

Middle East Literature

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Hosseini, Khaled

Ellis, Deborah

Nafisi, Azar

Abdel-Fattah, Randa

Individual Titles to Try:

The Tyrant's Daughter- Carleson, J.C.

Damascus Countdown- Rosenberg, Joel C.

Against All Enemies- Clancy, Tom

A Gate at the Stairs: a novel- Moore, Lorrie

Gate of the Sun- Khūrī, Ilyās

Of God and Madness- Karasu, Toksoz B.

All We Have Left- Mills, Wendy

Watched- Budhoe, Marina Tamar

Invisible Girl- Stone, Mary Hanlon

Gardens of Water: a novel- Drew, Alan

A Cup of Friendship: a novel- Rodriguez, Deborah

Something like Normal- Doller, Trish

The Swallows of Kabul- Khadra, Yasmina

Reawakened- Houck, Colleen

Let it be Morning- Qashu, Sayed

Glory: a novel- Wouk, Herman

Midnight's Children: a novel- Rushdie, Salman

The Yellow Birds: a novel- Powers, Kevin

The Rose and the Dagger- Ahdieh, Renee

Bright Lines- Islam, Tanwi Nandini

The Reluctant Fundamentalist- Hamid, Mohsin

Thunder of Kandahar- McKay, Sharon E.

Secret Sky- Abawi, Atia

If You Could Be Mine- Farizan, Sara

My Forbidden Face: growing up under the Taliban: a young woman's story- Latifa

Moon at Nine- Ellis, Deborah

Wanting Mor- Khan, Rukhsana

Under the Persimmon Tree- Staples, Suzanne Fisher

Alphabet of Dreams- Fletcher, Susan

The Girl with Borrowed Wings- Rossetti, Rinsai

Borderline- Stratton, Allan

Code of honor- Gratz, Alan

I Love I Hate I Miss my Sister- Sarn, Amelie

Torn- Massey, David

Nonfiction- Real Stories and Histories

The Arabian Nights- Wiggin, Kate Douglas Smith

Three Cups of Tea- Mortenson, Greg

I am Malala- Yousafazi, Malala

Persepolis- Satrapi, Marjane

Zahra's Paradise- Amir

The Lemon Tree: an Arab, a Jew, and the heart of the Middle East- Tolan, Sandy

From Babel to dragomans: interpreting the Middle East- Lewis Bernard

The Yom Kippur War: the epic encounter that transformed the Middle East- Rabinovich, Abraham

A Peace to End All Peace: the fall of the Ottoman Empire and the creation of the modern Middle East-
Fromkin, David

Children of the Jihad: a young American's travels among the youth of the Middle East- Cohen, Jared

Minorities in the Middle East: a history of struggle and self-expression- Nisan, Mordechai

The Space Between our Footsteps: poems and paintings from the Middle East- Nye, Naomi Shihab

The Spiders of Allah: travels of an unbeliever on the frontline of the holy war- Hider, James

War Journal: my five years in Iraq- Engel, Richard

Reconciliation: Islam, democracy and the west- Bhutto, Benazir

On the Road to Kandahar: travels through conflict in the Islamic world- Burke, Jason

In the Hot Zone: one man, one year, twenty wars- Site, Kevin

Palestine: peace not apartheid- Carter, Jimmy

The Assassin's Gate: America in Iraq- Packer, George

Arab Folktales- Bushnaq, Inea

The Strong Horse: power, politics, and the clash of Arab civilizations- Smith, Lee

The Poetry of Arab Women: a contemporary anthology- Handal, Nathalie

Every Man in this Village is a Liar: an education in war- Stack, Megan K.

The Essential Rumi- Jalāl al-Dīn Rūmī, Maulana

The Other Side of the Sky- Ahmed, Farah

Tasting the Sky: a Palestinian childhood- Barakat, Ibtisam

Children of Dust: a memoir of Pakistan- Eteraz, Ali

Rosewater: a family's story of love, captivity, and survival- Bahari, Maziar

Kabul Beauty School: an American woman goes behind the veil- Rodriguez, Deborah

Rethinking Muslim women and the Veil: challenging historical & modern stereotypes- Bullock, Katherine

Veiled Courage: inside the Afghan women's resistance- Benard, Cheryl

Muslim Girl: a coming of age- Al-Khatahtbeh, Amani