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From one of our most important contemporary Chinese authors: a novel of language and love that tells one young Chinese woman's story of her journey to the West—and her

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attempts to understand the language, and the man, she adores.

Zhuang—or “Z,” to tongue-tied foreigners—has come to London to study English, but finds herself adrift, trapped in a cycle of cultural gaffes and grammatical mishaps. Then she meets an

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Englishman who changes everything, leading her into a world of self-discovery. She soon realizes that, in the West, “love” does not always mean the same as in China, and that you can learn all the words in the English language and still not understand your lover.

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And as the novel progresses with steadily improving grammar and vocabulary, Z's evolving voice makes her quest for comprehension all the more poignant. With sparkling wit, Xiaolu Guo has created an utterly original novel about identity and the

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cultural divide.

The only exploration of this unique group in British society, this well-argued and powerful book investigates the fascinating contribution that Western converts to Islam are making to a distinctive take on Islamic thought and

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discourse. Informed by interviews with British converts as well as published and internet material, Zebiri asks whether converts could act as much-needed mediators in the growing divide between Islam and the West.

Africa has produced

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some of the best
writing of the
twentieth century
from Chinua Achebe,
Ayi Kwei Armah,
Ngugi wa Thiong'o,
and the Nobel
Laureates Wole
Soyinka, Nadine
Gordimer, J.M.
Coetzee and Doris
Lessing, to more
recent talents like

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Nuruddin Farah, Ben Okri, Aminatta Forna and Brian Chikwava. Who will be the next generation? Following the successful launch of Bogotá39, which identified many of the most interesting upcoming Latin American talents, including Daniel Alarcon, Junot Diaz

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(Pulitzer Prize),
Santiago Roncagliolo
(Independent Foreign
Fiction Prize) and
Juan Gabriel Vásquez
(short-listed for the
IFFP), and Beirut39
which published
Randa Jarrar, Rabee
Jaber, Joumana
Haddad, Abdellah
Taia and Samar
Yazbek, Africa39 will

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bring to worldwide attention the best work from Africa and its diaspora. The judges will select from up to 200 submissions researched by Binyavanga Wainaina, the founding editor of the acclaimed Nairobi-based literary magazine Kwani?, and the writers' names will

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be unveiled in Port
Harcourt and at the
London Book Fair in
April 2014. Africa39
will be published in
English throughout
the world by
Bloomsbury. Africa39
is a Hay Festival and
Rainbow Book Club
project which aims to
select and celebrate 39
of the best young

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African writers from south of the Sahara. It will be launched at the PH Book Festival in UNESCO's World Book Capital, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, in October 2014. The three judges are: Margaret Busby (UK – publisher, broadcaster and reviewer, chair of the

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Commonwealth Prize
and editor of the
anthology Daughters
of Africa) Elechi
Amadi (Nigeria –
author of plays,
memoir and novels,
including The Slave,
Estrangement and The
Woman of Calabar)
Osonye Tess
Onwueme
(Nigeria/USA –

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playwright, poet and scholar, whose works include Riot in Heaven and What Mama Said) When Salma becomes pregnant before marriage in her small village in the Levant, her innocent days playing the pipe for her goats are gone for ever. She is swept into

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prison for her own protection. To the sound of her screams, her newborn baby daughter is snatched away. In the middle of the most English of towns, Exeter, she learns good manners from her landlady, and settles down with an Englishman. But deep in her heart the cries

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of her baby daughter
still echo. When she
can bear them no
longer, she goes back
to her village to find
her. It is a journey that
will change
everything - and
nothing. Slipping back
and forth between the
olive groves of the
Levant and the rain-
slicked pavements of

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Exeter, My Name is
Salma is a searing
portrayal of a woman's
courage in the face of
insurmountable odds.

New Writing from
Africa South of the
Sahara

British Muslim
Women Write

The Girl in the
Tangerine Scarf

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In the Eye of the Sun
Sex and the Citadel
In her dedication
Safia Elhillo writes,
“The January
Children are the
generation born in
Sudan under British
occupation, where
children were
assigned birth years
by height, all given

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the birth date
January 1.” What
follows is a deeply
personal collection
of poems that
describe the
experience of
navigating the
postcolonial world as
a stranger in one’s
own land. The
January Children

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depicts displacement and longing while also questioning accepted truths about geography, history, nationhood, and home. The poems mythologize family histories until they break open, using them to explore aspects of Sudan's

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history of colonial occupation, dictatorship, and diaspora. Several of the poems speak to the late Egyptian singer Abdelhalim Hafez, who addressed many of his songs to the asmarani—an Arabic term of endearment

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for a brown-skinned
or dark-skinned
person. Elhillo
explores Arabness
and Africanness and
the tensions
generated by a
hyphenated identity
in those two worlds.
No longer content to
accept manmade
borders, Elhillo

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navigates a new and reimagined world. Maintaining a sense of wonder in multiple landscapes and mindscapes of perpetually shifting values, she leads the reader through a postcolonial narrative that is equally terrifying

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and tender,
melancholy and
defiant.

‘At the age of
thirteen, I knew I
was destined to
marry John Travolta.
One day he would
arrive on my North
London doorstep,
fall madly in love
with me and ask me

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to marry him. Then he would convert to Islam and become a devoted Muslim.’ Shelina is keeping a very surprising secret under her headscarf – she wants to fall in love. Torn between the Buxom Aunties, romantic comedies and mosque Imams,

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she decides to follow
the arranged-
marriage route to
finding Mr Right,
Muslim-style.

Shelina's captivating
journey begins as a
search for the One,
but along the way
she also discovers
her faith and herself.

A memoir with a

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hilarious twist from
one of Britain's
leading female
Muslim writers,
Love in a Headscarf
is an entertaining,
fresh and unmissable
insight into what it
means to be a young
British Muslim
woman. Shelina
Janmohamed is a

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columnist for the
Muslim News and
EMEL magazine and
regularly contributes
to the Guardian., the
BBC and Channel 4.
She is much in
demand as a
commentator on
radio and television
and has appeared on
programmes

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including Newsnight and The Heaven and Earth Show. Her award-winning blog, Spirit 21, is hugely popular. Love in a Headscarf is her first book.

Through interviews with leading writers (including Ahdaf Soueif and Hanif

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Kureishi), this book analyzes the writing and opinions of novelists of Muslim heritage based in the UK. Discussion centres on writers' work, literary techniques, and influences, and on their views of such issues as the hijab,

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the war on terror and
the Rushdie Affair.
Muslim women have
been stereotyped by
Western academia as
oppressed and
voiceless. This
volume
problematizes this
Western academic
representation.
Muslim Women

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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

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Syria, 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

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this book present
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.

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

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Empirical
Examinations
Words and Pictures
on How to Stop
Worrying and Learn
to Love the Alien
Next Door
Voice and Vision in
Postcolonial
Literature and Film
Interviews with
Contemporary

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Writers

Distant View of a
Minaret and Other
Stories

Opening Spaces
Innovative,
startlingly
perceptive and
aglow with colour,
these fifteen stories
were written
towards the end of

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Katherine

Mansfield's

tragically short life.

Many are set in the

author's native New

Zealand, others in

England and the

French Riviera. All

are revelations of

the unspoken, half-

understood

emotions that make

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up everyday
experience - from
the blackly comic
'The Daughters of
the Late Colonel',
and the short, sharp
sketch 'Miss Brill',
in which a lonely
woman's precarious
sense of self is
brutally destroyed,
to the vivid

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impressionistic
evocation of family
life in 'At the Bay'.
'All that I write,'
Mansfield said, 'all
that I am - is on the
borders of the sea. It
is a kind of playing.'
Combining
theoretical and
empirical analysis,
this book presents

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the emerging theoretical work analyzing hybrid identities while also illustrating the application of these theories in empirical research. Types of hybrid identities explored include: transnational, double

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consciousness,
gender, diaspora,
the third space, and
the internal colony.

Arab Voices in
Diaspora offers a
wide-ranging
overview and an
insightful study of
the field of
anglophone Arab
literature produced

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across the world.

The first of its kind, it chronicles the development of this literature from its inception at the turn of the past century until the post 9/11 era. The book sheds light not only on the historical but also on the cultural and

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aesthetic value of this literary production, which has so far received little scholarly attention. It also seeks to place anglophone Arab literary works within the larger nomenclature of postcolonial,

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emerging, and ethnic literature, as it finds that the authors are haunted by the same 'hybrid', 'exilic', and 'diasporic' questions that have dogged their fellow postcolonialists. Issues of belonging, loyalty, and affinity

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are recognized and dealt with in the various essays, as are the various concerns involved in cultural and relational identification. The contributors to this volume come from different national backgrounds and

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share in examining
the nuances of this
emerging literature.
Authors discussed
include Elmaz
Abinader, Diana
Abu-Jaber, Leila
Aboulela, Leila
Ahmed, Rabih
Alameddine,
Edward Atiyah,
Shaw Dallal,

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Ibrahim Fawal,
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Gibran, Suheir
Hammad, Loubna
Haikal, Nada Awar
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Hage, Lawrence
Joseph, Mohja
Kahf, Jamal
Mahjoub, Hisham
Matar, Dunya
Mikhail, Samia

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Serageldine, Naomi
Shihab Nye, Ameen
Rihani, Mona
Simpson, Ahdaf
Soueif, and Cecile
Yazbak.

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Maleh, Brinda J.
Mehta, Dawn
Mirapuri, Geoffrey
P. Nash, Boulus

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Sarru, Fadia Fayeze
Suyoufie

A classic,
pioneering account
of the lives of
women in Islamic
history, republished
for a new
generation This
pioneering study of
the social and
political lives of

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Muslim women has shaped a whole generation of scholarship. In it, Leila Ahmed explores the historical roots of contemporary debates, ambitiously surveying Islamic discourse on women from Arabia during

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the period in which Islam was founded to Iraq during the classical age to Egypt during the modern era. The book is now reissued as a Veritas paperback, with a new foreword by Kecia Ali situating the text in its

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scholarly context
and explaining its
enduring influence.
"Ahmed's book is a
serious and
independent-minded
analysis of its
subject, the best-
informed, most
sympathetic and
reliable one that
exists

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today.”—Edward W. Said “Destined to become a classic. . . . It gives [Muslim women] back our rightful place, at the center of our histories.”—Rana Kabbani, The Guardian
Muslim Women’s Writing from across

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the Middle East
Gender and
Conversion in the
West
Africa39

The Kindness of
Enemies
African Migration
Narratives
British Muslim
Fictions

"A versatile prose

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stylist... [Aboulela's] lyrical style and incisive portrayal of Muslims living in the West received praise from the Nobel Prize winner J. M.

Coetzee... [she is] a voice for multiculturalism."—New York Times It's 2010 and Natasha, a half Russian, half Sudanese professor

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of Islamic studies, is researching the life of Imam Shamil, the 19th century Muslim leader who led the anti-Russian resistance in the Caucasian War. When shy, single Natasha discovers that her star student, Oz, is not only descended from the warrior but also possesses

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Shamil's priceless sword, the Imam's story comes vividly to life. As Natasha's relationship with Oz and his alluring actress mother intensifies, Natasha is forced to confront issues she had long tried to avoid—that of her Muslim heritage. When Oz is suddenly arrested at his home

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one morning, Natasha realizes that everything she values stands in jeopardy. Told with Aboulela's inimitable elegance and narrated from the point of view of both Natasha and the historical characters she is researching, The Kindness of Enemies is both an

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engrossing story of a provocative period in history and an important examination of what it is to be a Muslim in a post 9/11 world. In this anthology the award-winning author Yvonne Vera brings together the stories of many talented writers from different parts of Africa.

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"More convincingly than any other woman writing in Arabic today, Alifa Rifaat lifts the veil on what it means to be a woman living within a traditional Muslim society." So states the translator's foreword to this collection of the Egyptian author's best short stories.

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Rifaat (1930-1996) did not go to university, spoke only Arabic, and seldom traveled abroad. This virtual immunity from Western influence lends a special authenticity to her direct yet sincere accounts of death, sexual fulfillment, the lives of women in purdah, and the

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*frustrations of
everyday life in a
male-dominated
Islamic environment.
Translated from the
Arabic by Denys
Johnson-Davies, the
collection admits the
reader into a hidden
private world,
regulated by the call
of the mosque, but
often full of profound
anguish and personal*

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isolation. Badriyya's despairing anger at her deceitful husband, for example, or the haunting melancholy of "At the Time of the Jasmine," are treated with a sensitivity to the discipline and order of Islam.

The days of innocence came to an abrupt end and

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tough years followed. Najwa finds solace in her visits to the Mosque, the companionship of the Muslims she meets there, and in the hijab she adopts. Her dreams may have shattered, but her awakening to Islam has given her a different peace. Then she meets a younger

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*man, and slowly they
fall in love.*

*The Things I Would
Tell You*

*Critical Perspectives
on Anglophone Arab
Literature*

Hybrid Identities

*Muslim Woman Seeks
The One*

*Don't Panic, I'm
Islamic*

*Politics, Race, and
Space*

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***Focusing on
British novels
about the
Muslim
immigrant
experience
published
after 9/11; this
book examines
the promise as
well as the
limits of***

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**'British
Muslim'
identity as a
viable form of
self-represent
ation, and the
challenges -
particularly for
women - of
reconciling
non-Western
religious**

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***identity with
the secular
policies of
Western
states.***

***Raised in a
wealthy family
in the Sudan,
Najwa never
imagined that
a journey that
began at***

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***Khartoum
university
would wind its
way to
London,
where, in her
late thirties,
she finds
herself
working as a
maid and
dreaming***

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***about all she
has lost.***

Original.

***25,000 first
printing.***

***MinaretBlooms
bury***

Paperbacks

***Given a long
history of***

***representation
by others,***

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***what themes
and
techniques do
Arab Muslim
women
writers,
filmmakers
and visual
artists
foreground in
their
presentation***

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***of postcolonial
experience?***

Lindsey

***Moore's ground
breaking***

book

***demonstrates
ways in which
women***

***appropriate
textual and
visual modes***

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***of representati
on, often in cr
oss-fertilizing
ways, in
challenges to
Orientalist/col
onialist,
nationalist,
Islamist, and
'multicultural'
paradigms.
She provides***

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***an accessible
but theoretical
ly-informed
analysis by
foregrounding
tropes of
vision,
visibility and
voice; post-
nationalist
melancholia
and mother/da***

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**fighter
narratives; tra
nsformations
of 'homes and
harems'; and
border
crossings in
time, space,
language, and
media. In
doing so,
Moore moves**

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***beyond
notions of
speaking or
looking 'back'
to encompass
a diverse
feminist
poetics and
politics and to
emphasize
ethical forms
of***

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***representation
and reception.
Aran, Muslim,
Woman is
distinctive in
the eclectic
body of work
that it brings
together.
Discussing
Algeria, Egypt,
Jordan,***

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***Lebanon,
Morocco, the
Palestinian
territories,
and Tunisia,
as well as
postcolonial
Europe, Moore
argues for
better
integration of
Arab Muslim***

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***contexts in the
postcolonial
canon. In a
book for
readers
interested in
women's
studies,
history,
literature, and
visual media,
we encounter***

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**work by Assia
Djebar, Mona
Hatoum,
Fatima
Mernissi,
Ahlam
Mosteghanemi
, Nawal el
Saadawi, Leila
Sebbar, Zineb
Sedira, Ahdaf
Soueif,**

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***Moufida Tlatli,
Fadwa Tuqan,
and many
other women.
From Cairo to
America--A
Woman's
Journey
Lyrics Alley
The January
Children
The Forgiven***

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***Disorientation:
Muslim
Identity in
Contemporary
Anglophone
Literature
An Islam of
Her Own***

Don't panic - I'm
Islamic! Amal is a
16-year-old
Melbourne teen

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with all the usual obsessions about boys, chocolate and Cosmo magazine. She's also a Muslim, struggling to honour the Islamic faith in a society that doesn't understand it. The story of her decision to "shawl up" is funny, surprising and touching by turns.

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“A beautiful, daring, challenging novel” of a young Muslim immigrant—from the author of the New York Times Notable Book, The Translator (The Guardian). Leila Aboulela’s American debut is a provocative, timely, and engaging novel about a young

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Muslim

woman—once privileged and secular in her native land and now impoverished in London—gradually embracing her orthodox faith. With her Muslim hijab and down-turned gaze, Najwa is invisible to most eyes, especially to

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the rich families
whose houses she
cleans in London.
Twenty years ago,
Najwa, then at
university in
Khartoum, would
never have
imagined that one
day she would be a
maid. An upperclass
Westernized
Sudanese, her
dreams were to

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marry well and raise a family. But a coup forces the young woman and her family into political exile in London. Soon orphaned, she finds solace and companionship within the Muslim community. Then Najwa meets Tamer, the intense,

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Lonely younger brother of her employer. They find a common bond in faith and slowly, silently, begin to fall in love. Written with directness and force, Minaret is a lyric and insightful novel about Islam and an alluring glimpse into a culture Westerners

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are only just beginning to understand. “ Lit up by a highly unusual sensibility and world view, so rarefied and uncompromising that it is likely to throw the reader out of kilter . . . Her delicacy of touch is to be complimented. ”

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—Chandrasahs
Choudhury, San
Francisco Chronicle
Set amidst the
turmoil of
contemporary
Middle Eastern
politics, this vivid
and highly-
acclaimed novel by
an Egyptian
journalist is an
intimate look into
the lives of Arab

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women today. Here, a woman who grows up among the Egyptian elite, marries a Westernized husband, and, while pursuing graduate study, becomes embroiled in a love affair with an uncouth Englishman.

In her Muslim hijab,

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with her down-turned gaze, Najwa is invisible to most eyes, especially to the rich London families whose houses she cleans. But twenty years earlier it was a different story. Najwa was at university in Khartoum and, as an upper-class

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westernised Sudanese, her dreams were to marry well and raise a family. However, those days of innocence came to an abrupt end and tough years followed. Now Najwa finds solace in her visits to the Mosque, the companionship of

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A Concise Chinese-
English Dictionary
for Lovers

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Since her award-winning debut novel, *Minaret*, Leila Aboulela has been praised by J.M. Coetzee, Ali Smith, Aminatta Forna, and Anthony Marra among others for her rich and nuanced depictions of

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Islamic spiritual
and political life.
Her latest
collection,
Elsewhere, Home,
draws us
ineluctably into
the lives of
immigrants at
home and abroad
as they forge new
identities and
reshape old ones.

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A young woman's encounter with a former classmate elicits painful reminders of her former life in Khartoum. A wealthy young Sudanese woman studying in Aberdeen begins an unlikely friendship with

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one of her
Scottish
classmates. A
woman
experiences an
evolving
relationship to
her favorite
writer, whose
portrait of their
shared culture
both reflects and
conflicts with her

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own sense of
identity. Shuttling
between the
dusty, sun-baked
streets of
Khartoum and the
university halls
and cramped
apartments of
Aberdeen and
London,
Elsewhere, Home
explores, with

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subtlety and restraint, the profound feelings of yearning, loss, and alienation that come with leaving one's homeland in pursuit of a different life.

Many Westerners view Islam as a religion that

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restricts and subordinates women in both private and public life. Yet a surprising number of women in Western Europe and America are converting to Islam. What attracts these women to a belief

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system that is markedly different from both Western Christianity and Western secularism? What benefits do they gain by converting, and what are the costs? How do Western women

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converts live their new Islamic faith, and how does their conversion affect their families and communities? How do women converts transmit Islamic values to their children? These are some of the questions

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that Women
Embracing Islam
seeks to answer.
In this vanguard
study of gender
and conversion to
Islam, leading
historians,
sociologists,
anthropologists,
and theologians
investigate why
non-Muslim

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women in the United States, several European countries, and South Africa are converting to Islam. Drawing on extensive interviews with female converts, the authors explore the life experiences that

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Lead Western women to adopt Islam, as well as the appeal that various forms of Islam, as well as the Nation of Islam, have for women. The authors find that while no single set of factors can explain why

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Western women are embracing Islamic faith traditions, some common motivations emerge. These include an attraction to Islam's high regard for family and community, its strict moral

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and ethical standards, and the rationality and spirituality of its theology, as well as a disillusionment with Christianity and with the unrestrained sexuality of so much of Western culture.

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Syrian immigrant Khadra Shamy is growing up in a devout, tightly knit Muslim family in 1970s Indiana, at the crossroads of bad polyester and Islamic dress codes. Along with her brother Eyad and her African-American friends,

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Hakim and
Hanifa, she bikes
the Indianapolis
streets exploring
the fault-lines
between
"Muslim" and
"American."

When her picture-
perfect marriage
goes sour, Khadra
flees to Syria and
learns how to

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pray again. On returning to America she works in an eastern state — taking care to stay away from Indiana, where the murder of her friend Tayiba's sister by Klan violence years before still haunts

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her. But when her job sends her to cover a national Islamic conference in Indianapolis, she's back on familiar ground: Attending a concert by her brother's interfaith band The Clash of

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Civilizations,
dodging questions
from the
“aunties” and
“uncles,” and
running into the
recently divorced
Hakim
everywhere.
Beautifully
written and
featuring an
exuberant cast of

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characters, The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf charts the spiritual and social landscape of Muslims in middle America, from five daily prayers to the Indy 500 car race. It is a riveting debut from an

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important new voice.

Lyrics Alley is the evocative story of an affluent Sudanese family shaken by the shifting powers in their country and the near-tragedy that threatens the legacy they've built for decades.

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In 1950's Sudan, the powerful Abuzeid dynasty has amassed a fortune through their trading firm. With Mahmoud Bey at its helm, they can do no wrong. But when Mahmoud's son, Nur, the brilliant, handsome heir to

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the business empire, suffers a debilitating accident, the family stands divided in the face of an uncertain future. As British rule nears its end, the country is torn between modernizing

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influences and the call of traditions past—a conflict reflected in the growing tensions between Mahmoud's two wives: the younger, Nabilah, longs to return to Egypt and escape "backward-looking" Sudan;

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while Waheeba lives traditionally behind veils and closed doors. It's not until Nur asserts himself outside the cultural limits of his parents that his own spirit and the frayed bonds of his family begin to mend.

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Moving from Sudanese alleys to cosmopolitan Cairo and a decimated postcolonial Britain, this sweeping tale of desire, loss, despair, and reconciliation is one of the most accomplished

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portraits ever
written about
Sudanese society
at the time of
independence.

The Translator

Love in a

Headscarf

Maps for Lost

Lovers

Women

Embracing Islam

A Novel

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Coloured Lights

**Kirkus Best Books of
the Year (2013)** If you
really want to know a
people, start by looking
inside their bedrooms.

As political change
sweeps the streets and
squares, the parliaments
and presidential palaces
of the Arab world,
Shereen El Feki has
been looking at an
upheaval a little closer

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to home—in the sexual lives of men and women in Egypt and across the region. The result is an informative, insightful, and engaging account of a highly sensitive and still largely secret aspect of Arab society. Sex is entwined in religion, tradition, politics, economics, and culture, so it is the perfect lens through

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which to examine the complex social landscape of the Arab world. From pregnant virgins to desperate housewives, from fearless activists to religious firebrands, from sex work to same-sex relations, *Sex and the Citadel* takes a fresh look at the sexual history of the region and brings new voices to the

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debate over its future. This is no peep show or academic treatise but a highly personal and often humorous account of one woman's journey to better understand Arab society at its most intimate and, in the process, to better understand her own origins. Rich with five years of groundbreaking research, Sex and the

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Citadel gives us a unique and timely understanding of everyday lives in a part of the world that is changing before our eyes.

This title takes a look at the life of an orthodox Muslim woman in London.

From established literary heavyweights to emerging spoken word

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artists, the writers in this ground-breaking collection blow away the narrow image of the 'Muslim Woman'. Hear from users of Islamic Tinder, a disenchanted Maulana working as a TV chat show host and a plastic surgeon blackmailed by MI6. Follow the career of an actress with Middle-Eastern heritage whose

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dreams of playing a ghostbuster spiral into repeat castings as a jihadi bride. Among stories of honour killings and ill-fated love in besieged locations, we also find heart-warming connections and powerful challenges to the status quo. From Algiers to Brighton, these stories transcend

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time and place revealing just how varied the search for belonging can be. Between them the writers in this anthology have been short- or long-listed for four Orange Prizes, two Man Booker Prizes and won countless other awards. Alongside renowned authors are emerging voices published here for the

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first time.

'Bursting with creativity, wit and intelligence' Brian Eno
How can you tell if your neighbour is speaking Muslim? Is a mosque a kind of hedgehog? Can I get fries with that burka? You can't trust the media any longer, but there's no need to fret: Don't Panic, I'm Islamic provides you

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with the answers. Read this book to learn how you too can spot an elusive Islamist.

Discover how Arabs (even 21-year-old, largely innocuous and totally adorable ones) plant bombs and get tips about how to interact with Homeland Security, which may or may not involve funny discussions about your

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sexuality.

Commissioned in response to the US travel ban, Don't Panic, I'm Islamic includes cartoons, graffiti, photography, colouring in pages, memoir, short stories and more by 34 contributors from around the world. Provocative and at times laugh-out-loud funny, these subversive

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pieces are an explosion of expression, creativity and colour.

Contributors: Hassan Abdulrazzak, Leila Aboulela, Amrou Al-Kadhi, Shadi Alzaqzouq, Chant Avedissian, Tammam Azzam, Bidisha, Chaza Charafeddine, Molly Crabapple, Carol Ann Duffy, Moris Farhi, Negin Farsad, Joumana

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Haddad, Saleem

Haddad, Hassan Hajjaj,

Omar Hamdi, Jennifer

Jajeh, Sayed Kashua,

Mazen Kerbaj, Arwa

Mahdawi, Sabrina

Mahfouz, Alberto

Manguel, Esther

Manito, Aisha Mirza,

James Nunn, Chris

Riddell, Hazem Saghieh,

Rana Salam, Karl

Sharro, Laila Shawa,

Bahia Shehab, Sjón, Eli

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Valley, Alex Wheatle.

Elsewhere Home

Memory, Voice, and
Identity

Women and Gender in
Islam

My Name Is Salma
Minaret

Intimate Life in a
Changing Arab World

As the world
grapples with issues
of religious
fanaticism,

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extremist politics, and rampant violence that seek justification in either "religious" or "secular" discourses, women who claim Islam as a vehicle for individual and social change are often either regarded as pious subjects who subscribe to an

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ideology that denies them many modern freedoms, or as feminist subjects who seek empowerment only through rejecting religion and adopting secularist discourses. Such assumptions emerge from a common trend in the literature to

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categorize the 'secular' and the 'religious' as polarizing categories, which in turn mitigates the identities, experiences and actions of women in Islamic societies. Yet in actuality Muslim women whose activism is grounded in Islam

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draw equally on principles associated with secularism. In *An Islam of Her Own*, Sherine Hafez focuses on women's Islamic activism in Egypt to challenge these binary representations of religious versus secular

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subjectivities.

Drawing on six non-consecutive years of ethnographic fieldwork within a women's Islamic movement in Cairo, Hafez analyzes the ways in which women who participate in Islamic activism narrate their selfhood, articulate their

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desires, and
embody discourses
in which the
boundaries are
blurred between the
religious and the
secular.

An Egyptian
woman's reflections
on her changing
homeland—updated
with an afterword on
the Arab Spring In
language that vividly

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evokes the lush summers of Cairo and the stark beauty of the Arabian desert, Leila Ahmed movingly recounts her Egyptian childhood growing up in a rich tradition of Islamic women and describes how she eventually came to terms with her identity as a feminist

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living in America. As a young woman in Cairo in the forties and fifties, Ahmed witnessed some of the major transformations of this century—the end of British colonialism, the rise of Arab nationalism, and the breakdown of Egypt's once multireligious

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society. As today's Egypt continues to undergo revolutionary change, Ahmed's inspirational story remains as poignant and relevant as ever. A New York Times Notable Book: "Aboulela's lovely, brief story encompasses worlds of

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melancholy and gulfs between cultures" (Kirkus Reviews, starred review). American readers were introduced to the award-winning Sudanese author Leila Aboulela with *Minaret*, a delicate tale of a privileged young African Muslim woman

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adjusting to her new life as a maid in London. Now, for the first time in North America, we step back to her extraordinarily assured debut about a widowed Muslim mother living in Aberdeen who falls in love with a Scottish secular academic. Sammar

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is a Sudanese widow working as an Arabic translator at a Scottish university. Since the sudden death of her husband, her young son has gone to live with family in Khartoum, leaving Sammar alone in cold, gray Aberdeen, grieving and isolated. But when

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she begins to translate for Rae, a Scottish Islamic scholar, the two develop a deep friendship that awakens in Sammar all the longing for life she has repressed. As Rae and Sammar fall in love, she knows they will have to address his lack of

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faith in all that Sammar holds sacred. An exquisitely crafted meditation on love, both human and divine, The Translator is ultimately the story of one woman's courage to stay true to her beliefs, herself, and her newfound love. "A

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story of love and
faith all the more
moving for the
restraint with which
it is written." —J. M.
Coetzee

Set in a nameless
British town that its
Pakistani-born
immigrants have
renamed Dasht-e-
Tanhaii, the Desert
of Solitude, Maps for
Lost Lovers is an

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exploration of cultural tension and religious bigotry played out in the personal breakdown of a single family.

As the book begins, Jugnu and Chanda, whose love is both passionate and illicit, have disappeared from their home.

Rumours about their

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disappearance
abound, but five
months pass before
anything certain is
known. Finally, on a
snow-covered
January morning,
Chanda's brothers
are arrested for the
murder of their
sister and Jugnu.
Maps for Lost
Lovers traces the
year following

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Jugnu and Chanda's disappearance. Seen principally through the eyes of Jugnu's brother Shamas, the cultured, poetic director of the local Community Relations Council and Commission for Racial Equality, and his wife Kaukab,

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mother of three increasingly estranged children and devout daughter of a Muslim cleric, the event marks the beginning of the unravelling of all that is sacred to them. It fills Shamas's own house and life with grief and, in exploring the

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lovers'

disappearance and
its aftermath,
Nadeem Aslam
discloses a legacy
of
miscomprehension
and regret not only
for Shamas and
Kaukab but for their
children and
neighbours as well.
An intimate portrait
of a community

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searingly damaged by traditions, this is a densely imagined, beautiful and deeply troubling book written in heightened prose saturated with imagery. It casts a deep gaze on themes as timeless as love, nationalism and religion, while meditating on how

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these forces drive
us apart.

An Anthology of
Contemporary
African Women's
Writing

Does My Head Look
Big in This?

British Muslim
Converts

Choosing
Alternative Lives
Arab, Muslim,
Woman

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The Wasted Vigil
Examines the
representations
of migration in
African
literature, film,
and other visual
media, with an
eye to the
stylistic features
of these works
as well as their

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contributions to
debates on
migration

Marcus
Caldwell, and
English widower
and Muslim
convert, lives in
an old perfume
factory in the
shadow of the
Tora Bora

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mountains in
Afghanistan.

Lara, a Russian
woman, arrives
at his home one
day in search of
her brother, a
Soviet soldier
who
disappeared in
the area many
years

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previously, and who may have known Marcus's daughter. In the days that follow, further people arrive there, each seeking someone or something. The stories and histories that

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unfold,
interweaving
and
overlapping,
span nearly a
quarter of a
century and tell
of the terrible
afflictions that
have plagued
Afghanistan—as
well of the love

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that can
blossom during
war and
conflict.

All eleven
stories
illuminate the
subtleties of
Muslim
immigrant
experience in
Britain: comic

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culture clash
and deep
spiritual
struggles, from
the title story,
which tells of
the tragic death
of the narrator's
brother; in
another,
romance is
tentative in a

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Scottish kebab shop. One of the stories, 'The Museum', won the first Caine Prize for African Writing (2000).
edition.

SOON TO BE A
MAJOR
MOTION
PICTURE

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STARRING
JESSICA
CHASTAIN AND
RALPH

FIENNES • A
haunting novel
exploring the
reverberations
of a random
accident on the
lives of
Moroccan

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Muslims and Western visitors who converge on a luxurious desert villa for a decadent weekend-long party.

“Surprising and dark and excellent . . . a sinister and

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streamlined entertainment.” —The New York Times NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The Economist • The Guardian • Library Journal David and Jo

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Henniger, a doctor and a children's book author, in search of an escape from their less than happy lives in London, accept an invitation to attend a bacchanal at

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their old friends'
home, deep in
the Moroccan
desert. But as a
groggy David
navigates the
dark desert
roads, two
young men
spring from the
roadside, the
car swerves . . .

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and one boy is left dead. When David and Jo arrive at the party, the Moroccan staff, already disgusted by the rich, hedonistic foreigners in their midst, soon learn of

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David's unforgivable act. Then the boy's irate Berber father appears, and events begin to spin beyond anyone's control. With spare, evocative prose, searing

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sensuality, and
a gift for the
unexpected,
Lawrence
Osborne
memorably
portrays the
privileged
guests wrestling
with their
secrets amid the
remoteness and

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beauty of the
desert
landscape. He
gradually
reveals the
jolting
backstory of the
young man who
was killed and
leaves David's
fate in the
balance as the

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novel builds to a
shattering
conclusion.