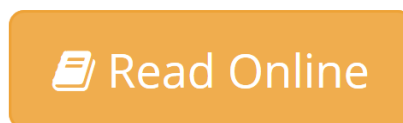



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"In this courageous book Joumana Haddad breaks down the taboo of the Silent Absent Arab Woman. Scheherazade has to die to be able to speak her true self, to tell her own story: that is, to become a human being." —Elfriede Jelinek, winner of the 2004 Nobel Prize in Literature

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"A provocative new book [that] lifts the veil on love, sex--and what the 'Arab Spring' really means for women." —*Marie Claire*

About the Author

Joumana Haddad is an award-winning poet, translator, magazine publisher, and journalist. Cultural editor for an Arab newspaper, in 2008 she launched the Arab world's first erotic cultural magazine, *Jasad (Body)*, which made international headlines and caused her to be dubbed "the Carrie Bradshaw of Beirut." She lives in Lebanon.

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