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The Intricacies of Wholeness, 2019,
from *Narrative Threads*, see p. 12.

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Saqi's 2025 catalogue. Our eclectic list showcases a wide array of culture, writing and critical thought from and about the Middle East. The writers, poets, artists and citizens presented here hail from all over the world, but in their works, they each feature the best that humanity has to offer. They remind us that in the face of repression everywhere, intellectual inquiry and creative expression still flourish. They remind us that there is still hope.

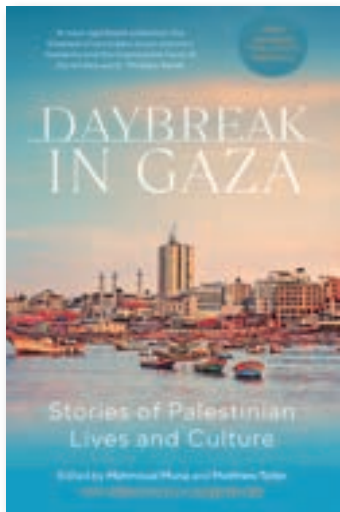
Highlights this season include *This Queer Arab Family*, the brilliant follow-up to the bestselling *This Arab is Queer*; *Babylon, Albion*, a luminous inquiry into British Iraqi identity and migration; and *A Passage to Europe*, the astonishing story of an Indian prince's travels in the eighteenth-century.

This year, we honour and celebrate Palestinian culture and its proud heritage. *Narrative Threads* and *The Gaza Kitchen* offer up sumptuous feasts of tatreez and taste. The art practitioners and conservationists in *Archiving Gaza in the Present* discuss how to preserve its culture in the face of erasure; and *The Gaza Catastrophe* analyses the root causes of and conditions required to end the cycle of violence.

Last year, our publications travelled far and wide, with translations into dozens of languages. Our authors participated in more than one hundred events. Matthew Teller and Mahmoud Muna, *Daybreak in Gaza's* editors, undertook three European tours, reaching thousands of readers. We were shocked by the recent arrest of Mahmoud and Ahmad Muna, owners and booksellers at The Educational Bookshop in Jerusalem. The worldwide support they have received has been phenomenal. We are proud to have organised a fundraiser in support of the bookshop, and to have raised more than £15,000 for Medical Aid for Palestinians.

Thank you to our writers, translators, booksellers, readers and all our friends for your support. As you inspire us, we hope these pages bring you inspiration. Happy reading.

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Territories: World

MAHMOUD MUNA runs Jerusalem's celebrated Educational Bookshop. His writing has appeared in the *London Review of Books* and *Jerusalem Quarterly*.

MATTHEW TELLER is the author of *Nine Quarters of Jerusalem*, a *Telegraph* Book of the Year. His journalism has featured in the BBC, *Guardian*, *Times* and BBC Radio 4.



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Daybreak in Gaza

Stories of Palestinian Lives and Culture

**Edited by Mahmoud Muna
and Matthew Teller**

With Juliette Touma and Jayyab Abusafia

*A powerful chronicle of Gaza's cultural heritage,
blending history with deeply personal memoirs
and testimonies*

This is Gaza – a place of humanity and creativity, rich in culture and industry. A place now utterly devastated, its entire population displaced by a seemingly endless onslaught, its heritage destroyed.

Daybreak in Gaza is a record of an extraordinary place and people, and of a culture preserved by the people themselves. Vignettes of artists, acrobats, doctors, students, shopkeepers and teachers offer stories of love, life, loss and survival. They display the wealth of Gaza's cultural landscape and the breadth of its history.

Daybreak in Gaza humanises the people dismissed as statistics. It stands as a mark of resistance to the destruction and as a testament to the people of Gaza.

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ISABELLA HAMMAD

'A collection of brave, resilient, heartbreaking, defiant, scared stories.'

ANTHONY SATTIN,

The Spectator

'Profoundly moving ... a devastating indictment of genocide.'

CHINA MIÉVILLE

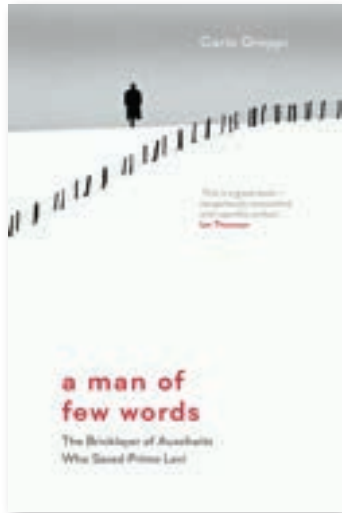
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Territories: World

CARLO GREPPI is an award-winning historian. He is the author of fourteen books, including *Un uomo di poche parole* (*A Man of Few Words*), which has been translated into six languages and has sold more than 20,000 copies in Italy.



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A Man of Few Words

The Bricklayer of Auschwitz
Who Saved Primo Levi

Carlo Greppi

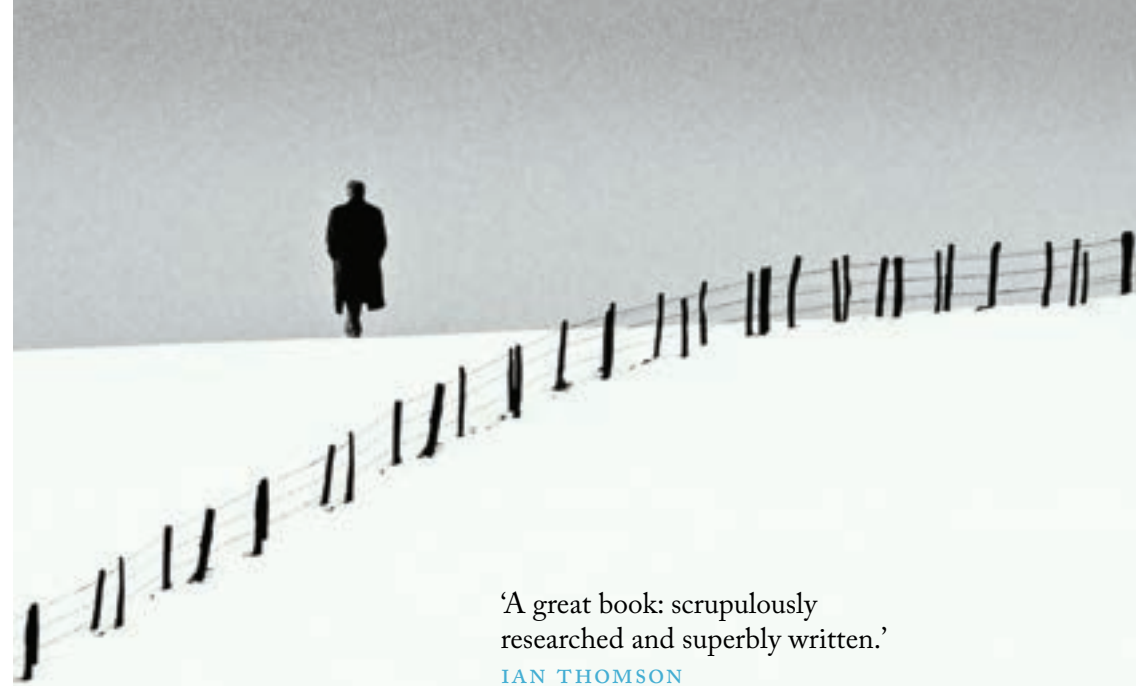
Translated from the Italian by Howard Curtis

*How a friendship forged amid darkness shaped
the legacy of the Holocaust's most vital chronicler*

'Nobody knows how much I owe that man,' Primo Levi said of the bricklayer who saved his life at Auschwitz-Birkenau. For six months, Lorenzo Perrone risked his own life to smuggle food, letters and clothing to prisoners. Without Perrone, Levi could not have survived and the world would have been deprived of his writing.

In *A Man of Few Words*, Carlo Greppi pieces together the life of Perrone, a near destitute labourer with little formal education. Despite their stark differences, Levi and Perrone's friendship continued until Perrone's tragic death. Levi never forgot Perrone. He tried persistently to preserve the memory of this man of few words who had saved his life, but who left few traces of his own behind.

Compassionate, worldly and prescient, Greppi brings to light a universal story about an individual who kept hope alive in one of the darkest times and places known to man.



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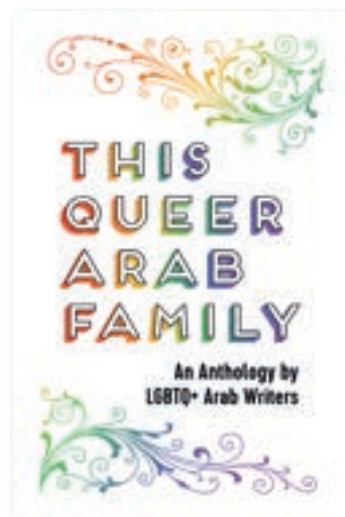
JULIA BOYD

'A marvel of sympathetic insight.'

TLS

'There is much to admire in this intriguing study [which] answers the deepest question of Levi's oeuvre: what it means to be human.'

The Observer



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Territories: World

ELIAS JAHSHAN is a Palestinian-Lebanese Australian journalist. He currently writes for *The New Arab* and has been published in *The Guardian*, *SBS Voices* and *My Kali*. Jahshan is the editor of *This Arab Is Queer*, which was shortlisted for the Lambda and Bread and Roses awards, and selected as an *Evening Standard* Best LGBTQ+ Book of All Time.

This Queer Arab Family

An Anthology by LGBTQ+ Arab Writers

Edited by Elias Jahshan

A moving and bold collection of Queer Arab writing – the follow-up to the bestseller This Arab is Queer

This Queer Arab Family celebrates the family we inherit and the friends we choose as family. Elias Jahshan presents ten LGBTQ+ writers from across the Arab world and diaspora who are redefining what traditional families look like.

From raising children with dad and dad, to cooking with sisters on the other side of the world and finding kinship in gender neutral toilets, community can be found in the most unexpected places.

This groundbreaking collection is testament to the challenges and triumphs that bind us together. *This Queer Arab Family* is here to slay.

Praise for *This Arab is Queer*

‘Heartwarming, moving and uplifting ... celebrates the true colours of the vibrant Arab queer experience.’ *Evening Standard*

‘I’m not sure if there’s ever been an anthology like this before — and it’s about time.’ *Book Riot*



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Dalia Al-Dujaili

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A love song to Britain, Iraq and the body of earth we hold in common, *Babylon, Albion* is a compelling re-imagining of what it means to be native.



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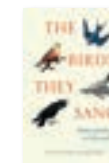
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Territories: World

DALIA AL-DUJAILI is an Iraqi British writer, editor and producer based in London. She tells stories from the SWANA region and diaspora, and reports on community-led stories from the margins for *The Guardian*, *Huck*, *The New Arab* and more.

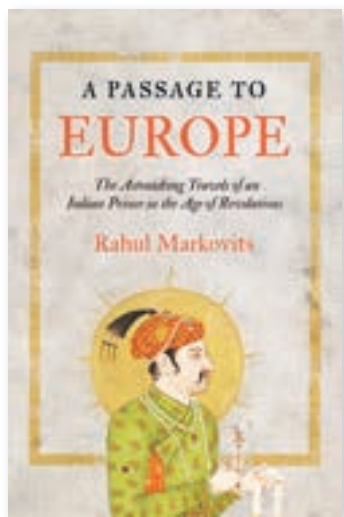


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What was an Indian prince doing in the retinue of a French envoy at Constantinople in 1796? When Ottoman Emperor Sultan Selim III, struck by the unusual sight of a fellow Muslim in a French cortège, asked how this Indian prince came to be there, Ahmad Khan told him his extraordinary story.

A Passage to Europe traces the journey of Indian prince Ahmad Khan from Gujarat to Constantinople, revolutionary France, London and back again. His voyage began in 1772 with the annexation of the coastal town of Broach by the East India Company. Twenty years later, he reached London to seek redress. The British government paid his expenses while they looked into his case, but although his tale was true, Khan was not the man he claimed to be. Authorities arrested and imprisoned him for being a spy, and then he simply vanished.

Uncovering an elusive paper trail, Markovits illuminates in vivid detail the astonishing story of this unlikely traveller's passage to Europe and offers a unique counter-narrative to Eurocentric accounts of the Age of Revolutions.

The Gaza Catastrophe

The Genocide in World-Historical Perspective

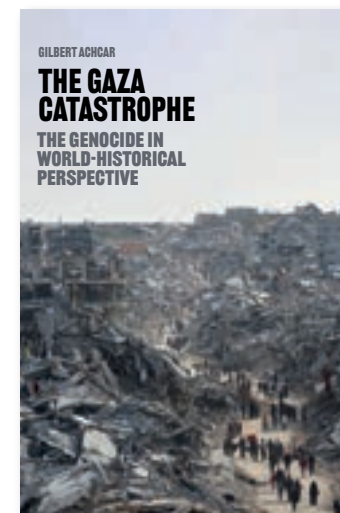
Gilbert Achcar

An incisive collection of essays on the genocide in Gaza by a foremost expert on the region

The sheer scale of destruction in Gaza following 7 October 2023 has shocked the world – but it follows a trajectory set in motion long before. It is the continuation of a decades-long course in which Israeli politics, policies and military strategies have inexorably shifted to the Right.

In *The Gaza Catastrophe*, renowned political scientist Gilbert Achcar explores the complex historical process that culminated in the war on Gaza. Achcar offers critical insights on the genocide's regional and international consequences, as well as radical critiques of Zionism, Hamas and other state and non-state actors.

This vital volume places the Gaza catastrophe in its wider geopolitical and historical context. It is essential to understanding the root causes of the violence destabilising the entire region and the wider world, as well as the conditions required to bring it to an end.



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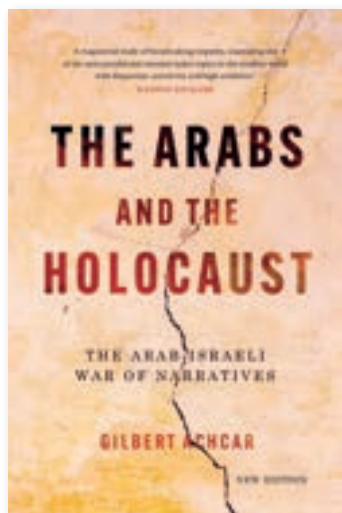
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The Arab-Israeli conflict goes far beyond the wars waged on Middle Eastern battlefields. There is also a war of narratives revolving around the two defining traumas of the conflict: the Holocaust and the Nakba. One side is charged with Holocaust denial, the other with exploiting a tragedy while denying the tragedies of others.

Gilbert Achcar explores these conflicting narratives and considers their role in today's Middle East dispute. In analysing the various Arab responses to the Holocaust and assessing their political and historical context, he offers a unique ideological mapping of the Arab world. In the process, Achcar defuses an international propaganda war that has become a major stumbling block in the path of Arab-Western understanding.

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'The best book on the subject so far.'

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Archiving Gaza in the Present

The Power of Bearing Witness at a Time of War and Destruction

Edited by Dina Matar and Venetia Porter

A critical examination of Gazan culture and efforts to conserve it in a time of crisis

Genocide has brought unimaginable suffering to Gaza and the destruction of cultural heritage adds another dimension of loss. The sites, artefacts and stories that anchor identity are being destroyed alongside the people who create them. In this context, archiving becomes a vital way to resist erasure.

Archiving Gaza in the Present addresses this urgent crisis. Gathering voices from diverse fields, it documents the degradation of Gaza's rich cultural landscape and explores the ways in which we can preserve its memory and heritage.

In essays, interviews, poems and visual materials, including more than 150 photographs, maps and artworks, this invaluable interdisciplinary collection emphasises the stakes of conserving Gazan culture.

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DINA MATAR is Professor of Political Communication and Arab Media and the chair of the Centre for Palestine Studies at SOAS, University of London.



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JOANNA BARAKAT expresses her deep-rooted connection to Palestinian culture through her artwork, which combines painting and embroidery and has been exhibited at the ICA and the American Museum Katzen Art Centre. Barakat shares her passion for Palestinian embroidery by teaching workshops and through her Instagram page, The Tatreez Circle.



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Narrative Threads

Palestinian Embroidery
 in Contemporary Art

Joanna Barakat

A celebration of a timeless Palestinian craft reimagined by contemporary artists across diverse media and visions

For centuries, Palestinian women wrote the stories of their lives and land with a needle and thread. Appreciation for their embroidery, or *tatreez*, inspired artists who embraced and reinterpreted it visually and conceptually. They transformed Palestinian embroidery into a symbol of Palestinian identity, steadfastness and resistance.

In *Narrative Threads*, Joanna Barakat documents contemporary artists' vital role in shaping and maintaining Palestinian embroidery. She brings together the work of twenty-four established and emerging artists who incorporate its motifs and symbolism across various media. While some use traditional imagery to celebrate and preserve Palestinian identity, others reimagine this to explore ideas about time, space or memory, challenging colonial and Orientalist constructs.

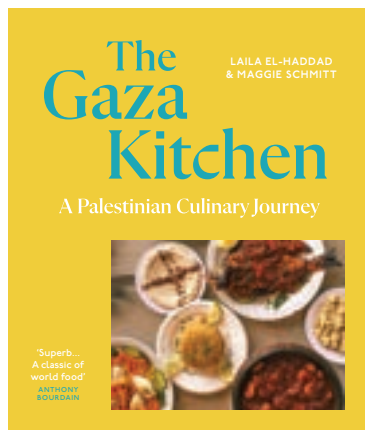
Featuring more than 200 striking illustrations as well as insightful essays by leading art historians, *Narrative Threads* celebrates the immense beauty and significance of Palestinian embroidery in contemporary art.



Shadi Alzaqzuq, *Le Pardon*, 2017.
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MAGGIE SCHMITT is a writer, researcher, translator, educator and social activist.



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The Gaza Kitchen brings new life to this cuisine with more than one hundred recipes collected first-hand by the authors. It offers an intimate portrait of everyday Gazan life through hundreds of photographs of cooks, farmers and produce merchants at work, and in-kitchen interviews in which these women and men tell the stories of their food, heritage and families.

This award-winning cookbook, now in a new sumptuous edition, stands as both a celebration of Palestinian cultural identity and a powerful testament to the resilience of the Gaza community.

'A superb collection from a delicious cuisine.'

A classic.'

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The Gaza Kitchen

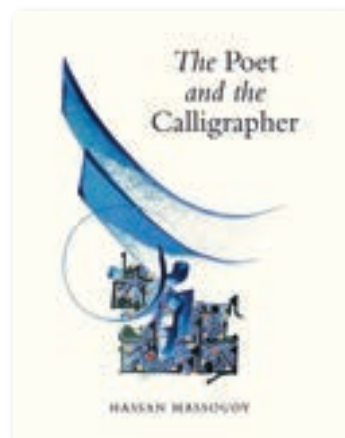
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HASSAN MASSOUDY is widely considered to be one of the greatest living calligraphers. His work has been exhibited throughout Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, and is housed in the permanent collections of the British Museum and the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts, among others.

The poet is the prince of words, the calligrapher the choreographer.

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Beautifully illustrated, *The Poet and the Calligrapher* is the perfect gift and journey for poets, art lovers and dreamers alike.

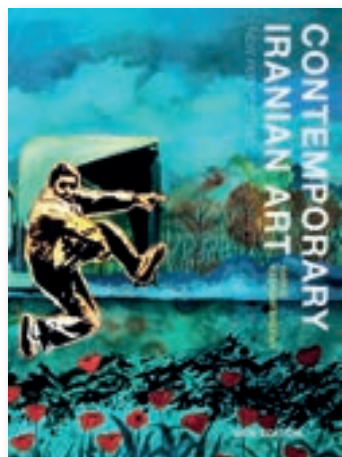


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The Sultan's Sex Potions

Arab Aphrodisiacs in the Middle Ages

Naṣīr al-Dīn al-Ṭūsī

Translated from the Arabic and Introduced by Daniel L. Newman

A vivid translation of an intriguing thirteenth-century guide to increasing sexual potency

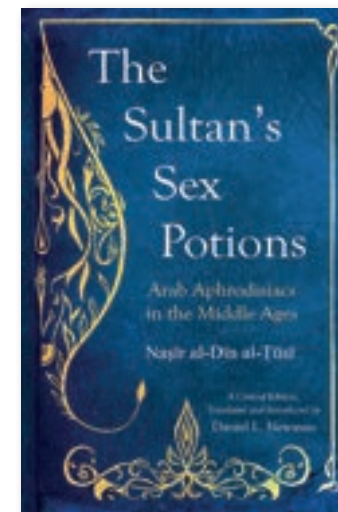
Arabic erotic literature has a long and rich history going back as far as the ninth century. Far from being the pursuit of prurient pornographers, eroticism and sexuality received considerable attention from scholars.

Written by leading thirteenth-century scientist Naṣīr al-Dīn al-Ṭūsī, *The Sultan's Sex Potions* is part of a group of works devoted to aphrodisiacs as well as sexual practices and positions. Sober and measured in tone, it was composed at the request of the ruler and so its potions, electuaries, syrups and enemas enjoyed a 'royal warrant of appointment'.

This volume includes three Arabic manuscripts accompanied by an English translation as well as an introduction to Arabic erotic literature, a biography of the author, a bibliography of erotological works and extensive indexes.

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KARIM HAÏDAR is a world-renowned chef acclaimed for reinventing Lebanese cuisine, notably at the fast food chain Comptoir Libanais in London. Haïdar recently founded the Academy of Arab Cuisine in Paris.

ANDRÉE MAALOUF has adapted the culinary tradition of Lebanon to suit the tastes and produce of today.

Lebanon offers a unique variety of fragrant and refined dishes, enriched over centuries by new flavours and spices brought by traders from across the Mediterranean. Appreciated the world over, Lebanese cuisine is renowned for its savoury and sweet specialities: from falafel, tabbouleh, spicy grills and simmered stews, to succulent rose and pistachio pastries.

Andrée Maalouf and Karim Haïdar (Comptoir Libanais) share this rich culinary heritage through more than one hundred easy-to-follow recipes, along with an explanation of key ingredients and their place in Lebanese cooking. Traditional recipes have been subtly re-interpreted with a modern twist, which will delight lovers of Lebanese cuisine of all generations.

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Leila Aboulela



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Suad misses her husband. He died unexpectedly during an argument at work, leaving her no chance to say goodbye. After several false starts, she moves in with her oldest son's family in the countryside.

At first, she receives a warm welcome and things go smoothly. Her grandchildren adore her falafel, and they spend cozy evenings watching television. But over time, tensions with her daughter-in-law grow. Accused of interfering with the children, Suad is eventually asked to leave.

Now on her own, Suad must build a new life. How can she budget for one, and will she be able to fill the long hours? Will her neighbours welcome her? Determined, she sets out to find her own path.

‘Leila Aboulela's narratives glow with a rare beauty, a shining sensual awareness of the joy of life.’

The Scotsman

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LEILA ABOULELA is the author of six critically acclaimed novels, translated into fifteen languages. Her short story collection, *Elsewhere, Home* (Telegram Books) won the Saltire Fiction Book of the Year Award. *River Spirit* (Saqi Books) was a *New York Times* and *Scottish Herald* Book of the Year. Aboulela grew up in Sudan and now lives in Scotland.

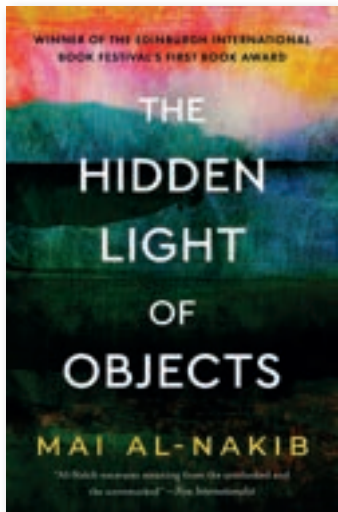


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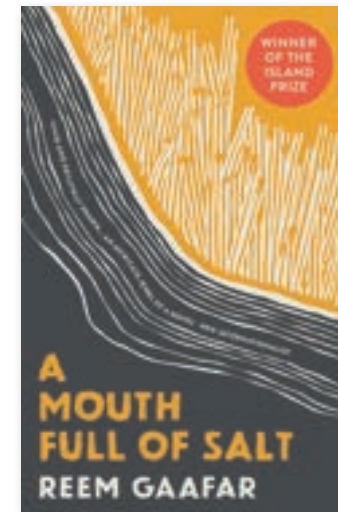
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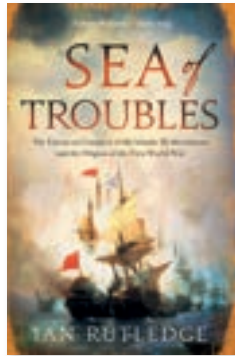
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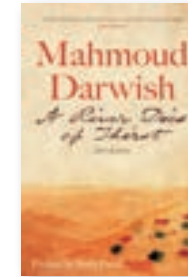
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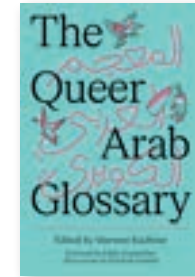
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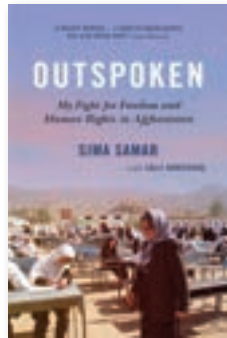
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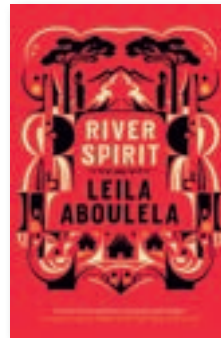
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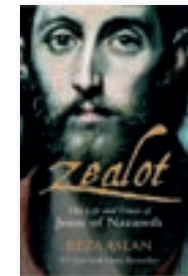
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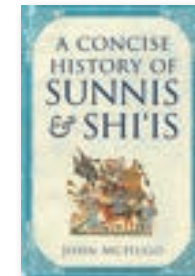
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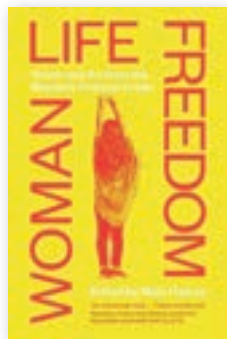
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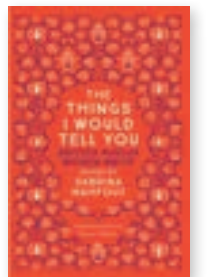
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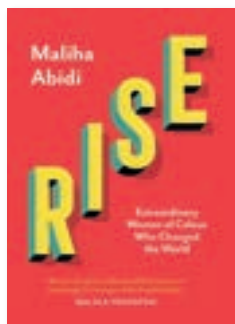
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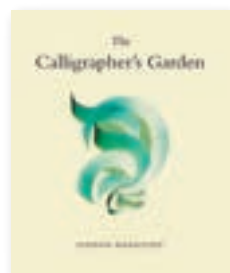
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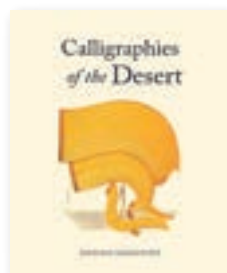
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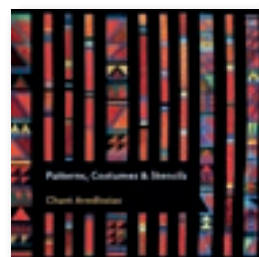
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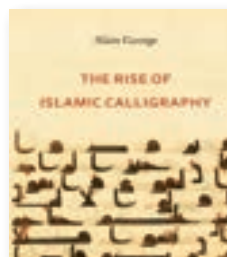
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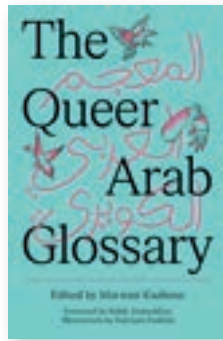
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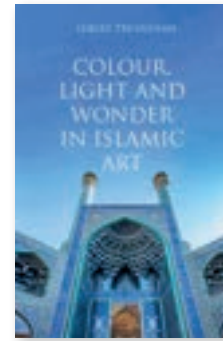
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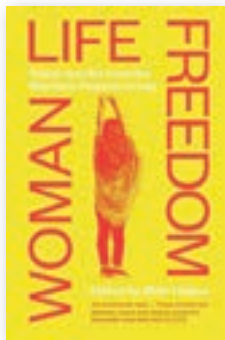
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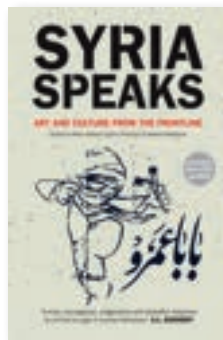
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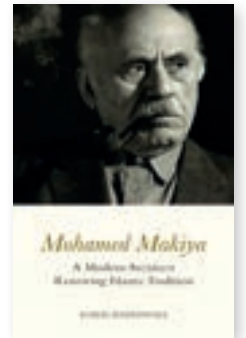
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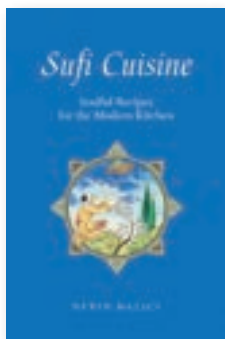
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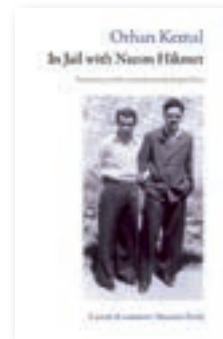
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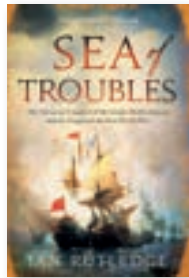
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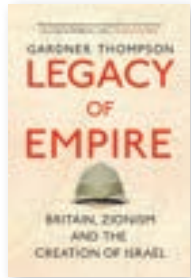
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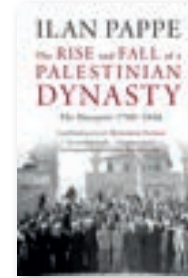
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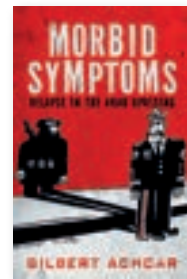
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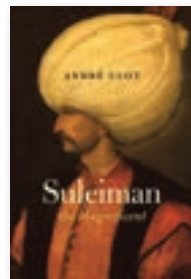
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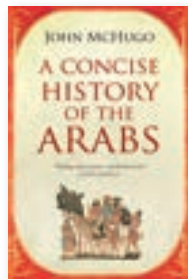
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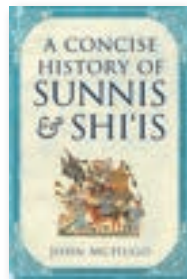
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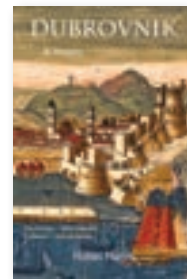
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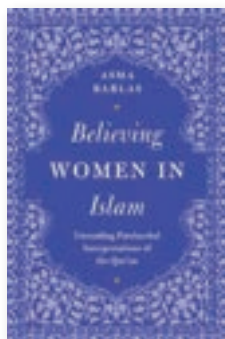
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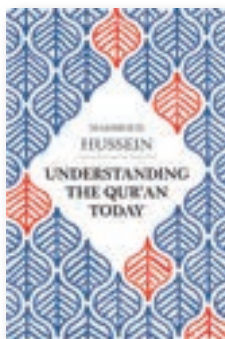
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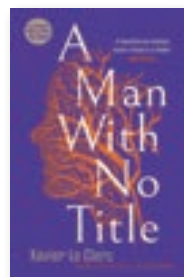
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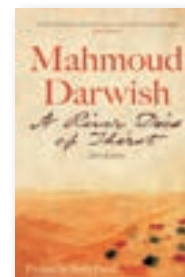
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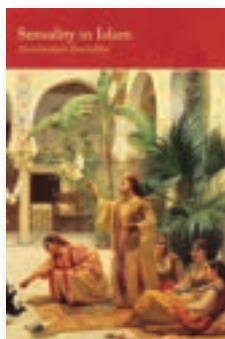
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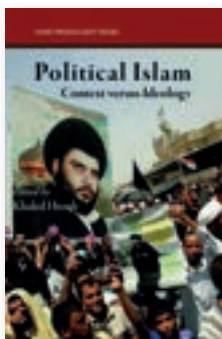
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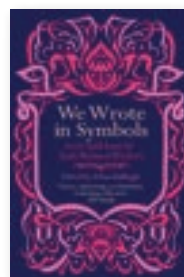
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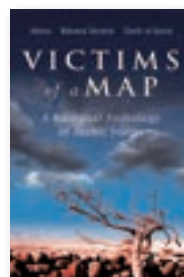
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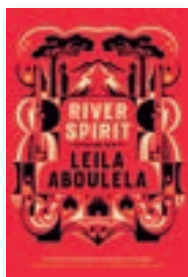
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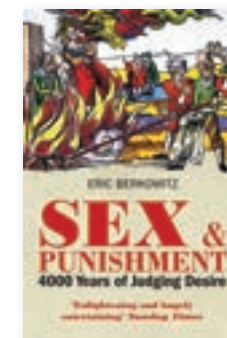
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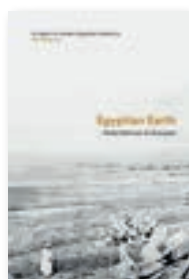
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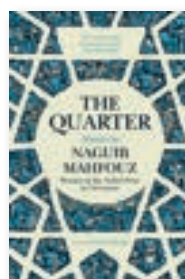
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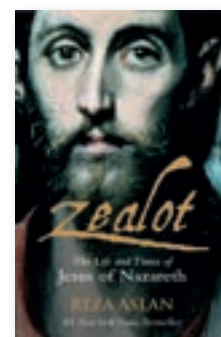
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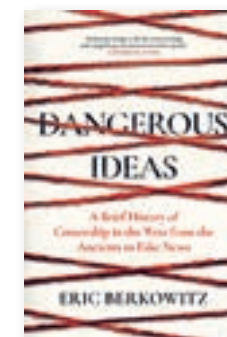
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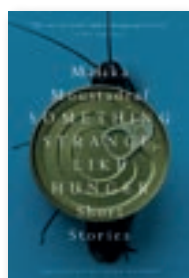
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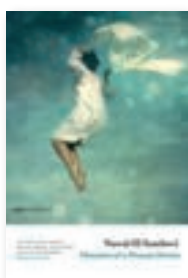
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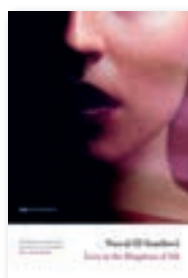
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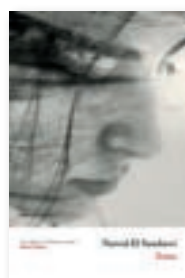
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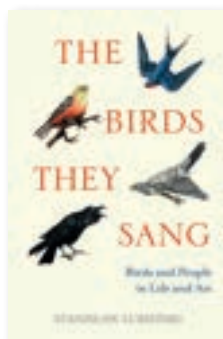
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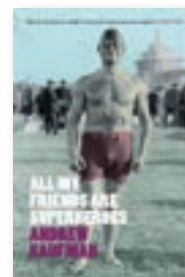
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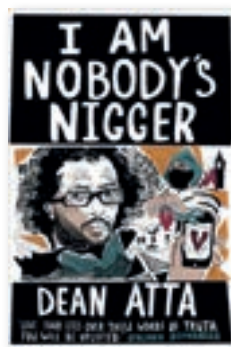
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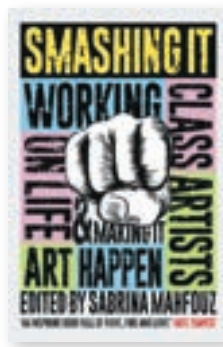
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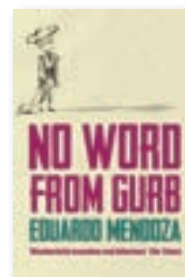
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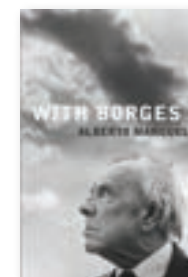
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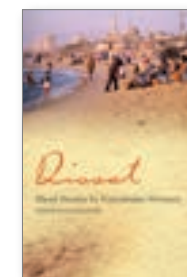
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