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The World's Embrace: Selected Poems



Synopsis

Compelling poems from one of the most prolific and critically acclaimed of contemporary North African writers. Imprisoned for many years by the Moroccan authorities, Laâbi's poetry is haunted by memories of torture and prisons and bears witness to his preoccupations with "and resistance to the growing international sickness of state-supported inhumanity. Abdellatif Laâbi was born in 1942 in Fez. In 1966, he founded the avant-garde literary and artistic journal Souffles, which helped spark a literary and artistic renaissance through North Africa. Imprisoned for seven years in the 1970s for his political beliefs and his writings, he has lived in Paris since 1985. His latest book, a novel, will be published this year by Gallimard.

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The World's Embrace presents selected poems by critically acclaimed North African writer Abdellatif Laabi, who was imprisoned for seven years in the 1970s due to his writings and his political beliefs. Presented both in their original French and in English translation, these superbly crafted and translated bilingual verses cry out against the tortures humanity inflicts on itself, and serves as an ever timely warning against the depths to which society can sink. "Oh rains / if you were / the tears of the sky / I would begin to believe"

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