural force in the Middle East and home to one of Africa's most

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advanced economies, Egypt is rapidly becoming a major player in the 21st-century world. This comprehensive text examines all facets of life in Egypt, including its land, history, politics, and culture. It is written in a manner that makes

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the subject accessible and engaging for readers with little prior knowledge about the country, but also provides a critical analysis of the latest research for students and scholars familiar with Egypt and its people. Special attention is given to

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the historical period following the rise of Islam to enable a greater understanding of Egypt's contemporary government, religious practices, popular culture, and current events.

In memoirs, Arab writers have

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invoked solitude in moments of deep public involvement. Focusing on Taha Hussein, Sonallah Ibrahim, Assia Djebar, Latifa al-Zayyat, Mahmoud Darwish, Mourid Barghouti, Edward Said, Haifa Zangana, and Radwa Ashour, this

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book reads a range of autobiographical forms, sources, and affinities with other literatures. Taking a comparative approach, Nasser shows the local sources of contemporary Arab autobiography, adaptations of a

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global genre, and cultural exchange. She also examines different aspects of the contemporary autobiography as it has evolved in the Arab world during the past half-century, focusing on the particularity of the

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genre written in different languages but pertaining to one overarching Arab culture. Drawing on memoirs, testimonies, autobiographical novels, poetic autobiography, journals, and diaries, she examines solitude and national struggles in

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contemporary Arab autobiography.

Muslim Women's Writing from

across the Middle East

An Arab Tale

Voices From and With the Egyptian

Revolution

The Slave Yards

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Egypt

Cultural Criticism in Egyptian
Women's Writing

**Naji al-Ali grew up in the
Palestinian refugee camp
of Ain al-Hilweh in the
south Lebanese city of**

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Sidon, where his gift for drawing was discovered by the Palestinian poet Ghassan Kanafani in the late 1950s. Early the following decade he left for Kuwait, embarking on a

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thirty-year career that would see his cartoons published daily in newspapers from Cairo to Beirut, London to Paris. Resolutely independent and unaligned to any political

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party, Naji al-Ali strove to speak to and for the ordinary Arab people; the pointed satire of his stark, symbolic cartoons brought him widespread renown. Through his most

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celebrated creation, the witness-child Handala, al-Ali criticized the brutality of Israeli occupation, the venality and corruption of the regimes in the region, and

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the suffering of the
Palestinian people,
earning him many powerful
enemies and the soubriquet
“the Palestinian Malcolm
X.” For the first time in
book form, A Child in

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Palestine presents the work of one of the Arab world's greatest cartoonists, revered throughout the region for his outspokenness, honesty and humanity. "That was

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when the character Handala was born. The young, barefoot Handala was a symbol of my childhood. He was the age I was when I had left Palestine and, in a sense, I am still that

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age today and I feel that I can recall and sense every bush, every stone, every house and every tree I passed when I was a child in Palestine. The character of Handala was a

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sort of icon that
protected my soul from
falling whenever I felt
sluggish or I was ignoring
my duty. That child was
like a splash of fresh
water on my forehead,

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bringing me to attention
and keeping me from error
and loss. He was the arrow
of the compass, pointing
steadily towards
Palestine. Not just
Palestine in geographical

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terms, but Palestine in its humanitarian sense—the symbol of a just cause, whether it is located in Egypt, Vietnam or South Africa.”—Naji al-Ali, in conversation with Radwa

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**Winner of the Cairo
International Book Fair
Prize. Specters tells the
story of Radwa and Shagar,
two women born the same
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alternates between their childhoods, their work lives (one a professor of literature and the other of history), their married and unmarried lives, and their respective books.

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With her novel's structure, Ashour pays tribute to the Arab qareen (double or companion, and sometimes demon) and the ancient Egyptian ka (the spirit that is born with

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and accompanies an individual through life and beyond) .

This brief, beautifully crafted novel introduces one of the finest contemporary Arab

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novelists to English-speaking audiences. In it, Bahaa' Taher, one of a group of Egyptian writers—including the Nobel Laureate Naguib Mahfouz—noted for their

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revealing portraits of
Egyptian life and society,
tells the dramatic story
of a young Muslim who,
when his life is
threatened, finds
sanctuary in a community

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of Coptic monks. It is a tale of honor and of the terrible demands of blood vengeance; it probes the question of how a people or nation can become divided against itself.

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Taher has a magical gift for evoking the village life of Upper Egypt—a vastly different setting than urban Cairo and a landscape that tourists usually glimpse only from

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the windows of trains and buses taking them to the Pharaonic sites. Here, where Christians and Muslims have coexisted peacefully for centuries, where the traditions of

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the Coptic Church are as powerful as those of the Muslims, Taher crafts an intricate and compelling tale of far-reaching implications. With a powerful narrative voice

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and a genius for capturing the complex nuances of human interaction, Taher brilliantly depicts the poignant drama of a traditional society caught up in the process of

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change.

In 1996 Barghouti went back to his Palestinian home for the first time since his exile following the Six-Day War in 1967, first in Egypt and then in

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Hungary, and wrote a poignant and incisive account of the exile's lot in the acclaimed memoir *I Saw Ramallah*. In 2003 he returned to Ramallah to introduce his Cairo-born

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son, Tamim Barghouti, to his Palestinian family. Ironically, within a year Tamim himself had been arrested for taking part in a demonstration against the impending Iraq War and

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found himself not only in the same Cairo prison from which his father had been expelled from Egypt when Tamim was a baby, but in the very same cell. I Was Born There, I was Born

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Here traces Barghouti's own life in recent years and in the past - early life in Palestine, expulsion from Cairo, exile to Budapest, marriage to one of Egypt's

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leading writers and critics (Radwa Ashour), the birth of his son, Tamim, and then the young man's own expulsion from Cairo. Ranging freely back and forth in time,

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Barghouti weaves into his account poignant evocations of Palestinian history and daily life. His evocative, composed prose, beautifully rendered in Humphrey

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Davies' precise and sensitive translation, leads to the surprisingly candid condemnation of the Palestinian authority's leading figures and the astonishing verdict that

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'The real disaster that the Palestinians are living through these days is that they've fallen under the control of a bunch of school kids with no teacher.' Beautifully

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rendered by the prize-winning translator Humphrey Davies, *I Was Born There, I Was Born Here*, is destined, like its predecessor, to become a classic.

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Arab Women Writers

Approaches, Affordances,
Forms

The Woman from Tantoura

The Cartoons of Najj al-
Ali

Bride and Groom

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I Was Born There, I Was Born Here

Born in 1977, Tamim Al-Barghouti is probably one of the most widely read Palestinian poets of his generation. His poetry readings are attended by thousands, sometimes packing

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stadiums and amphitheatres. The reception of his poetry among a diverse audience from various backgrounds and age groups is a testimony to the vitality of the centuries-old tradition of classical Arabic poetry. The poems in this collection were written in Cairo,

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Ramallah, Amman, Washington, DC and Berlin between 1996 and 2016. In 2007, Al-Barghouti's long poem 'In Jerusalem,' which describes an aborted journey to the city, became something of a street poem. Palestinian newspapers dubbed Al-Barghouti 'The

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Poet of Jerusalem.' To this day, his posters hang on the streets of Jerusalem and other Palestinian cities, where key chains are sold with his picture on them. Sections of the poem have even become ring-tones blaring out from cell phones across the Arab world, and

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children compete in memorizing and reciting it. ?In Jerusalem? and other poems by Al-Barghouti have also had millions views on various TV Channels as well as on the internet, winning the poet an exceptional celebrity status in the Arab World. On the January 26,

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2011, one day after the Egyptian Revolution that toppled President Hosni Mubarak, Al-Barghouti wrote the lyrical poem 'Hanet'; its Arabic title roughly translates as 'It's Close.' With the internet down, he faxed the poem to a Cairo newspaper, copies of

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which were distributed in Tahrir Square. Soon after, Al-Jazeera TV Channel broadcast a recording of it and a video of his reading was projected in the Square every couple of hours on makeshift screens.

Sixty Years of Egyptian Short Stories

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In Jerusalem and Other Poems

A Novel

In the Time of Love

Tales of Encounter