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The Markaz Review published its ninth issue on [WALLS](#) this month.

Hello Subscriber First Name,

We have fabulous new [World Picks](#) by Lawrence Joffe (welcome, Lawrence!), illustrated by artist [Doris Bittar](#), and two new book reviews this week.

Selma Dabbagh reviews the story of Egypt's pioneering women performers and feminists, including Oum Khoultum and Munira al-Maydiyya, in [Midnight in Cairo: The Divas of Egypt's Roaring 20s](#).

And Fouad Mami reviews Susan Abulhawa's third novel about Palestinians in a revolutionary mode, *Against the Loveless World*, in [The Triumph of Love and the Palestinian Revolution](#).

[We also invite you to check out our WALLS issue](#). Thanks for reading and [supporting](#) The Markaz Review.

—[The Editors](#)

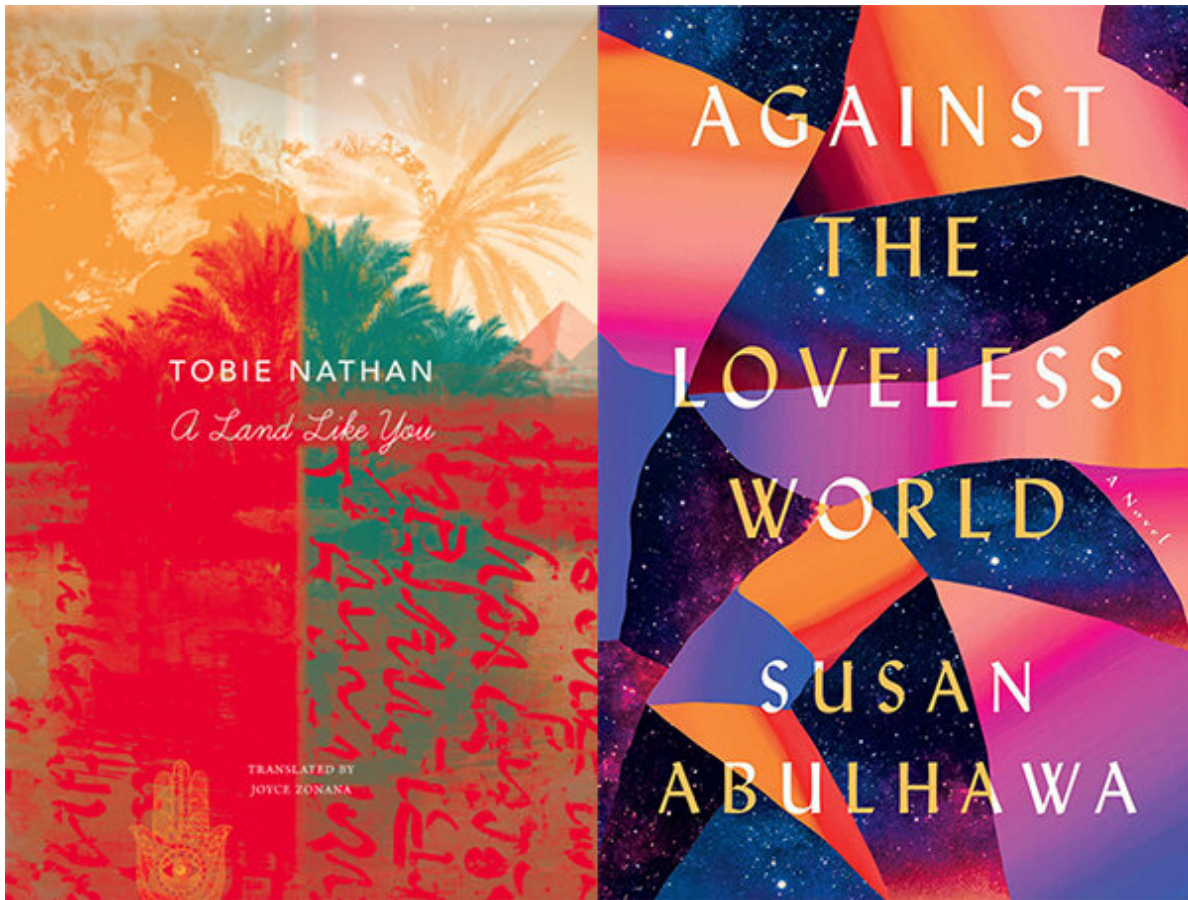
p.s. TMR 10 will be devoted to “WASTA!” (nepotism/corruption) and comes out on June 15, while TMR 11 is on “GAZA” and appears July 15 — don't forget to check out our [Call for Submissions](#) page! And please support our work...thank you!



[Fouad Mami](#) on Susan Abulhawa's latest novel.

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TMR BookGroup May and June 2021 selections

[TMR BookGroup](#) is reading/discussing:

Our BookGroup (free & open to all), has read and talked about Ayad Akhtar's *Homeland Elegies*, Malu Halasa's *Mother of All Pigs*, Laila Lalami's *Conditional Citizens*, Hassan Blasim's novel *God 99*, and Dima Alzayat's *Alligator & Other Stories*, and Sahar Mustafah's novel, *The Beauty in Your Face*. Next up for May is Tobie Nathan's novel *A Land Like You*, set in Egypt, and our June selection is Susan Abulhawa's *Against the Loveless World*, a Palestinian story. Most bookgroup conversations are joined in the second half by the book's author.

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