

# CONTENTS

	<i>Acknowledgements</i>	ix
	Prologue: From the Marabar to the Tora Bora Caves	I
I	Genesis and Exodus: The Islamic Revolution and Persian Diaspora (Birmingham–Frankfurt–Tehran)	II
2	Big Brother on Sugar Street (Tehran)	23
3	In the Land of the Ayatollahs Tupac Shakur is King (Tehran)	29
4	Careless Whispers in the State of Grace (Tehran–Qom–Esfahan)	39
5	Coca-Colonisation (Esfahan)	49
6	Purple Rain Where the Streets Have No Name (Esfahan)	55
7	Martyrs Blood Stains the Stairway to Heaven (Esfahan–Shiraz)	71
8	Alladin Sane Lost in the Land of the Philosopher Kings (Shiraz)	81
9	Smooth Criminals on the Road to Damascus (Shiraz–Tehran–Damascus)	87
10	Madame Tells a Tale of Two Cities (Damascus)	93
11	The Continuing Adventures of Man's Spare Rib (Damascus)	101
12	The Gospel of Descartes (Damascus)	111

## CONTENTS

13	The Shame of Midnight's Children (Damascus–Beirut)	121
14	Finding Hermes Footprints: A Critique of Pure Dogma? (Beirut)	149
15	Social(ist) Unrest on Animal Farm (Beirut)	165
16	Caught Between the Pit and the Pendulum: The New Religious Inquisition (Beirut–Damascus–Amman)	171
17	Float like a Butterfly Stung by a Bee (Amman)	175
18	Ballad of a Thin Man's Son (Amman)	183
19	Two Tribes: How Does a Rose Grow from Concrete? (al-Quds)	197
20	Sympathy for the Devil: Clash of the un-Civilisations (Jerusalem)	207
21	Somewhere Over the Rainbow: The End of History? (The Promised Land)	217
	<i>Epilogue: Imagine (Beyond Good and Evil)</i>	235
	Part 1: The Ghosts of Detroit Red	
	Part 2: The <i>Fitna</i> (tribulation) of Yusuf K: A Modern-Day Fable	
	<i>Endnotes</i>	255
	<i>Select Bibliography</i>	265
	<i>Index</i>	269