

NAWAL EL SAADAWI

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Curriculum Vitae and List of Books .

A world renowned writer who's writing has influenced five generations of women and men in Egypt , in Arab countries and in many other societies , and paved the way for dissidence , rebellion and revolution .
For more than four decades she has suffered under Egyptian political and religious authorities , which has led to imprisonment , exile , death threats and court trials .

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Education:

- Medical Faculty , Ain Shams University, Cairo Egypt
Psychiatric Section. Research on Women and Neuroses, 1972-1974
- Columbia University, New York
MPH , 1966
- Cairo University , Medial Doctor , Egypt, , 1955

Professional Experience:

- Distinguished Visiting Professor
 - Duke University, 1993-1996
 - University of Washington, Seattle, 1995
 - University of Illinois at Chicago, 1998

- Florida Atlantic University, 1999
- Montclair University, 2001-2002
- University of Southern Maine, 2003
- University of Autonomia, Barcelona, Winter 2004
- Smiths College, Massachusetts, Autumn 2004
- Claremont California University, 2005
- Spelman College (Cosby Chair) Atlanta USA 2007 to 2009
- Goldsmith College , London , UK , November 2010
- Michigan University - Flint USA Fall 2012

- Head of Women's program in UN-ECA, Addis Ababa, 1978-1979; UN-ECA, Beirut, 1978-80
- Author for the Supreme Council for Arts and Social Sciences, Cairo, 1974-1978
- Director General of the Health Education Department, Ministry of Health, Cairo, 1966-1972
- Medical Doctor, University Hospital and Ministry of Health, 1955-1965

Other Professional Activities:

Founder of Nawal El Saadawi Forum , December 2014 ,

- Founder of the Egyptian Women ' s Union , February 2011
- Founder and President, Arab Women's Solidarity Association (AWSA), 1982-Present
- Founder, *Noon Magazine*, 1989-1991 and *Health Magazine* 1968-1973
- Co-Founder, Arab Association for Human Rights, 1983-1987
- Founder Vice-President, African Association for Women on Research Development. Dakar, Senegal, 1977-1987
- President and Organizer, International Conference on the Challenges Facing Arab Women,
 - Cairo, September, 1986, and other international conferences of AWSA, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1997, 2001 - 2005 Cairo Egypt
 - Organizer of the International Conference on Creativity and Dissidence at Spelman College , 2009 Atlanta USA
- Founder, Health Education Association and Chief Editor, *Health Magazine*, Cairo, Egypt,
 - 1968-1974
- Founder, Egyptian Women Writer's Association, 1971
- Secretary General of Medical Association, Cairo, Egypt, 1968-1972
- Editor of *Medical Association Magazine*, 1968-1972

AWARDS:

Special Prize Committed Optimistic by Global Magazine Anoché Tuve un Sueño , Madrid Spain 10 th May 2016 .

Tunisea Highest Decoration on 2nd nd April 2015

The distinction " doctor honoris causa " by the university of Gavle , Sweden 14 February 2014 .

Commandeur de L'Ordre National du Merite , Paris , France , April 2013

Tunisia President Award on International Women Day 8 March 2013

Sean MacBride International Peace Prize , Dublin , Ireland 16 November 2012

Stig Dagerman literary Award , Sweden 2012

Human Rights Award , University of Oslo , Norway 14 November 2011

Progressive Women Award , Madrid , Spain , 20 October 2011

Woman of the Year Award , London , 17 October 2011

Distinguished Award , University of Kansas , and Morgan State University , September 2011

Honorary Doctorate Degree , La Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico , 23 September 2010 , Pan African Writers Association Literary Award and Honorary Membership, Ghana , Acra , November 2009

African Literature Association Award, USA , University of West Virginia, Morgantown, March 2007

Honorary Doctorate Degree Flemish University - Brussels VUB , Belgium November 2007

Honorary Doctorate Degree French University - Brussels ULB Belgium November 2007

INANA Award, Brussels, Belgium, 2004
European Council North-South Award, 2004
XV Premi International Catalonia Award, 2003
Honorary Doctorate Degree, University of Tromso, Norway, 2003
International Writer of the Year for 2003, nominated by the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge England
One of the Great Minds of the 21 Century Award by the International Biographical Institute,
North Carolina USA 2003
Her Novel : Woman At Point Zero , Selected as an outstanding book on the African 100
best books , 27 July 2002 , Cape Town
Honorary Doctorate, University of St. Andrews-Scotland, 1997
Honorary Doctorate, University of Illinois as Chicago, 1996
Honorary Doctorate, University of York, United Kingdom, 1994
First Degree Decoration of the Republic of Libya, 1989
Literary Award of Gubran, (Arab Association of Australian Awards), 1988
Literary Award by the Franco-Arab Friendship Association, Paris, France, 1982
Literary Award by the Supreme Council for Arts and Social Sciences, Cairo, Egypt 1974

PUBLICATION:

All originals in Arabic. Many have been translated into English, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Italian, Dutch, Finnish, Indonesian, Japanese, Iranian, Turkish, Urdu, etc , 40 languages.

FICTION:

NOVELS (in Arabic):

1. Memoirs of a Woman Doctor (Cairo, 1958)
2. The Absent One (Cairo, 1969)
3. Two Women in One (Cairo, 1971)
4. Woman at Point Zero (Beirut, 1973)
5. The Death of the Only Man on Earth (Beirut, 1975)
6. The Children's Circling Song (Beirut, 1976)
7. The Fall of the Imam (Cairo, 1987)
8. Ganat and the Devil (Beirut, 1991)
9. Love in the Kingdom of Oil (Cairo, 1993)
10. The Novel, Dar El Hilal Publishers Cairo 2004
11. Zeina , Novel , Dar Al Saqi Beirut , 2009
12. It IS BLOOD a novel , Dar El Matbouaat Beirut 2013
- 13 - Memoir of A Child Called Soad , 1944

SHORT STORY COLLECTIONS (in Arabic):

1. I Learnt Love (Cairo, 1957)
2. A Moment of Truth (Cairo, 1959)

3. Little Tenderness (Cairo, 1960)
4. The Thread and the Wall (Cairo, 1972)
5. Ain El Hayat (Beirut, 1973)
6. She was the Weaker (Beirut, 1977)
7. Death of an Ex-minister (Beirut, 1978)
8. Adab Am Kellet Abad (Cairo, 2000)

PLAYS (in Arabic):

1. Twelve Women in a Cell (Cairo, 1984)
2. Isis (Cairo, 1985)
3. God Resigns in the Summit Meeting (1996), published by Madbouli,
4. other four plays included in her Collected Works in Arabic published by Madbouli in Cairo 2007

NON-FICTION:

MEMOIRS (in Arabic):

1. Memoirs in a Women's Prison (Cairo, 1983)
2. My Travels Around the World (Cairo, 1986)
3. Memoirs of a Child Called Soad (Cairo, 1990)
4. My Life, Part I, Autobiography (Cairo, 1996)
5. My Life, Part II, Autobiography (Cairo, 1998)
6. My Life, Part III, (Cairo, 2001)

BOOKS (Non Fiction) (in Arabic):

1. Women and Sex (Cairo, 1969)
2. Woman is the Origin (Cairo, 1971)
3. Men and Sex (Cairo, 1973)
4. The Naked Face of Arab Women (Cairo, 1974)
5. Women and Neurosis (Cairo, 1975)
6. On Women (Cairo, 1986)
7. A New Battle in Arab Women Liberation (Cairo, 1992)
8. Collection of Essays (Cairo, 1998)

9. Collection of Essays (Cairo, 2001)
10. Breaking Down Barriers (Cairo, 2004)
11. A Woman Gazing at the Sun , Dar El Adab , Beirut 1012
12. Collected articles on Arab Revolutions Beirut 2012
13. A King , A Woman and God , collected articles , Cairo 2012
14. Nawal El Saadawi and Arab Revolutions , Beirut , 2013
- 15 . Politics , Women and Revolution , collected essays , Dar Ibn Rushd Cairo 2015

BOOKS TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH:

1. The Hidden Face of Eve [Study] (London: Zed Books, 1980) , re issued 2008 reissued 2015
 2. Woman at Point Zero [novel] (London: Zed Books, 1982), re issued 2008 reissued 2015
 3. God Dies by the Nile [novel] (London: Zed Books, 1984) reissued 2008 reissued 2015
 4. Circling Song [novel] (London: Zed Books, 1986) reissued 2008 reissued 2015
 5. The Fall of Imam [novel] (London: Methuen, 1987) Saqui Books London 2001 , 2009
 6. Searching [novel] (London: Zed Books, 1988) reissued 2008 reissued 2015
 7. Death of an Ex-minister [short stories] (London: Methuen, 1987)
 8. She has no Place in Paradise [short stories] (London: Methuen, 1987)
 9. My Travel Around the World [non-fiction] (London: Methuen, 1985)
 10. Memoirs from the Women's Prison [non-fiction] (London: Women's Press, 1985) (also: University of California Press, USA, 1995)
 11. Two Women in One [novel] (London: Al-Saqi Books, 1992)
 12. Memoirs of a Women Doctor [novel] (London: Methuen, 1994) (also: City Lights, USA, 1993) _
 13. The Well of Life [two novels] (London: Methuen, 1994)
 14. The Innocence of the Devil [novel] (London: Methuen, 1994) (also: University of California Press, 1995)
 15. Nawal El Saadawi Reader [non-fiction essays] (London: Zed Books, 1997)
 16. The Essential Nawal El Saadawi < A Reader , Zed Books 2010
 17. Part I A Daughter of Isis [autobiography] (London: Zed Books, 1999) reissued 2008
 18. Part II Walking Through Fire [autobiography] (London: Zed Books, 2002) reissued 2008
 19. Love in the Kingdom of oil [novel] (London: Alsaqui Books, 2001)
 20. The Dramatic Literature of Nawal El Saadawi , Saqi Books 2009
 21. Zeina novel English edition Saqi Books London 2011
- 23 . Memoires of A Child Called Soad translated by Omnia Amin , Macmillan Palgrave , 2016**

A SHORT BIOGRAPHY:

Nawal El Saadawi is a world renowned writer . She is a novelist, a psychiatrist, and author of more than fifty books fiction and non fiction . She writes in Arabic and lives in Egypt . Her novels and her books on the situation of women have had a deep effect on successive generations of young women and men over the last five decades.

As a result of her literary and scientific writings she has had to face numerous difficulties and even dangers in her life. In 1972, she lost her job in the Egyptian Ministry of Health because of her book "Women and Sex" published in Arabic in Cairo (1969) and banned by the political and religious authorities, because in some chapters of the book she wrote against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and linked sexual problems to political and economic oppression. The magazine *Health*, which she founded and had edited for more than three years, was closed down in 1973. In September 1981 President Sadat put her in prison. She was released at the end of November 1981, two months after his assassination. She wrote her book "Memoirs" from the Women's Prison on a roll of toilette paper and an eyebrow pencil smuggled to her cell by an imprisoned young woman in the prostitutes ward. From 1988 to 1993 her name figured on death lists issued by fanatical religious political organizations.

On 15 June, 1991, the government issued a decree which closed down the Arab Women's Solidarity Association over which she presides and handed over its funds to the association called Women in Islam. Six months before this decree the government closed down the magazine *Noon*, published by the Arab Women's Solidarity Association. She was editor-in-chief of the magazine.

During the summer of 2001, three of her books were banned at Cairo International Book Fair. She was accused of apostasy in 2002 by a fundamentalist lawyer who raised a court case against her to be forcibly divorced from her husband, Dr. Sherif Hetata. She won the case due to Egyptian, Arab and international solidarity. On 28 January, 2007, Nawal El Saadawi and her daughter Mona Helmy, a poet and writer, were accused of apostasy and interrogated by the General Prosecutor in Cairo because of their writings to honor the name of the mother.

They won the case in 2008. Their efforts led to a new law of the child in Egypt in 2008, giving children born outside marriage the right to carry the name of the mother. Also FGM is banned in Egypt by this law in 2008. Nawal El Saadawi was writing and fighting against FGM for more than fifty years.

Her play "God Resigns At the Summit Meeting" was banned in Egypt during November 2006 and she faced a new trial in Cairo court raised against her by Al Azhar in February 2007, accusing her of apostasy and heresy because of her new play.

She won the case on 13 May 2008.

Nawal El Saadawi had been awarded several national and international literary prizes, lectured in many universities, and participated in many international and national conferences.

On May 3, 2009, in New York she presented the Arthur Miller Lecture at the Pen International Literary Festival.

Her works have been translated into more than forty languages all over the world, and some of them are taught in a number of universities in different countries.

The Nawal el Saadawi Forum (NSF) was established, December 2014, in Cairo Egypt, by young men and women who were part of the Egyptian Revolution 2011 at Tahrir Square. The NSF organizes seminars every month (in Cairo and other provinces) discussing her books and thoughts.