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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.

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'The Handmaid's Tale is both a superlative exercise in science fiction and a profoundly felt moral story' Angela Carter 'Out of a narrative shadowed by terror, glam sharp perceptions, brilliant intense images and sardonic wit' Peter Kemp, Independent 'The images of brilliant emptiness are one of the most striking aspects of this novel about totalitarian blindness...the effect is chilling' Sunday Times 'Compulsively readable' Daily Telegraph

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