READ DANGEROUSLY

THE SUBVERSIVE POWER OF LITERATURE IN TROUBLED TIMES

AZAR NAFISI



READ DANGEROUSLY. Copyright © 2022 by Azar Nafisi. All rights reserved. Printed in the United States of America. No part of this book may be used or reproduced in any manner whatsoever without written permission except in the case of brief quotations embodied in critical articles and reviews. For information, address HarperCollins Publishers, 195 Broadway, New York, NY 10007.

HarperCollins books may be purchased for educational, business, or sales promotional use. For information, please email the Special Markets Department at SPsales@harpercollins.com.

FIRST EDITION

Designed by Michelle Crowe

Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data has been applied for.

ISBN 978-0-06-294736-9

22 23 24 25 26 LSC 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

BOOKS REFERENCED

- ACKERMAN, ELLIOT. Green on Blue. Scribner, 2016.
- ACKERMAN, ELLIOT. *Places and Names: On War, Revolution, and Returning.* Penguin Press, 2019.
- ACKERMAN, ELLIOT, AND JAMES STAVRIDIS. 2034: A Novel of the Next World War. Penguin Press, 2021.
- ATWOOD, MARGARET. *The Blind Assassin*. Anchor Books/Random House, 2001.
- ATWOOD, MARGARET. The Handmaid's Tale. Anchor Books, 1998.
- ATWOOD, MARGARET. *Moving Targets: Writing with Intent 1982–2004*. House of Anansi Press, 2004.
- ATWOOD, MARGARET. Negotiating with the Dead: A Writer on Writing. Cambridge University Press, 2002.
- ATWOOD, MARGARET. *The Testaments*. Nan A. Talese/Doubleday, 2019.
- BALDWIN, JAMES. Another Country. Vintage Books, 1992.
- BALDWIN, JAMES. Giovanni's Room. Vintage Books, 2013.
- BALDWIN, JAMES. Go Tell It on the Mountain. Vintage International, 2013.
- BALDWIN, JAMES. No Name in the Street. The Dial Press, 1972.
- BALDWIN, JAMES. *Notes of a Native Son*. Beacon Press, 2012.
- BALDWIN, JAMES. The Fire Next Time. Vintage, 1992.
- BALDWIN, JAMES. The Price of the Ticket. St. Martin's Press, 1985.
- BALDWIN, JAMES, AND MARGARET MEAD. A Rap on Race. J. B. Lippincott, 1971.

- BOYD, VALERIE. Wrapped in Rainbows: The Life of Zora Neale Hurston. Scribner, 2004.
- BRADBURY, RAY. Fahrenheit 451. Random House, 1953.
- COATES, TA-NEHISI. Between the World and Me. Spiegel & Grau, 2015.
- FERDOWSI, ABOLQASEM. Shahnameh: The Persian Book of Kings. Translated by Dick Davis, Penguin Classics, 2016.
- FIELD, DOUGLAS. James Baldwin. Liverpool University Press, 2011.
- GLAUDE JR., EDDIE S. Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own. Crown, 2020.
- GROSSMAN, DAVID. *Falling Out of Time*. Translated by Jessica Cohen, Knopf, 2014.
- GROSSMAN, DAVID. To The End of the Land. Vintage International, 2011.
- GROSSMAN, DAVID. Writing in the Dark: Essays on Literature and Politics.

 Translated by Jessica Cohen, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008.
- HURSTON, ZORA NEALE. Dust Tracks on the Road: An Autobiography. J. B. Lippincott, 1942.
- HURSTON, ZORA NEALE. Moses, Man of the Mountain. Amistad, 2008.
- HURSTON, ZORA NEALE. *Their Eyes Were Watching God.* J. B. Lippincott, 1937.
- KHOURY, ELIAS. Gate of the Sun. Picador, 2007.
- LEEMING, DAVID. James Baldwin: A Biography. Arcade, 2015.
- MORRISON, TONI. Beloved. Knopf, 1987.
- MORRISON, TONI. Burn This Book: PEN Writers Speak Out on the Power of the Word. HarperStudio, 2009.
- MORRISON, TONI. The Bluest Eye. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1970.
- MORRISON, TONI. The Dancing Mind. Knopf, 1996.
- MORRISON, TONI. The Source of Self-Regard: Selected Essays, Speeches, and Meditations. Knopf, 2019.
- PARSIPUR, SHAHRNUSH. *Kissing the Sword: A Prison Memoir*. Translated by Sara Khalili, The Feminist Press, 2013.

- PARSIPUR, SHAHRNUSH. Women Without Men: A Novel of Modern Iran. The Feminist Press, 2011.
- PLATO. *The Republic*. Translated by Desmond Lee, Penguin Classics, 2007.
- RAVANIPOUR, MONIRO. *The Drowned*. Translated by M. R. Ghanoonparvar, 2019.
- RUSHDIE, SALMAN. *Imaginary Homelands: Essays and Criticism* 1981–1991. Penguin Books, 1992.
- RUSHDIE, SALMAN. Midnight's Children. Jonathan Cape, 1981.
- RUSHDIE, SALMAN. Step Across This Line: Collected Nonfiction 1992–2002. Modern Library, 2003.
- RUSHDIE, SALMAN. The Satanic Verses. Henry Holt & Co, 1997.
- TODOROV, TZVETAN. Facing the Extreme: Moral Life in the Concentration Camps. Henry Holt & Co, 1996.