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RACHID Boudjedra (b. 1941) is a prolific and revolutionary Algerian writer who has published numerous poems, essays and novels. Before 1982, these were generally in French, but since then he has concentrated on writing in Arabic.

He was born in Aïn Beïda, Algeria, where he was active in the independence movement. He received his degree in philosophy from the Sorbonne, where he did research on Céline.

Upon receiving his degree, he returned to Algeria to teach at Blida, but left after Houari Boumédiene seized power. He lived in France from 1969 till 1972, and then in Rabat, Morocco until 1975.

Boudjedra's fiction is written in a difficult, complex style, reminiscent of Faulkner or García Márquez in its intricacy. *La Répudiation* (1969) brought him sudden attention, both for the strength with which he challenged traditional Muslim culture in Algeria and for the strong reaction against him.