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Translator's note

The collection of essays *Beor hatkhelet ha'aza* (*Under this blazing light*) was first published in 1979; it has been reprinted several times. The Hebrew edition contains thirty-six essays, of which eighteen were selected by the author for this English edition. In making the English translations I have benefited from Amos Oz's cooperation.

Preface to the Hebrew edition

Most of the essays and articles brought together in this book are 'based on' or 'adapted from' articles, interviews, lectures and radio talks dating from the early 1960s to the late 1970s. Hence some possible repetitions, and hence also the differences, of tone and style, between the various articles. It is not particularly hard to find unfinished or inconsistent lines of thought, or even some contradictions.

Perhaps most of the essays in this book are substitutes for stories that I have not managed to write.

Hulda, 18 December 1978