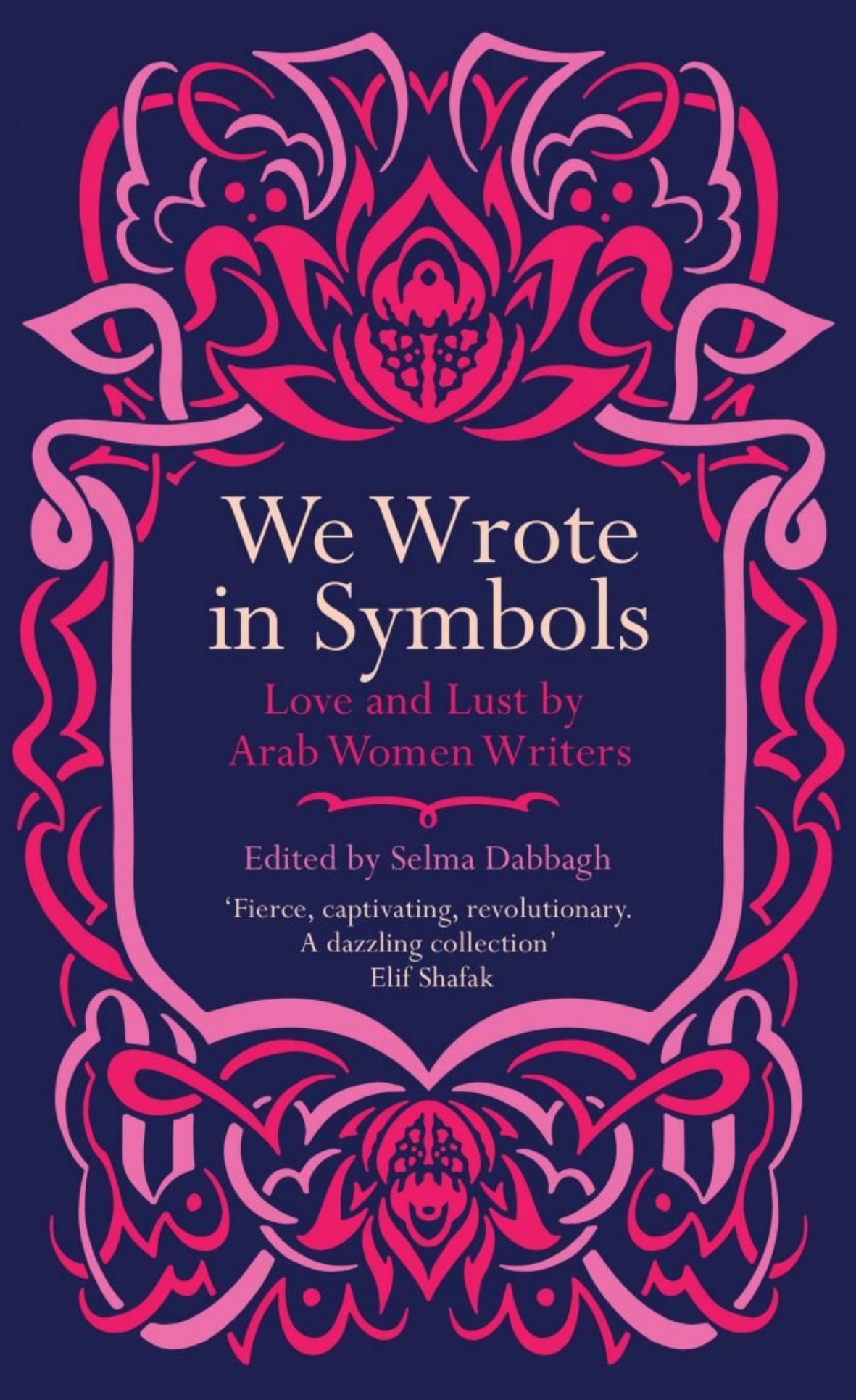


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Love and Lust by
Arab Women Writers

Edited by Selma Dabbagh

'Fierce, captivating, revolutionary.
A dazzling collection'
Elif Shafak

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

Hello Subscriber First Name,

Today in TMR, Malu Halasa reviews Selma Dabbagh’s new anthology on Arab women writers, including “the leading lights of modern Arab fiction: Hanan al-Shaykh, Adhaf Soueif, Leila Slimani and Adania Shibli” on sex, love and lust — see [Arab Women and The Thousand and One Nights](#).

Also, Book Fabulous’ Rana Asfour reviews two novels on Syria, Faysal Khartash’s *Roundabout of Death* and Zeyn Joukhadar’s *The Map of Salt and Stars*. See [The Maps of Our Destruction: Two Novels on Syria](#).

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!



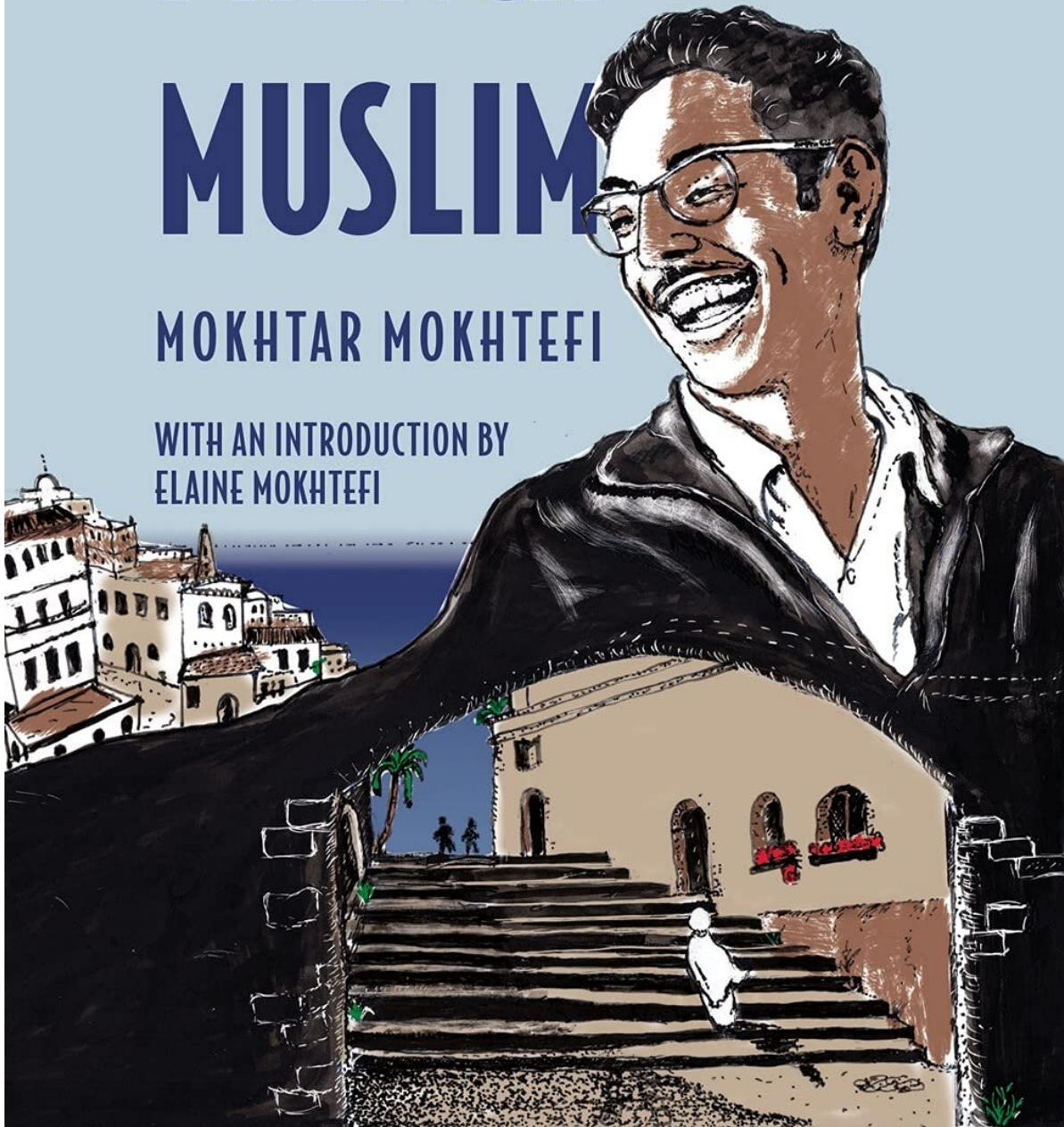
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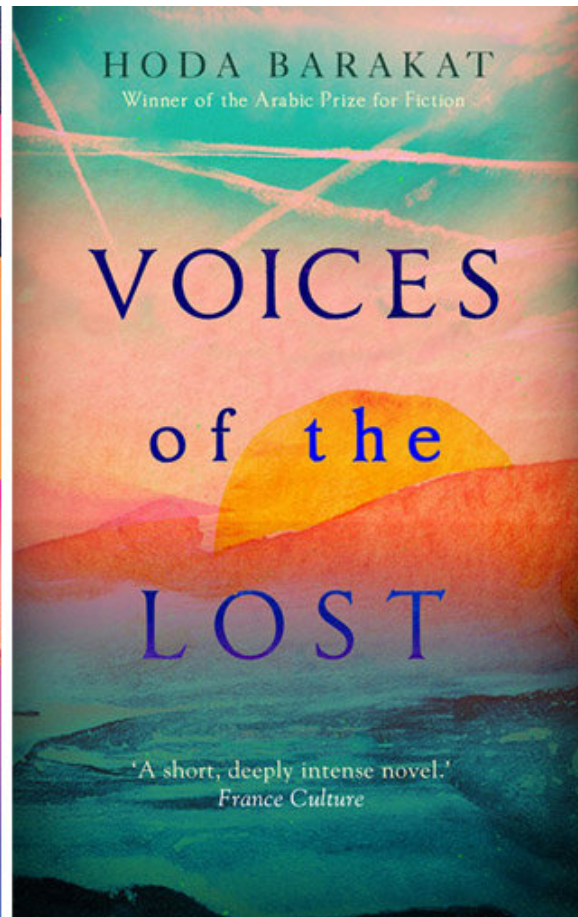
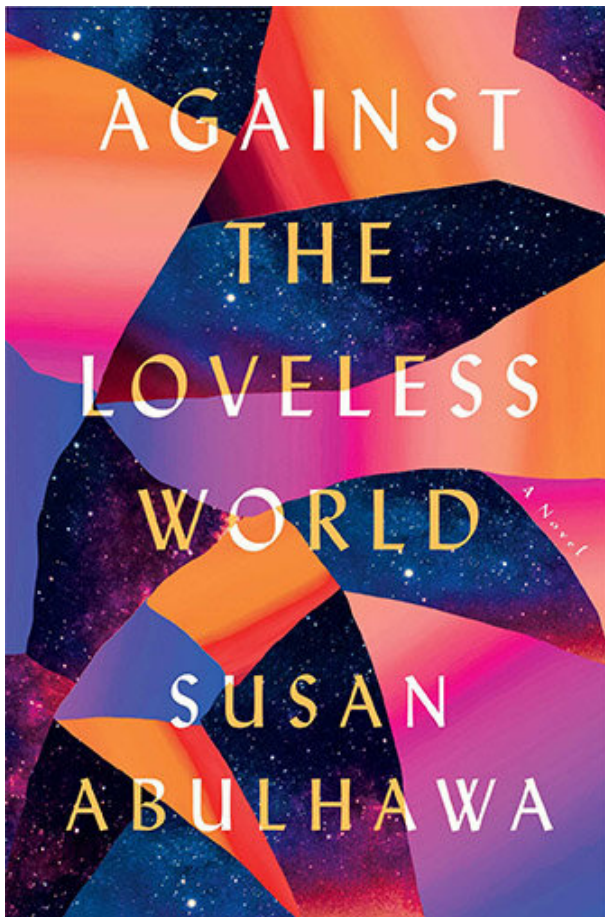
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TMR BookGroup June& July 2021 selections

[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*, Dima Alzayat's *Alligator & Other Stories*, Sahar Mustafah's novel, *The Beauty in Your Face* and Tobie Nathan's novel *A Land Like You*, set in Egypt (and [reviewed](#) in TMR). Our June selection is Susan Abulhawa's *Against the Loveless World*, a Palestinian story ([reviewed](#) in TMR). July the group will read Hoda Barakat's *Voices of the Lost* ([reviewed](#) in TMR). Most bookgroup conversations are joined in the second half by the book's author.

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