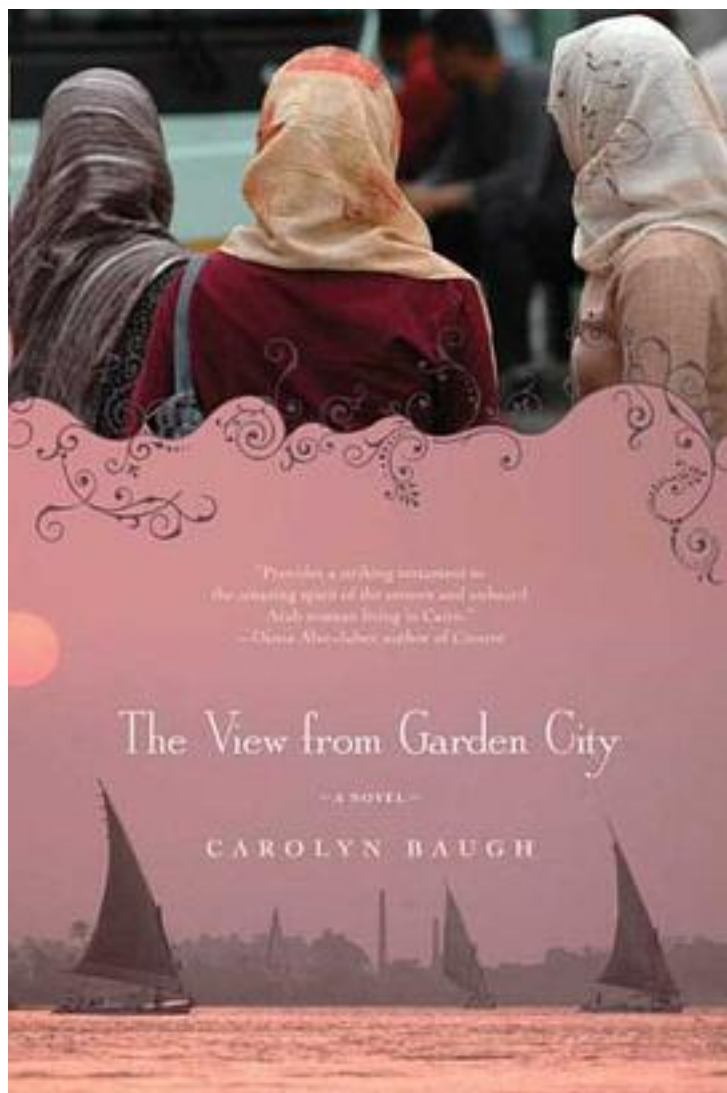


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Author Carolyn Baugh tells the moving story of a young American student living in the Garden City district of Cairo. Having come to study Arabic, she learns far more from the Egyptian women, young and old, she meets within the swirl and tumult of Garden City. Living, loving, and flourishing amid the fierce inflexibility of tradition, these women reveal a fascinating world of arranged marriages, secret romances, and the often turbulent bonds between four generations of Arab mothers and daughters. Meet the women of Garden City: Huda, who waited desperately for the man she loved until she could wait no longer; Karima, who found her husband in a collapsing post-war world; Afkar, who paid a dreadful price for her freedom; Selwa, who suffered through the deaths of her children; Yusriyya, who left her native village for a new life in the city; and, Samira, who loved a man who was not hers. Rich with the sights and sounds of modern Egypt, "The View From Garden City" lifts the veil of privacy to explore the stunning inner strength of women torn between their dreams for the future and the sacrifices women must make in a world of harsh realities of the past and present.

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