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## The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

McClelland and Stewart, 1985; 320 pages/audio 11 hours

"...a minutely rendered and impressively steady feminist vision of apocalypse." –Kirkus Reviews, 1/15/1985.

### <u>Summary</u>

Offred, a Handmaid, describes life in what was once the United States, now the Republic of Gilead, a shockingly repressive and intolerant monotheocracy, in a satirical tour de force set in the near future.

### **Author Information**

Margaret Atwood, whose work has been published in thirty-five countries, is the author of more than forty books of fiction, poetry, and critical essays. Her novel *The Blind Assassin* won the 2000 Booker Prize. She is the recipient of the Los Angeles Times Innovator's Award, and lives in Toronto with the writer Graeme Gibson.

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