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"Readers will readily find themselves rooting for Zulaikha in this simply told yet thoughtful story." -- THE

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### About the Author

Trent Reedy is the author of *Divided We Fall*, *Burning Nation*, and *The Last Full Measure*, a trilogy about the second American Civil War; *If You're Reading This*; *Stealing Air*; and *Words in the Dust*, which was the winner of the Christopher Medal and an Al Roker's Book Club pick on the *Today Show*. Trent and his family live near Spokane, Washington. Please visit his website at [www.trentreedy.com](http://www.trentreedy.com).

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