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Editorial Review

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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Review

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

"The Handmaid's Tale is in the honorable tradition of *Brave New World* and other warnings of dystopia. It's imaginative even audacious, and conveys a chilling sense of fear and menace."-*The Globe and Mail*

"*The Handmaid's Tale* brings out the very best in Atwood--moral vision, biting humor, and a poet's imagination."-*Chatelaine*

From the Paperback edition.

From the Inside Flap

"Splendid."

NEWSWEEK

It is the world of the near future, and Offred is a Handmaid in the home of the Commander and his wife. She is allowed out once a day to the food market, she is not permitted to read, and she is hoping the Commander makes her pregnant, because she is only valued if her ovaries are viable. Offred can remember the years before, when she was an independent woman, had a job of her own, a husband and child. But all of that is gone now...everything has changed.

"Deserves the highest praise."

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Users Review

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