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Kurzbeschreibung

Offred is a Handmaid in the Republic of Gilead. She has only one function: to breed. If she deviates, she will, like dissenters, be hanged at the wall or sent out to die slowly of radiation sickness. But even a repressive state cannot obliterate desire - neither Offred's nor that of the two men on which her future hangs.

Brilliantly conceived and executed, this powerful evocation of twenty-first century America explores a world in which oppression of women, and repression of the truth, have become justified.

'Compulsively readable' *Daily Telegraph* From Library Journal

In a startling departure from her previous novels (*Lady Oracle*, *Surfacing*), respected Canadian poet and novelist Atwood presents here a fable of the near future. In the Republic of Gilead, formerly the United States, far-right Schlafly/Falwell-type ideals have been carried to extremes in the monotheocratic government. The resulting society is a feminist's nightmare: women are strictly controlled, unable to have jobs or money and assigned to various classes: the chaste, childless Wives; the housekeeping Marthas; and the reproductive Handmaids, who turn their offspring over to the "morally fit" Wives. The tale is told by Offred (read: "of Fred"), a Handmaid who recalls the past and tells how the chilling society came to be. This powerful, memorable novel is highly recommended for most libraries. BOMC featured alternate. Ann H. Fisher, Radford P.L., Va.

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"A taut thriller, a psychological study, a play on words....A rich and complex book."

–*New York Times*

"Atwood has peered behind the curtain into some of the darkest, most secret, yet oddly erotic corners of the mind, and the result is a fascinating, wonderfully written, and disturbing cautionary tale."

–*Toronto Sun*

"A novel that will both chill and caution readers and which may challenge everyday assumptions....It is an imaginative accomplishment of a high order. . . ."

–*London Free Press*

"Moving, vivid and terrifying. I only hope it is not prophetic."

–Conor Cruise O'Brien

"A novel that brilliantly illuminates some of the darker interconnections of politics and sex....Satisfying, disturbing and compelling."

–*Washington Post*

"The most poetically satisfying and intense of all Atwood's novels."

–*Maclean's*

"It deserves an honored place on the small shelf of cautionary tales that have entered modern folklore – a place next to, and by no means inferior to, *Brave New World* and *1984*."

–*Publishers Weekly*

"Deserves the highest praise."

–*San Francisco Chronicle*

“In *The Handmaid’s Tale*, Margaret Atwood has written the most chilling cautionary novel of the century.”
–*Phoenix Gazette*

“Imaginative, even audacious, and conveys a chilling sense of fear and menace.”
–*Globe and Mail*

“Margaret Atwood’s novels tickle our deepest sexual and psychological fears. *The Handmaid’s Tale* is a sly and beautifully crafted story about the fate of an ordinary woman caught off guard by extraordinary events. . . . A compelling fable of our time.”
–*Glamour*

“This visionary novel, in which God and Government are joined, and America is run as a Puritanical Theocracy, can be read as a companion volume to Orwell’s *1984* –its verso, in fact. It gives you the same degree of chill, even as it suggests the varieties of tyrannical experience; it evokes the same kind of horror even as its mordant wit makes you smile.”
–E. L. Doctorow

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