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—*The New York Review of Books*

"It's easy to see why Nuruddin Farah's name keeps coming up as a likely recipient of a Nobel Prize in Literature."

—*Newsweek*

About the Author

Nurudin Farah is the author of nine novels, including *From a Crooked Rib*, *Links* and his *Blood in the Sun* trilogy: *Maps*, *Gifts*, and *Secrets*. His novels have been translated into seventeen languages and have won numerous awards. Farah was named the 1998 laureate of the Neustadt International Prize for Literature, "widely regarded as the most prestigious international literary award after the Nobel" (*The New York Times*). Born in Baidoa, Somalia, he now lives in Cape Town, South Africa, with his wife and their children.

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