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Jennifer Robson Discusses *Our Darkest Night*

To survive the Holocaust, a young Jewish woman must pose as a Christian farmer's wife in this unforgettable novel by bestselling author Jennifer Robson—a story of terror, hope, love, and sacrifice, inspired by true events, that vividly evokes the most perilous days of World War II. It is the autumn of 1943, and life is becoming increasingly perilous for Italian Jews. With Nazi Germany now occupying most of her homeland, and the threat of imprisonment and deportation growing ever more certain, Nina Mazin has but one hope to survive—she must leave Venice and hide in the countryside with a man she has only just met.

Niccolò Gerardi was studying for the priesthood until he was forced to leave the seminary to run his family's farm. A moral man, he refuses to remain a bystander to Nazi and fascist atrocities.

Nico's neighbors are wary of Nina, a stranger in their midst. Even worse, their distrust is shared by a local Nazi official with a vendetta against Nico. As Nina and Nico come to know each other, their feelings deepen, transforming their relationship into much more than a charade. Yet both fear that every passing day brings them closer to being torn apart.



Jennifer Robson is the USA Today and Globe & Mail bestselling author of *Somewhere in France*, *After the War is Over* and *Moonlight Over Paris*. She holds a doctorate in British economic and social history from the University of Oxford, where she was a Commonwealth Scholar and SSHRC Doctoral Fellow.

Cory Doctorow Discusses *Radicalized*

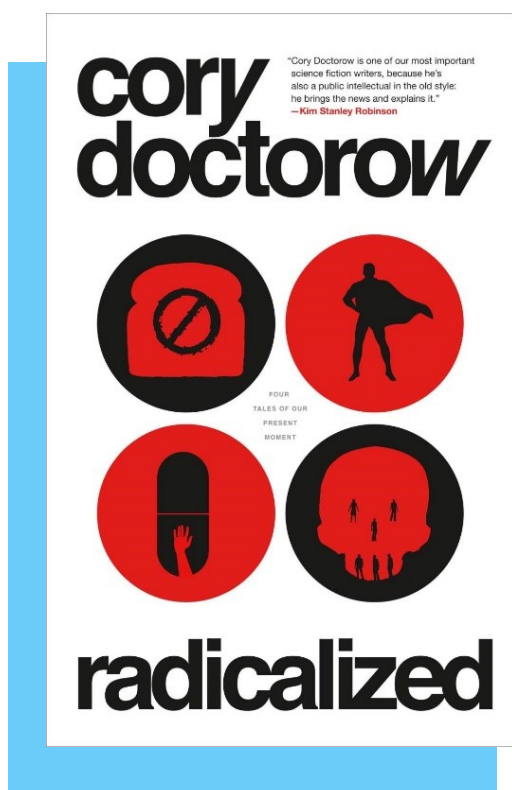
Radicalized is composed of four novellas connected by social, technological, and economic visions of today and what the world could be in the very near future.

Unauthorized Bread is a tale of immigration, the toxicity of economic and technological stratification, and the young and downtrodden fighting against all odds to survive and prosper.

In *Model Minority*, a Superman-like figure attempts to rectify the corruption of the police forces he long erroneously thought protected the defenseless...only to find his efforts adversely affecting their victims.

Radicalized is a story of a dark web-enforced violent uprising against insurance companies told from the perspective of a man desperate to secure funding for an experimental drug that could cure his wife's terminal cancer.

The fourth story, *Masque of the Red Death*, takes on issues of survivalism versus community.



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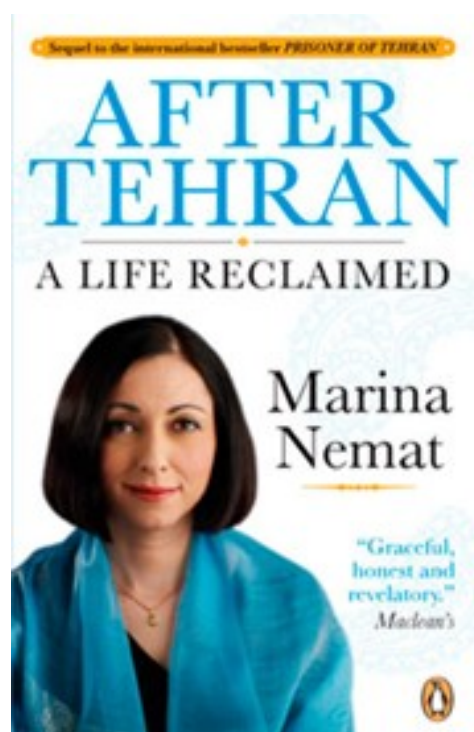
Radicalized was a Canada Reads finalist and an LA Library Book of the Year. The Wall Street Journal described *Radicalized* as "sharp, wry, horribly plausible".

Cory is a New York Times bestselling author. He was named the 2006–2007 Canadian Fulbright Chair for Public Diplomacy at the University of Southern California Center on Public Diplomacy. In 2009, Doctorow became the first Independent Studies Scholar in Virtual Residence at the University of Waterloo in Ontario. He is also a Visiting Professor at the Open University in the United Kingdom.

Cory has won numerous awards for his writing including the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer, the Locus Award for Best First Novel for *Down and Out in the Magic Kingdom*, the Sunburst Award for *A Place So Foreign and Eight More*, the Locus Award for Best Novelette for "I, Robot" and for "When Sysadmins Ruled the Earth", The Electronic Frontier Foundation Pioneer Award, and is the three-time winner of the Prometheus Award for Science Fiction Writing.



JULY 20



Marina Nemat Discusses *After Tehran*

Marina Nemat was a high school student in Tehran when the monarchy was overthrown by Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic Revolution. As a student she opposed the policies of the new government and wrote anti-revolutionary articles in a student newspaper. In 1982, at age 16, Nemat was arrested and imprisoned for her views. She was tortured in the notorious Evin Prison and escaped a death sentence after being forced to marry a prison guard. The guard was later assassinated, and Marina escaped to Canada where she wrote her first book, *Prisoner of Tehran*. It became an international best seller that was translated into 28 languages. Marina's second book, *After Tehran: A Life Reclaimed*, is a moving account of Marina's struggle to overcome her past and break the silence about her detention. She recounts what happened to her in prison, revealing the painful secrets she'd much rather have forgotten, and ultimately emerges from the emotional ravages of her past.



Marina Nemat was the recipient of the inaugural Human Dignity Award from European Parliament. She sits on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture, teaches memoir writing at the University of Toronto and writes book reviews for *The Globe & Mail*.

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