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A powerful, humane, and moving account of the heroic fates faced by migrants in search of a new life.

"Over time, migrancy has become the rule, not the exception. And people tire of hearing about it. I have followed rowboats braving the Strait of Gibraltar, inflatable rafts from Turkey headed for the Greek isle of Lesbos, and a string of unseaworthy vessels making for the Sicilian Canal, overwhelming the tiny island of Lampedusa... I wanted to give this chorus of voices the chance to sing their own story aloud, the stories of hundreds of thousands of men and women who saw no other hope but to leave, to make the great crossing of our shared sea, our Mediterranean. While we Europeans dither between blindness, compassion, and suppression, they continue to leave. And nothing will stop them."

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