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### Ruby Namdar

Ruby Namdar was born and raised in Jerusalem to a family of Iranian-Jewish heritage. His first book, *Haviv* (2000), won The Ministry of Culture's Award for Best First Publication. His novel *The Ruined House* (2013) has won the Sapir Prize, Israel's most prestigious literary award. He currently lives in New York City with his wife and two daughters and teaches Jewish literature, focusing on Biblical and Talmudic narrative.

Mesmerizing and unsettling, *The Ruined House* unfolds over the course of one year, as Andrew's world unravels and he is forced to question all his beliefs. Steeped in the tradition of the greatest Jewish American novels, Namdar's brilliant debut captures the privilege and pedantry of New York intellectual life in the opening years of the twenty-first century. In sumptuous and incantatory prose, Namdar spins a nuanced and provocative tale of materialism, tradition, faith, and the search for meaning in contemporary culture.

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