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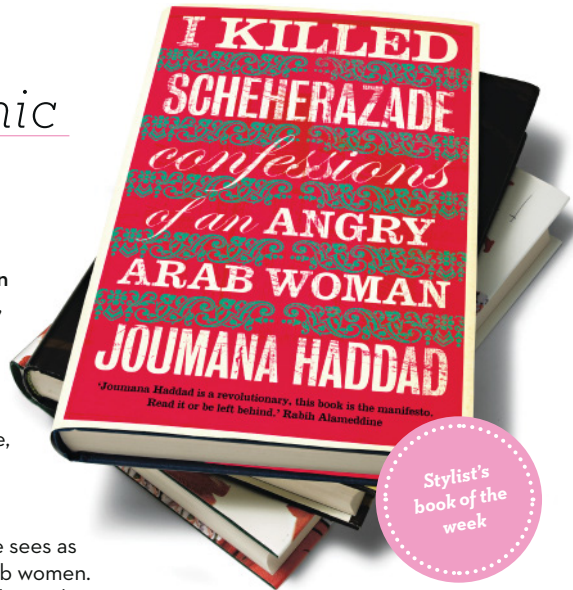
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GLASS OF RED WINE...

Powerful polemic for our time

I Killed Scheherazade: Confessions Of An Angry Arab Woman by Joumana Haddad, Saqi Books, £8.99, out now

Dubbed the Carrie Bradshaw of Beirut, Joumana Haddad has been a pioneer of female freedom in the Middle East since she launched controversial erotic magazine, *Jasad*, in her native Lebanon in 2008. An award-winning poet, writer and journalist, Haddad's new book is part-polemic, part-autobiography, and aims to dispel what she sees as myths perpetuated by the West about Arab women.

Eloquent and wonderfully witty throughout, the book deftly makes the case for literature holding the key to true intellectual freedom. The most interesting chapters are when Haddad writes about her own teenage awakening, reading controversial, coming-of-age books such as Henry



Stylist's
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Miller's *Sexus* and the literature liberating her mentally and sexually. She hopes her book will do the same for a new generation of Arab women. That said, there's much here to savour for female readers everywhere...

DVD

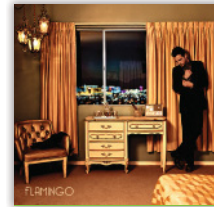
KICK-ASS

Out now, £12.99 Co-written by Jane Goldman, Jonathan Ross's wife, and starring promising newcomer Aaron Johnson, this was the must-see movie of early 2010. A teenage comic book geek decides to up his cool-guy credentials by becoming a superhero. Violent, controversial, but good.



MUSIC

FLAMINGO BY
BRANDON FLOWERS



Out now, £8.99 This is The Killers' singer Flowers' first solo release but, aside from a slightly more reflective feel, there's nothing here

that's a huge departure from his previous work - and that's fine by us. Going solo does, however, allow Flowers to bring his atmospheric, echoey vocals to the fore. We particularly rate the wistful, nostalgic track *Only The Young*.

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