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Review

“[A] chilling futuristic novel.”—**O, The Oprah Magazine**
(*Kirkus Reviews*)

“Jordan manages to open up powerful feminist and political themes without becoming overly preachy—and the parallels with Hawthorne are fun to trace.”—**Kirkus**
(*Library Journal*)

“Christian fundamentalists may shun this novel, but book clubs will devour it, and savvy educators will pair it with Hawthorne’s *Scarlet Letter*. Essential.”—**Library Journal**
(*Booklist*)

“Jordan blends hot-button issues such as separation of church and state, abortion, and criminal justice with an utterly engrossing story, driven by a heroine as layered and magnetic as Hester Prynne herself, and reminiscent, too, of Margaret Atwood’s *The Handmaid’s Tale* (1985). Absolutely a must-read.”—**Booklist, starred review**
(*Family Circle*)

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(*The Book Case*)

“It reads like a thriller, and one that makes you think hard, to boot. I’ve already placed this one on my favorite-books-for-book-clubs list.”—**The Book Case**

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“*The Scarlet Letter* could unfurl from no better a speculative pen than that held by Hillary Jordan. She takes the seeds of that story and roots them in a world where ‘right to life’ is the law of the land . . . The result . . . is as compulsively readable as it is thought-provoking.”
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—*The New York Times Book Review*

“Hannah’s fight for freedom is both a sober warning and a gripping page-turner. Already it reads like a classic.” —*AARP*

“Jordan’s take on the hot button issues of our time—separation of church and state, abortion, an imperfect criminal justice system—is compelling.”
—*San Antonio Express-News*

“An inventive tale about a new America that has lost its way . . . *When She Woke* is, at its heart, a tense, energetic and lively paced story about self-discovery and reclamation in the wake of enormous shame. It is a story about the price of love.”
—*Minneapolis Star Tribune*

“[A] provocative, politically charged novel . . . [Hannah’s] journey to reclaim herself is equally chilling and riveting.” —*Family Circle*

“Will spark many an intriguing book club discussion.” —*The Cleveland Plain Dealer*

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“Hillary Jordan channels Nathaniel Hawthorne by way of Margaret Atwood in this fast-paced, dystopian thriller. Unputdownable.” —Valerie Martin, author of *The Confessions of Edward Day*

About the Author

Hillary Jordan’s first novel, *Mudbound*, was the winner of the 2006 Bellwether Prize for fiction and an Alex Award from the American Library Association. It was named the NAIBA Fiction Book of the Year and one of the Top Ten Debut Novels of the Decade by *Paste* magazine. Jordan grew up in Dallas, Texas, and Muskogee, Oklahoma. She lives in New York City. Find her online at www.hillaryjordan.com.

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