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#### About the Author

**Freidoune Sahebjam**, the son of a former Iranian ambassador, is a journalist who was sentenced to death in absentia for his undercover reporting criticizing the Iranian government. He lives in hiding in France.

**Richard Seaver** was a publisher, editor, and translator. He passed away in 2009.

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