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Back cover quote: "I no longer feel alienated from society. I now walk the streets of Cairo and smile..." (Mona Seif, Egyptian, 24 years old)

Contents: *The Butterfly and the Boiling Point*, an essay by Rebecca Solnit on the uprisings in the Arab world. *Diary pages:* "at the food container" (from Hayward, California); "it is my daughter's third birthday today" (from Kawagoe, Japan); "today was a huge day for Tunisia" (from Al-Ahsa, Saudi Arabia); exams at the university in Mosul, Iraq; exams at the university in Alessandria, Italy; ravens playing in the wind in Arctic Bay, Canada; why in Saudi Arabia women are banned from voting and from driving cars; *Mona Seif and Gigi Ibrahim*, two women in Tahrir Square, Cairo. *Diary pages:* a domestic worker's day in Singapore; swans in Kawajima, Japan; "students are now watching the news instead of *Friends*" (from Al-Ahsa, Saudi Arabia); "demonstrations in support of the Egyptian people were suppressed by the Hamas-ruled authority in Gaza and by the Fatah-ruled authority in the West Bank" (from Beit Sahour, Palestine); "the Suez Canal and the Caribbean Sea are not so far apart" (from Havana); "many years ago Ms. Doherty helped me stand up to the Mubarak regime" (from Gaza); "there are so many of us who decided to stay out of it all" (from Genoa, Italy). *Letter to My Children and Grandchildren*, by Valentina Tamburro. *Diary pages:* "there's a sensation that the world is changing and I'm on another planet" (from Havana); "I happen to be Arab... leave me alone!" (from the United States). *Globalization*, a poem by Marco Saya. *Diary pages:* "the Friday of anger" in Mosul, Iraq; Khuza'a, a small village in the Gaza Strip; "I was amazed by the statements about the dictator Qaddafi made by Hugo Chávez" (from Havana); "why did you scream at the Ladies in White?" (from Havana). **Hammangi**, by Daniele Comberiat: a "mission" in Tripoli. *Diary pages:* "there was a massive earthquake in Japan" (from Kawagoe, Japan); "I am underground, on the Marunouchi line. The train stops abruptly" (from Tokyo); "my new LED TV was still standing so I was relieved" (from Tendo, Japan); "dear free people of Egypt", a letter by a January 25 protester. *Who's who in the new Egypt*, by Jacob Høigilt. *Diary pages:* a conversation with a "conservative friend" (from Al-Ahsa, Saudi Arabia); "yesterday's list of what we did" (from Kawagoe, Japan); "I am struggling with the idea of evacuation or staying" (from Tendo, Japan); "I wanted to buy some fruit..." (from Bologna, Italy); "our worries never seem to end" (from Kawagoe, Japan); "the feelings I experienced upon hearing of Wednesday's terror attack in Jerusalem" (from Karkur, Israel); "we should rethink the new compact city" (from Kawagoe, Japan).