

contents

PART ONE

Algeria: Between Desire and Death

Oran, Dead Language 11

Non-return Returns 33

Burning 45

The Attack 83

The Woman in Pieces 97

PART TWO

Between France and Algeria

Annie and Fatima 129

Félicie's Body 139

Afterword: The Tongue's Blood Does Not Run Dry 209

Nota Bene 217

About the Author 219

About the Translator 219