

Hanène Baatout was born and raised in France, and completed her literary/ linguistic studies there. She has a comprehensive knowledge of French culture and traditions. After completing her higher education, she moved to the UK and taught French to secondary school pupils for a year, during which time she perfected her English and learnt more about British customs and practices. She subsequently relocated to Tunisia where she taught English and French as foreign languages for twelve years. She continues to teach, and since reading and translating is something she thoroughly enjoys, she also works as a freelance translator. Part of her ambition is to translate more Babelcube books, and to see herself credited

when those books are published! Authors whose works she has translated in the past have described her as fast, friendly and very professional. Hanène is currently translating **The New Europeans** into French.