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Avivah Zornberg grew up in a world of rabbinic tradition and scholarship and received a Ph.D. in English literature from Cambridge University. **The Particulars of Rapture**, the sequel to her award-winning study of the Book of Genesis, takes its title from a line by the American poet Wallace Stevens about the interdependence of opposite things, such as male and female, and conscious and unconscious. To her reading of the familiar story of the Israelites and their flight from slavery in Egypt, Avivah Zornberg has brought a vast range of classical Jewish interpretations and Midrashic sources, literary allusions, and ideas from philosophy and psychology. Her quest in this book, as she writes in the introduction, is "to find those who will hear with me a particular idiom of redemption," who will hear "within the particulars of rapture . . . what cannot be expressed."

Zornberg's previous book, **The Beginning of Desire**: **Reflections on Genesis**, won the National Jewish Book Award for nonfiction in 1995 and has become a classic among readers of all religions. **The Particulars of Rapture** will enhance Zornberg's reputation as one of today's most original and compelling interpreters of the biblical and rabbinic traditions.

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