



## **Arendt and Baring**

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Contribution to 'Reputations Revisited', *The Times Literary Supplement*, 21 January 1977, 66

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[Report on] *The Human Condition* by Hannah Arendt<sup>59</sup>

I could recommend no publisher to buy the UK rights of this book. There are two objections to it: it will not sell, and it is no good. The author's reading has evidently been wide, but her comprehension has too often been incomplete. Indeed the suspicion grows, as one reads these pages, that her inadequate command of English (a language she appears to have learned only in mature years, as a refugee in America from Germany) has led her into many of the problems which she attempts to solve in these pages.

*The beginning of IB's 1958 report for Faber on Arendt's  
The Human Condition – see **Supplementary Letters 1946–1960***

OVERRATED: *The Human Condition* by Hannah Arendt.

UNDERRATED: *Tinker's Leave* by Maurice Baring.

(This applies to virtually all the works of these authors.)

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