Record Nr. UNINA9911008428703321 Titolo Bad girls of the Arab world / / edited by Nadia Yaqub and Rula Quawas Austin, Texas:,: University of Texas Press,, 2017 Pubbl/distr/stampa ©2017 **ISBN** 1-4773-1337-0 9781477313374 (electronic book) 1 online resource (256 pages): illustrations Descrizione fisica Classificazione MS 3200 Disciplina 305.409174927 Soggetti Women Women - Arab countries **Feminism** Feminism - Arab countries Women - Arab countries - Social conditions Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes bibliographical references at the end of each chapters and Nota di bibliografia index. Nota di contenuto Introduction -- 1 Inciting critique in the feminist classroom -- 2 "And is it impossible to be good everywhere?" Love and badness in America and the Arab World -- 3 Suspicious bodies. Madame Bomba performs against death in Lebanon -- 4 "Jihad Jane" as good American patriot and bad Arab girl: the case of Nada Prouty after 9/11 -- 5 Paying for her father's sins Yasmin as a daughter of unknown lineage -- 6 The making of bad Palestinian mothers during the Second Intifada -- 7 "They are not like your daughters or mine" spectacles of bad women from the Arab Spring -- 8 "Fuck your morals" the body activism of Amina Sboui -- 9 Syrian bad girl Samar Yazbek: refusing burial -- 10 Reel bad Maghrebi women -- 11 New bad girls of Sudan: women

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"Women's transgressive behaviors and perspectives are challenging societal norms in the Arab world, giving rise to anxiety and public debate. Simultaneously, however, other Arab women are unwillingly finding themselves labeled "bad" as authority figures attempt to

singers in the Sudanese diaspora -- 12 Being a revolutionary and

writerly rebel.

redirect scrutiny from serious social ills such as patriarchy and economic exploitation, or as they impose new restrictions on women's behavior in response to uncertainty and change in society. Bad Girls of the Arab World elucidates how both intentional and unintentional transgressions make manifest the social and cultural constructs that define proper and improper behavior, as well as the social and political policing of gender, racial, and class divisions. The works collected here address the experiences of women from a range of ages, classes, and educational backgrounds who live in the Arab world and beyond. They include short pieces in which the women themselves reflect on their experiences with transgression; academic articles about performance. representation, activism, history, and social conditions; an artistic intervention; and afterwords by the acclaimed novelists Laila al-Atrash and Miral al-Tahawy. The book demonstrates that women's transgression is both an agent and a symptom of change, a site of both resistance and repression. Showing how transnational forces such as media discourses, mobility and confinement, globalization, and neoliberalism, as well as the legacy of colonialism, shape women's badness, Bad Girls of the Arab World offers a rich portrait of women's varied experiences at the boundaries of propriety in the twenty-first century."--