

COMMUNAL RESISTANCE



المقاومة الشعبية

**Grand
Junction
2nd May** **6:30-
10pm
£6/8**



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INTRODUCTION

We are Young Shubbak, a collective of Young diasporic creatives from the SWANA region.

We curated this evening of communal resistance, to come together, share experiences, and explore the power of community and cultural resistance. We would like to thank you all for joining us.

To us, Communal resistance is a variety of things. It's a celebration, an outcry; a space to replenish and reinspire creativity; and a space to rest. It is also a nod to the truth that we are all interconnected. This truth and we hope, this evening, further supports us all to be in service with our communities and families.

Importantly, our understanding of communal resistance stems from our recognition of oppressive systems both around us and internalised within us. Knowing well that this mighty life cannot be done in isolation. We need one other. Additionally, as there are many protests and actions that are occurring in London we've compiled a shortlist of some organisations that you can join including Palestine Action and London for Sudan. We urge everyone to be pro-active in their means of standing against oppression. You will also find other means of taking action in this document including petitions, reading lists and more.

With all this in mind, we strive to curate an event that reflects the things we believe in. With a lineup of incredibly talented artists who will put on a moving evening of performances. To having our very own Young Shubbaki's host wholesome workshops to inspire some creativity. To also ensuring there will be a rest space to put your feet up.

We sincerely hope that by the end of the evening you will feel nourished, energised and rested. If you have any questions do let us know! Love, Young Shubbak x

PROGRAMME FOR THE NIGHT



WORKSHOPS

6:45PM - 7:45PM

Symbols of Resistance & Transnational Cross Stitch

by *Alina El Assadi & Zineb Dinia*

Breaking Verse - Communal Poetics by *Anayis N. Der Hakopian*

8:00PM - 10:00PM

PERFORMANCES

Contemporary Dance by *Kardelen*

Spoken Word Poetry by *ILAF*

Dramatised Reading by *Aleksander Varadian*

Solo Guitar by *Mohammed Salih*

OPEN MIC

9:30PM - 10:00PM

MEET THE PERFORMERS

Kardelen – Contemporary Dance

Kardelen is a British-Kurdish contemporary dancer and aspiring legal academic based in London. This piece is an artistic portrayal of the Kurdish feminist movement – Jineolojî. The music is an instrumental piece of traditional instruments, Tembûr and Tonbak. A beautifully emotive piece with vacillations of speed, intensity, and expression – a mirror of the waves of embarking on a path for justice. A battlefield within the self and within the communal. Resistance is a life path. I believe communal resistance is effective when your internal struggle connects meaningfully with the external struggle. Resistance begins from your own experience – the struggle with your life, of self-awareness, a deconstruction of a colonised mind and body – to the communal, external struggles that we collectively feel.

ILAF – Spoken Word Poetry

ILAF is a doctor, spoken-word artist and singer of Kurdish heritage from Iraq, who's writing reflects on the nature and intersections of war, capitalism, and occupation in the region. Art is storytelling - we live for, and through stories. My art is my way of raising awareness and inspiring others to do their research. We each have individual responsibility to take action against injustice of self, others, and the planet, and together we are stronger - together we will liberate each other.

Aleksander Varadian – Dramatised Reading

Aleksander is an Armenian-American-Norwegian queer multidisciplinary creative based between London, Oslo and New York. Their writing explores the absurdity of contemporary globalised society through satire and allegory, often on themes of tribalism, displacement and diasporic identity crises. Performing a dramatised reading of excerpts from their original play Tamzara; an exploration of nationalism. The satirical odyssey of two diaspora siblings on their quest to reconnect with a “motherland” they've never known. Through their morbid yet ridiculous encounters with the land and its inhabitants, we explore the absurdities of digitised warfare, and the complexes of tribalism in a globalised world.

Mohammed Salih – Solo Guitarist

Mohammed Salih is a London based musician of Sudanese heritage, and the guitarist for the rising group Ghuraba. Exposed to various instruments relating to his heritage from a young age, Mohammed blends psychedelic fusions of Malian, Turkish, Arabian styles and more, creating intricate and layered soundscapes that draw listeners to the inner depths of their minds and souls. Offering a solo guitar performance of three original pieces of music.

ABOUT THE WORKSHOPS

Workshops will be led by a few of our Young Shubbaki's.

Symbols of Resistance and Transnational Cross Stitch

by Alina El Assadi and Zineb Dinia

A participatory workshop on cross stitch embroidery basics, with a small discussion on how cross stitch is used in Ukraine and Palestine during the times of occupation as a way to resist the oppression and highlight self identity that the oppressor denies. We would also explore symbols of Palestine (orange, olive branch, watermelon) and their use in resistance and hope. The workshop would start building a collective tapestry of marks, symbols, and ideas on a large piece of fabric that everyone contributes to – responding to the theme of Communal Resistance.

The aim is for every individual to leave a stamp or a stitch on its own or to make a composition, to collectively understand, share, and respond to the symbols of Palestinian identity and history as a form of safeguarding heritage. People are welcome to come sit down and embroider using aida on a big fabric as one collective work together, or on pieces of aida and take it home. No experience needed.

Breaking Verse – Communal Poetics

by Anayis N. Der Hakopian

A spoken word writing creative workshop that focuses on responsive and collaborative making and performing, playing with free verse exercises and building new poems from shared writings. The session is designed to start raw conversations and discussions within smaller groups, encouraging listening and improvisation skills through a series of short prompts and quickfire tasks to create free verse and allow room for spoken collaborative performing. Participants will be encouraged to share their work at the Open Mic later that evening.

ACTIONS: GROUPS TO JOIN

In the following pages you'll find organisations to join, charities to donate to and petitions to sign. We encourage every to be proactive in their politics. Every month there are actions across London, so we have included a short list of some organisations we'd encourage you to support. Find your community or bring friends. This shortlist also includes community spaces to connect with other people from diaspora to further support sustainable activism. Click the underlined headings for each to access their online space.

PALESTINE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN

keep up to date with latest
marches and protests

QUEERS FOR PALESTINE

a bloc that attends marches,
and hosts events at

LONDON FOR SUDAN

keep up to date with their
instagram for protests and
vigils

GLOBAL JUSTICE NOW

Climate Action Group centering
Global Majority experiences

FLOCKTOGETHER

BIPOC Bird
Watching/Nature walks.

HEALING JUSTICE LONDON

Community space for the
global majority and
diaspora. Past events
include art therapy,
boxing for grief, Yoga
and more

ACTIONS: DONATE £5+ TODAY



NARA provides life-altering medical and mental health care to children impacted by human-induced or natural disasters

<https://inara.org/about/>



MAP is on the ground in Gaza, they provide immediate medical aid to those in great need, while also developing local capacity and skills to ensure the long-term development of the Palestinian healthcare system. Learn more about what we do >



ACTIONS: DONATE £5+ TODAY

Donate to support families in Sudan

with thanks to
@Londonforsudan for compiling
a list of donation links and
petitions. To keep up to date
follow them on instagram.



PAL ACTION

Join or help Fund the "Shut Elbit Down" movement against Israeli weapons manufacturers.

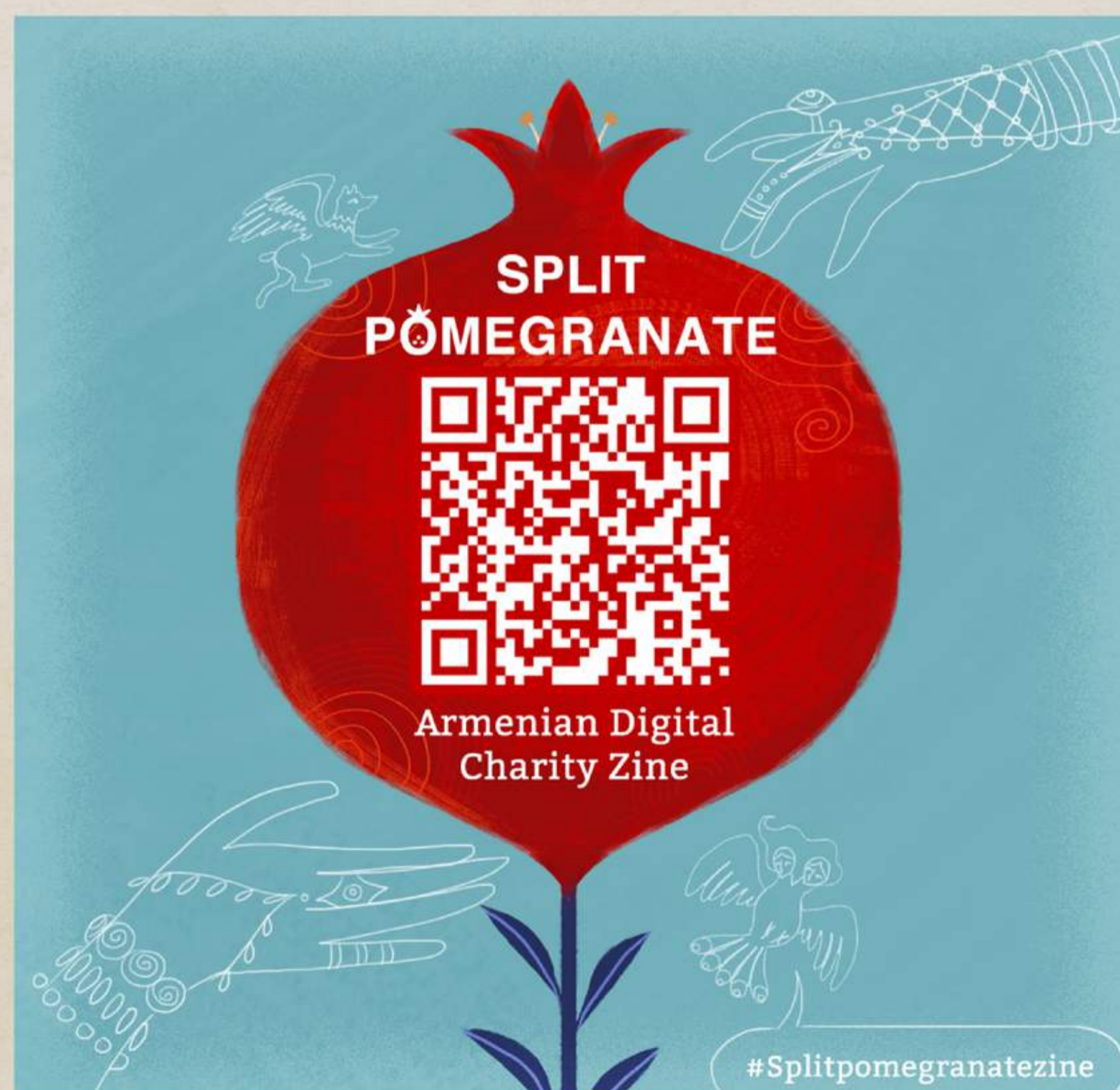
Click to go to site: [Palestine Action](#)



ACTIONS: CHARITY ZINE

Split Pomegranate: Sacred Seeds Zine

Purchase a copy of this interactive Art Zine that raises funds for the displaced indigenous Armenians. Featuring work from over 90 Artists and Writers.



ACTIONS: SIGN THESE PETITIONS

Stop the war in
Sudan

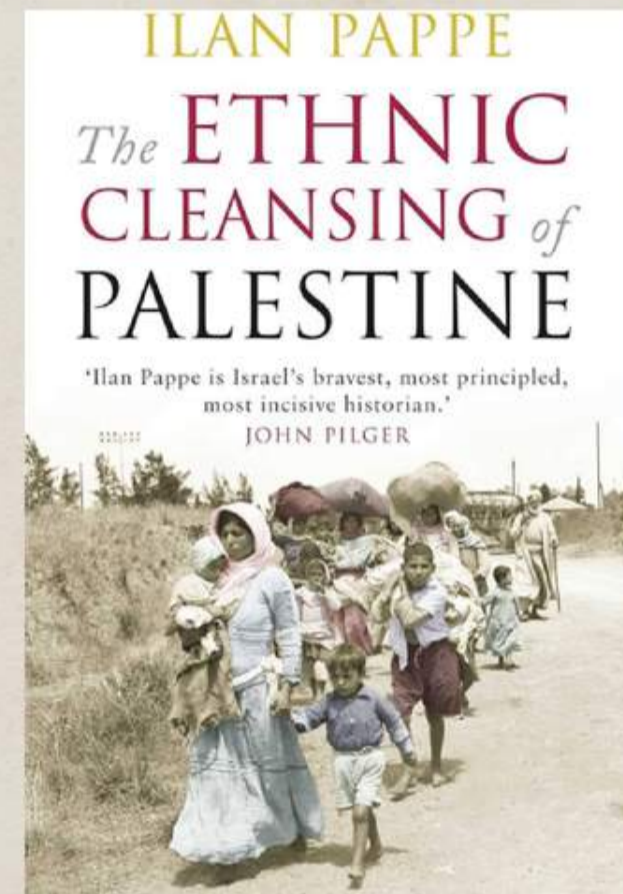
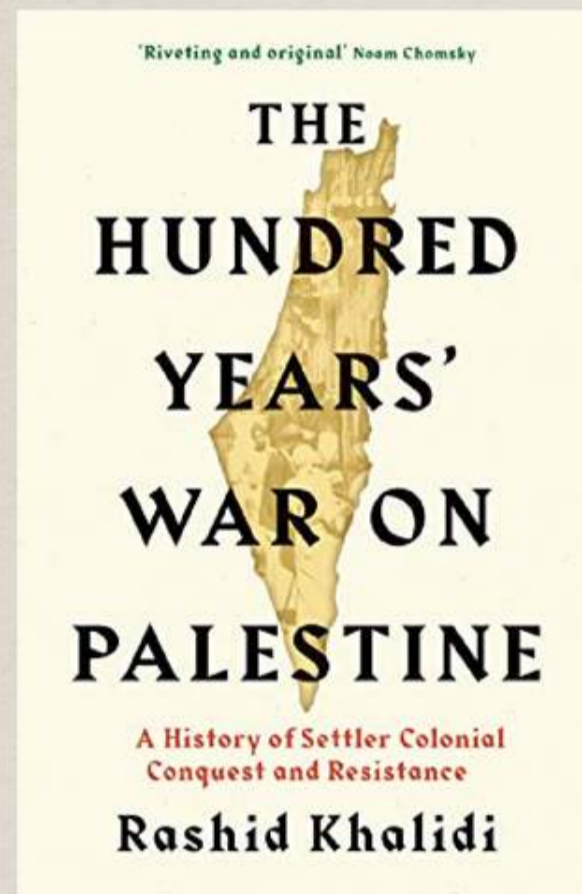
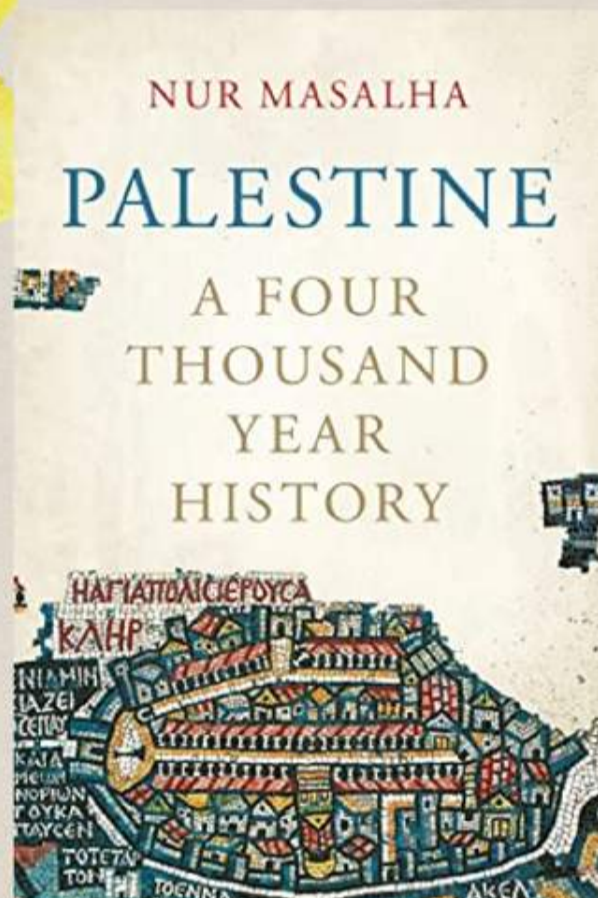


Stop Arming Israel

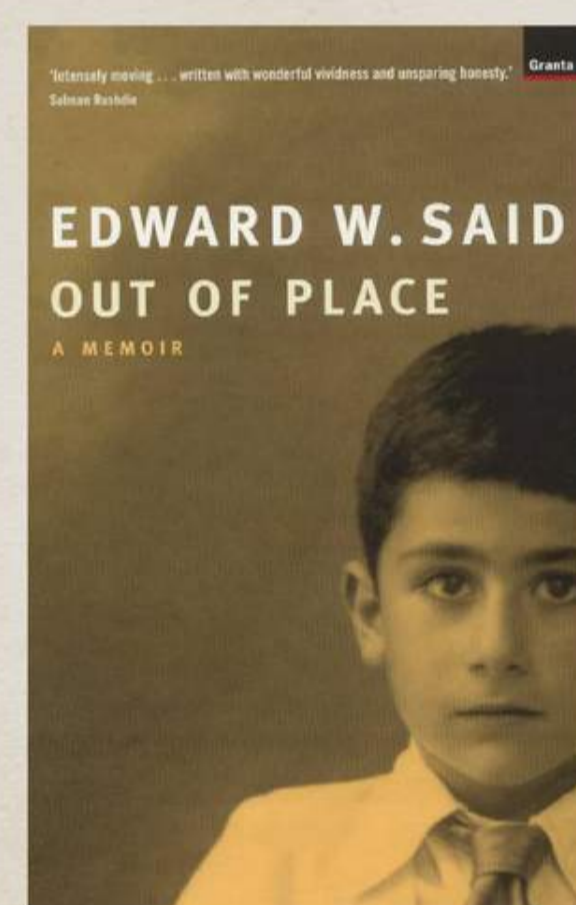
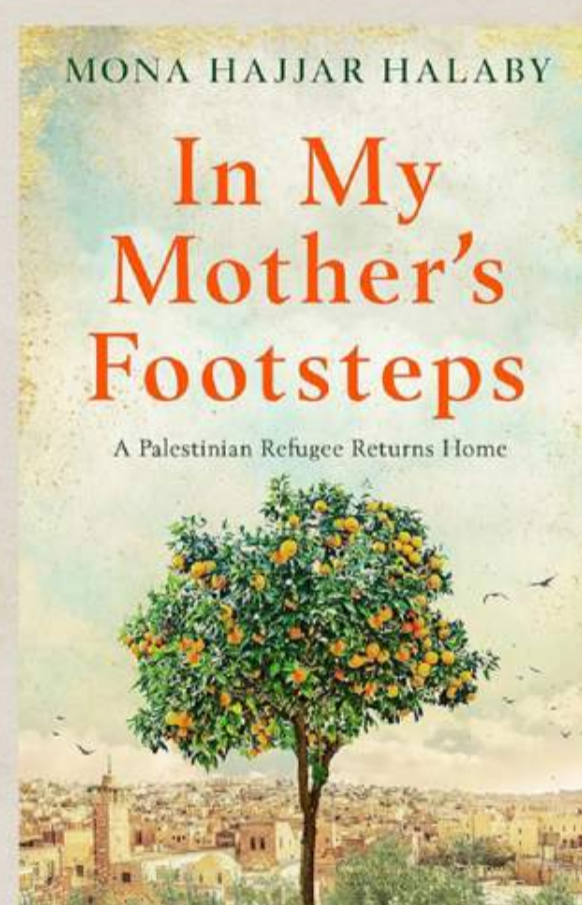
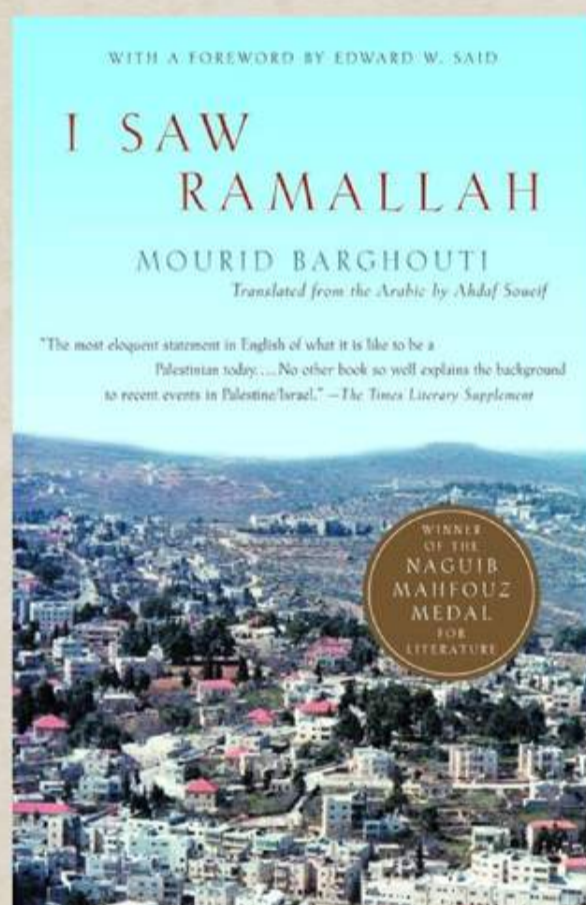


PALESTINIAN READING LIST

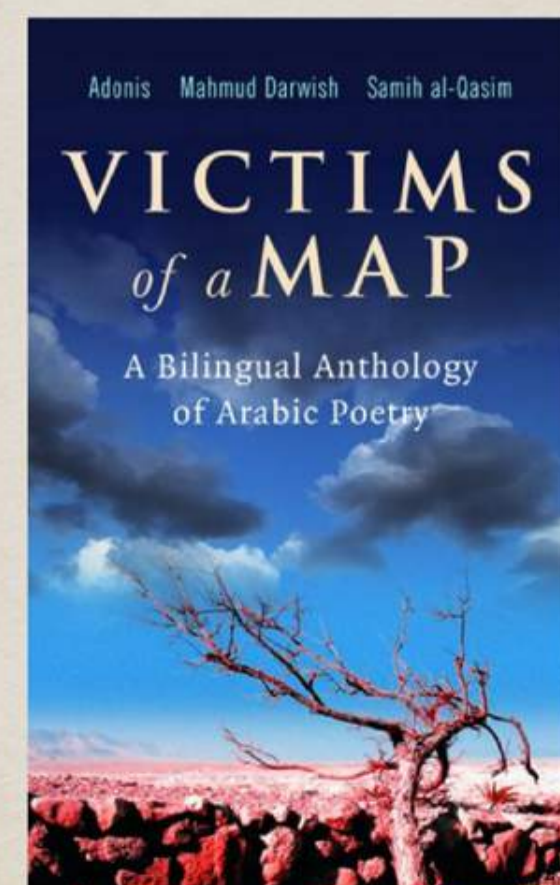
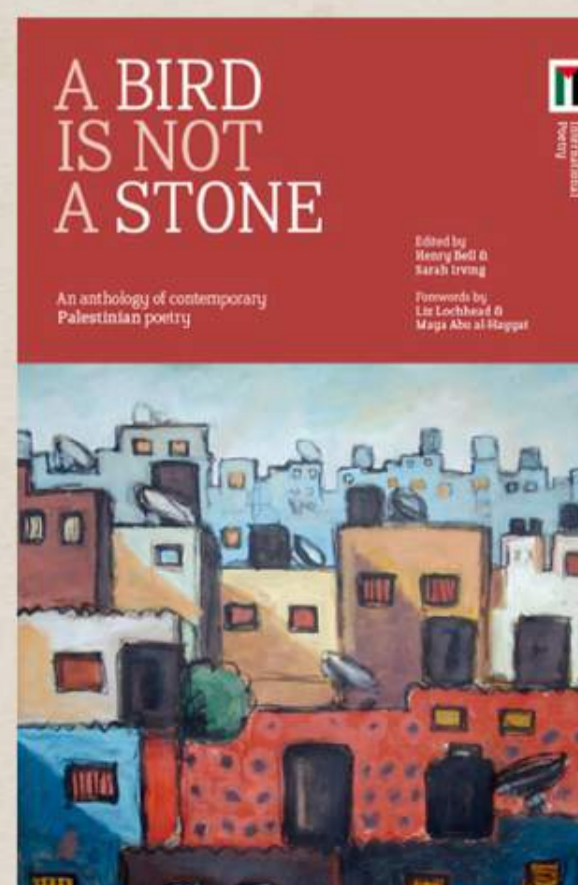
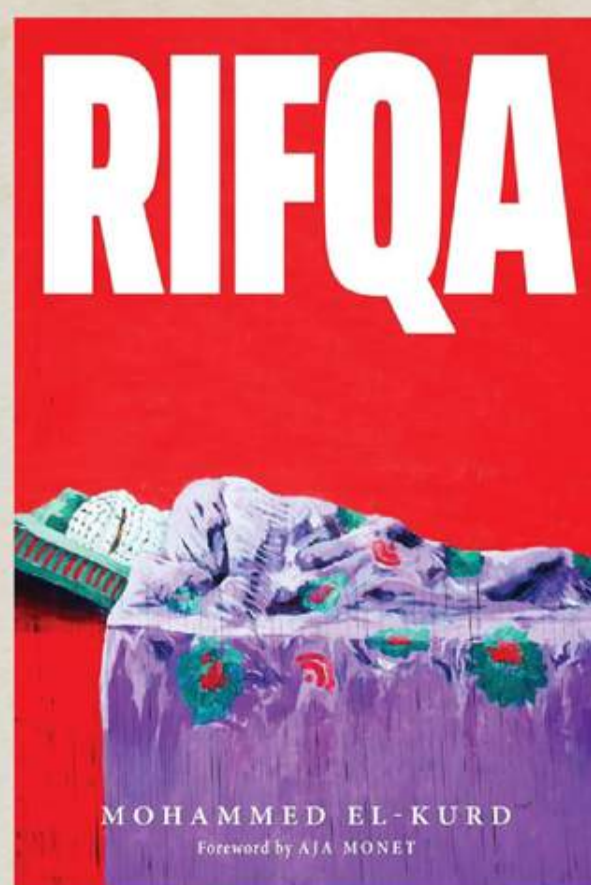
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Palestinian History



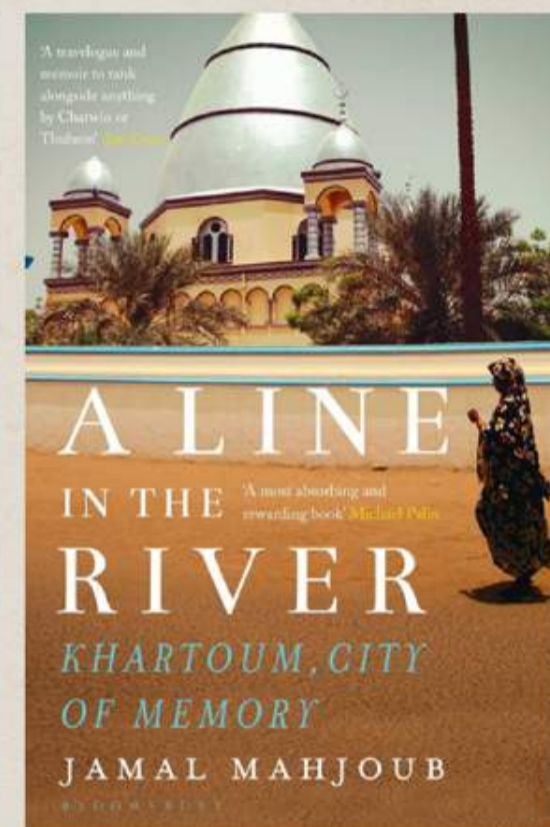
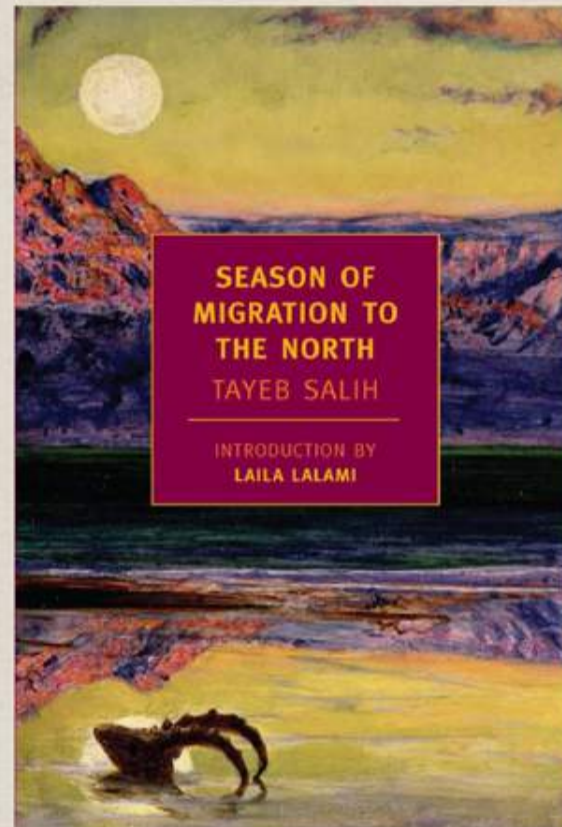
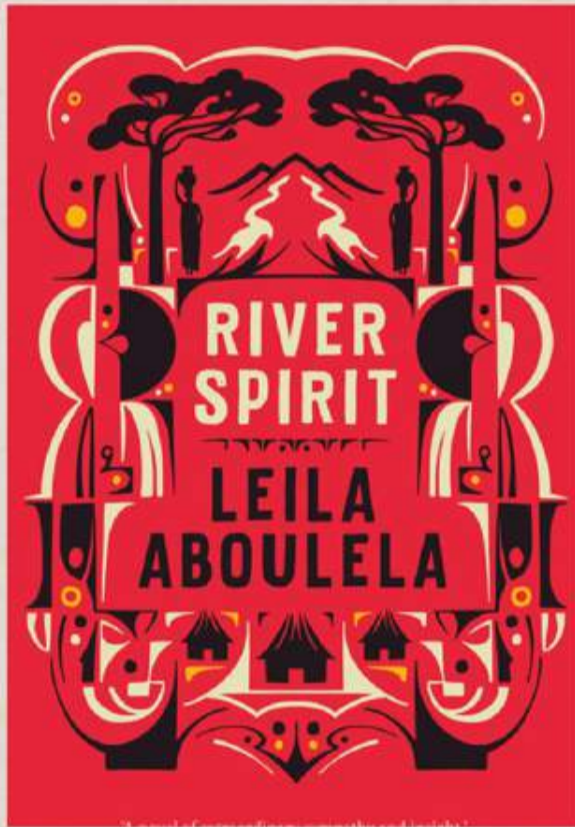
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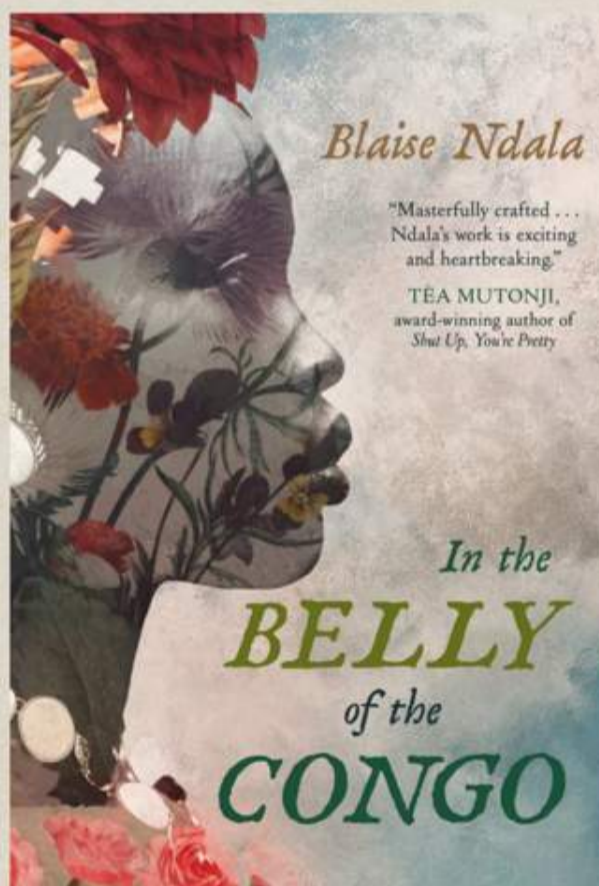
Palestinian Poetry

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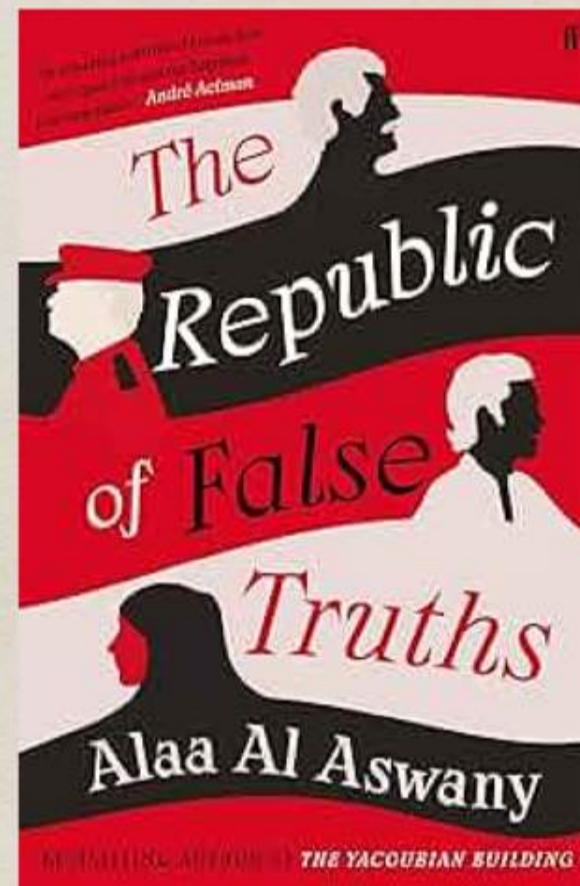
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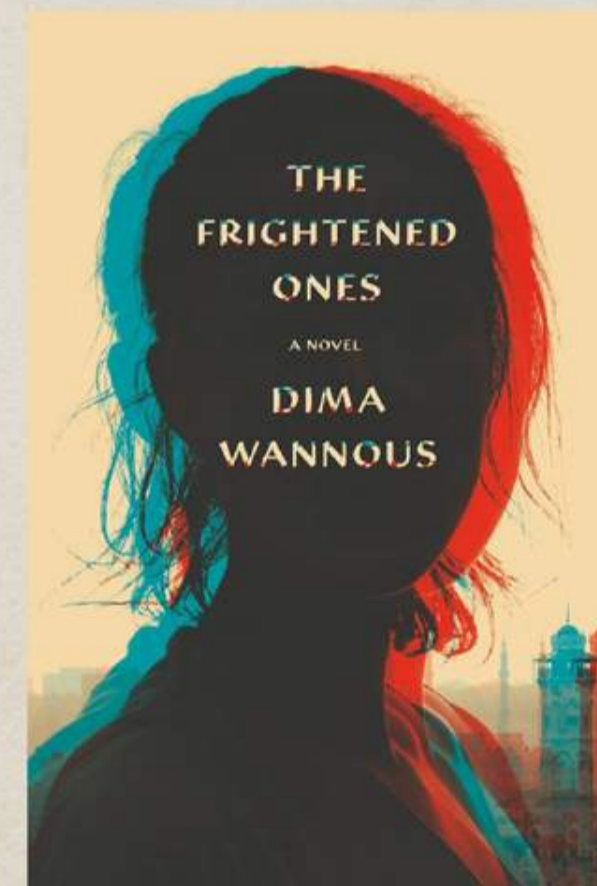
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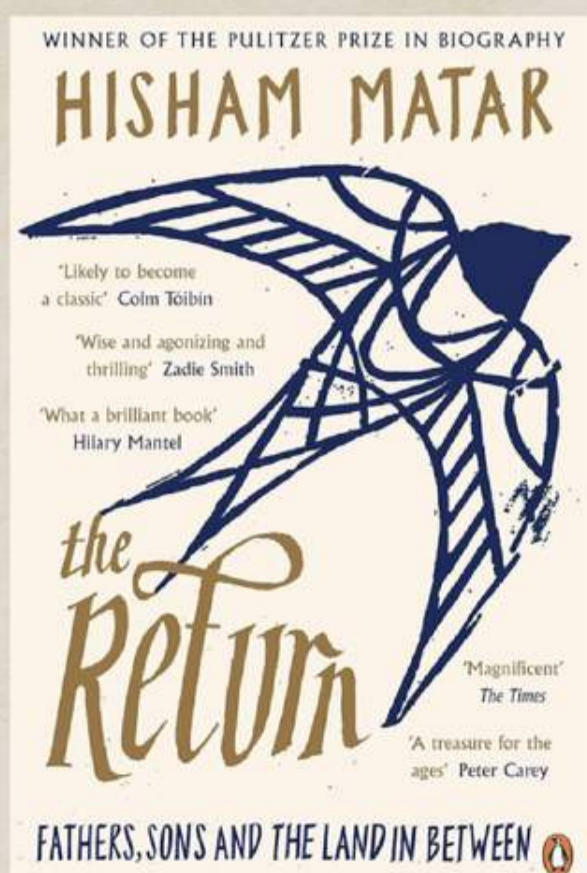
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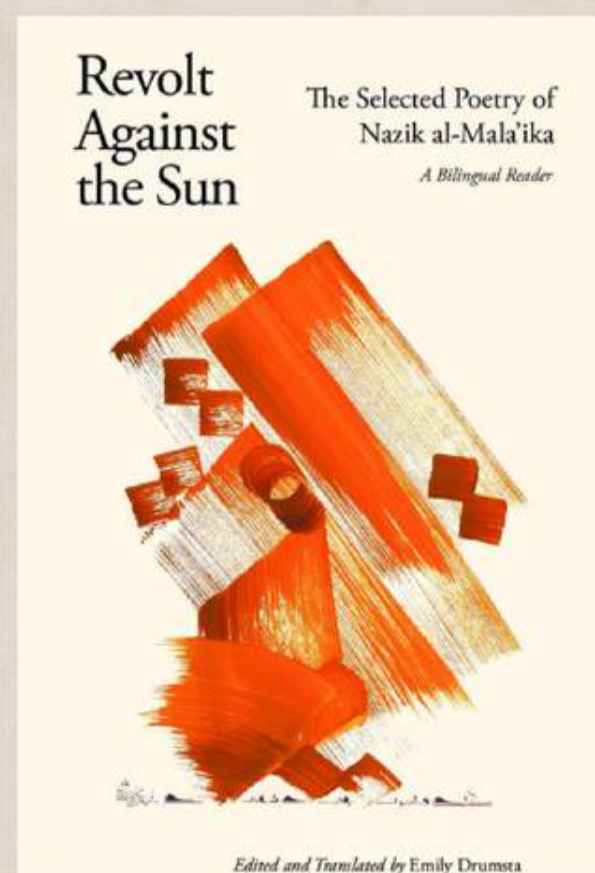
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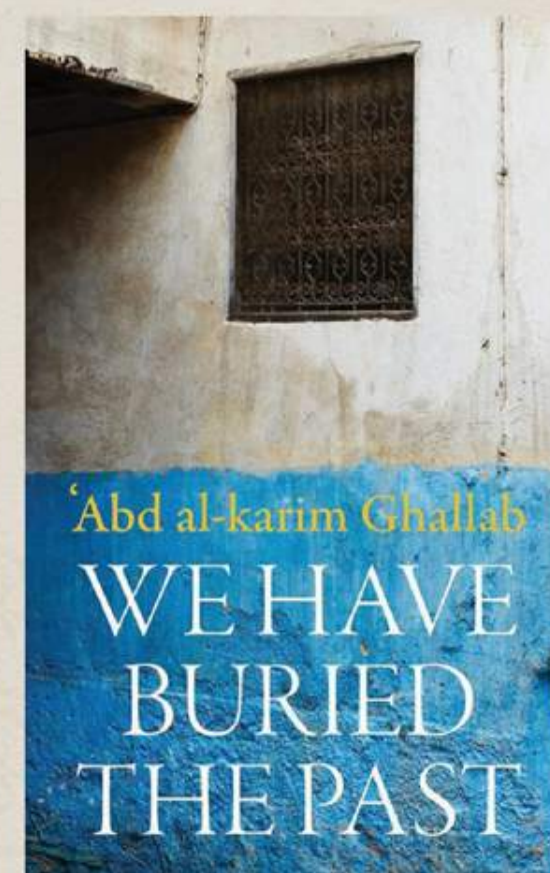
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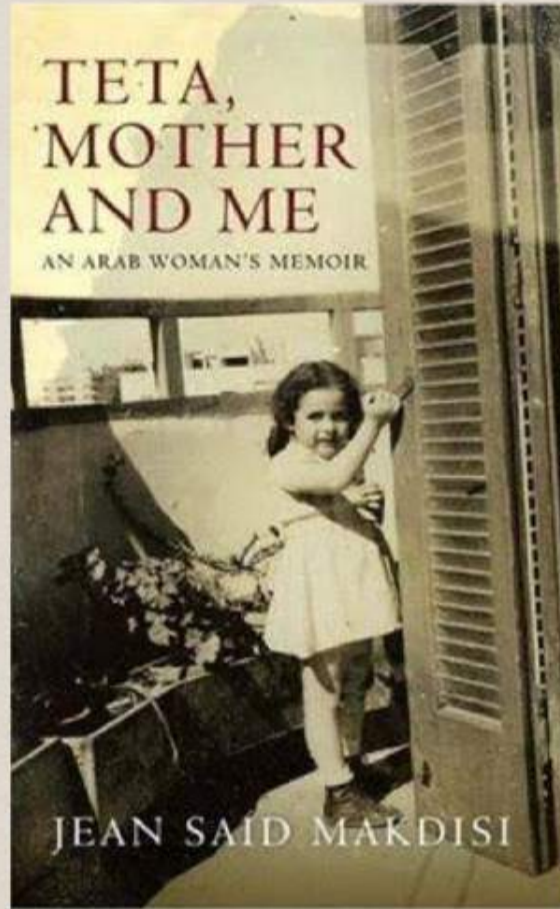


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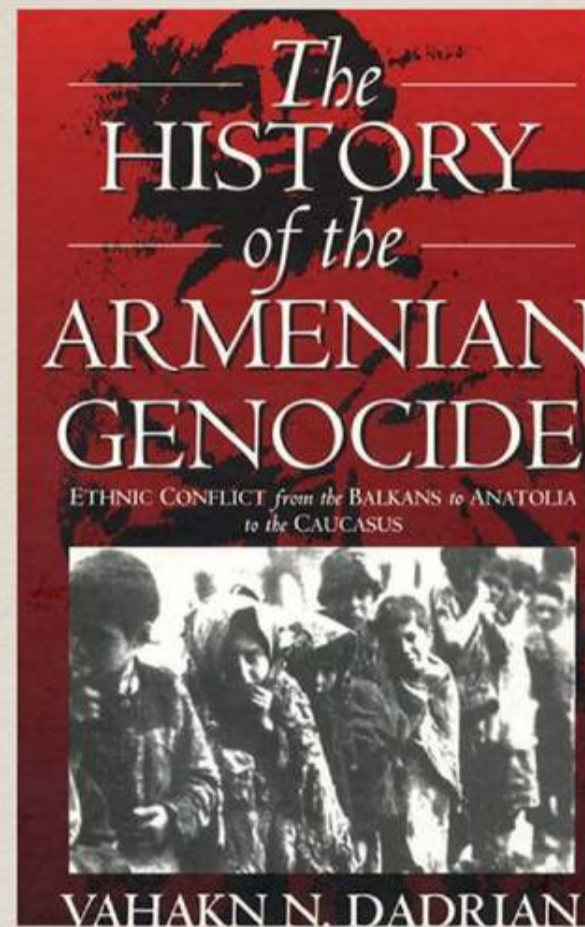


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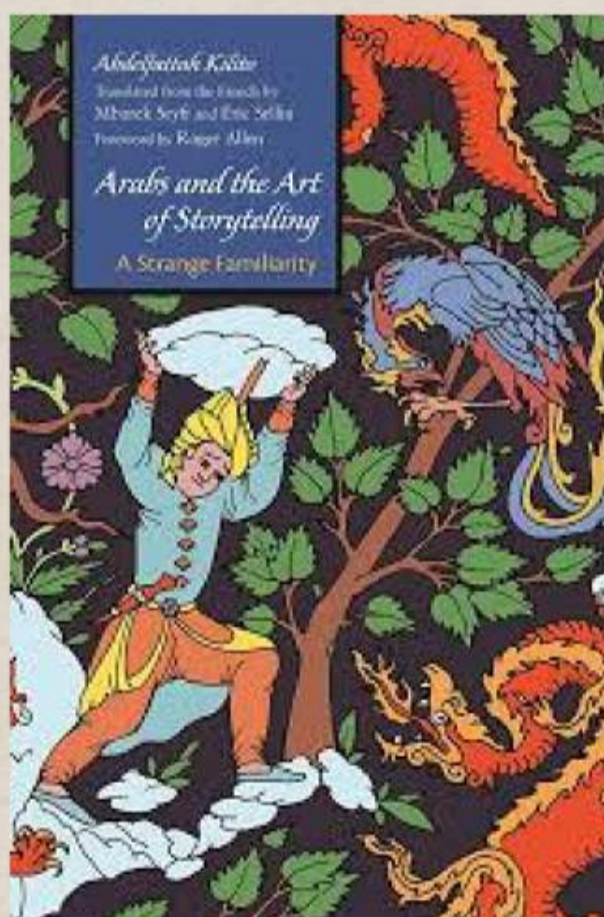
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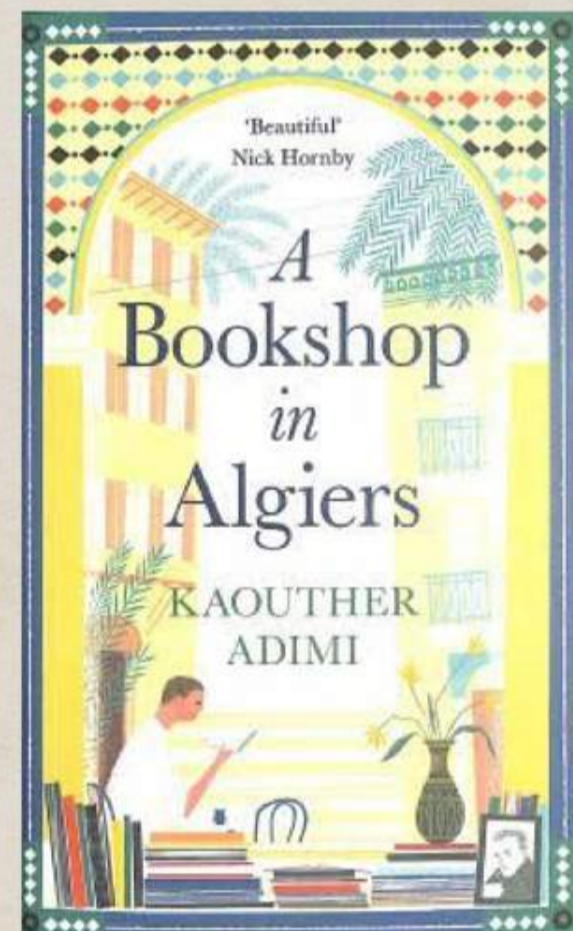
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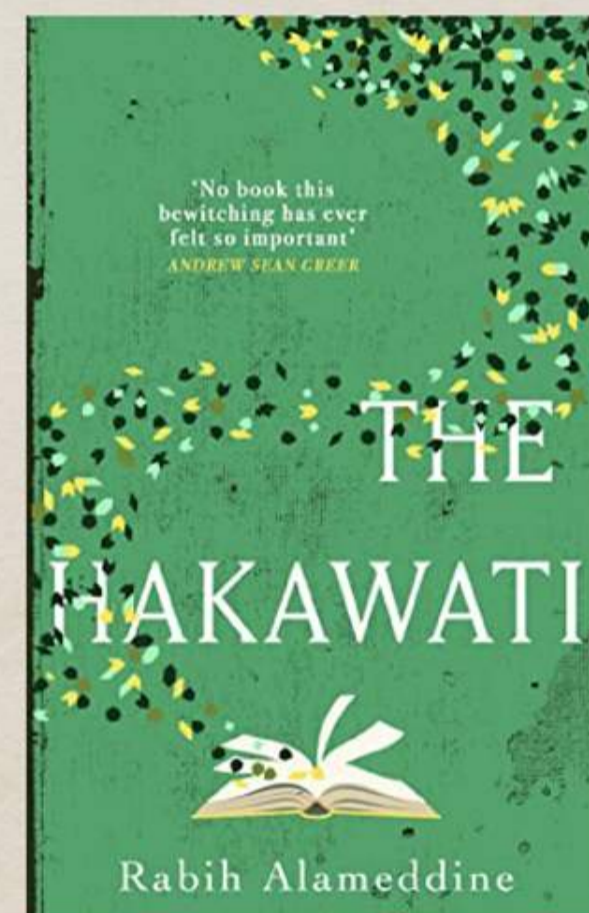
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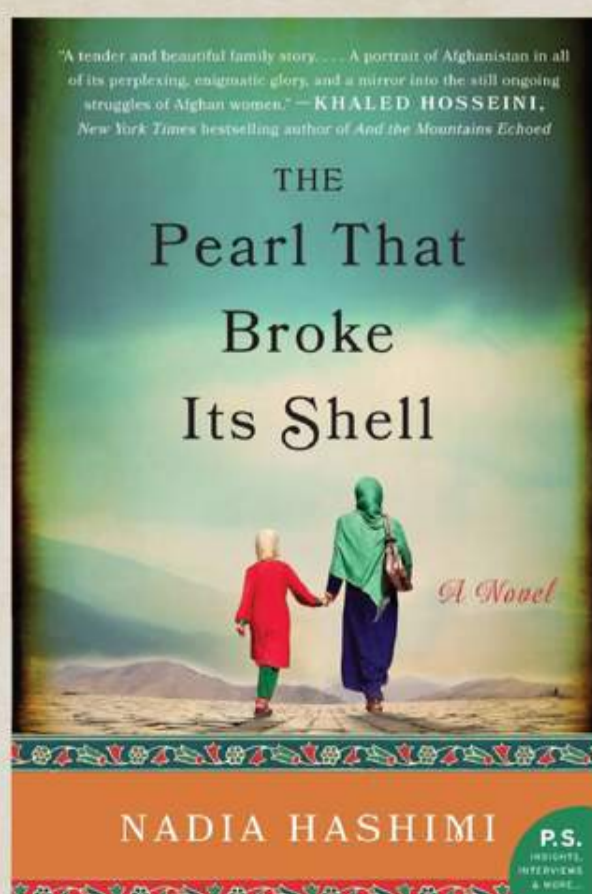
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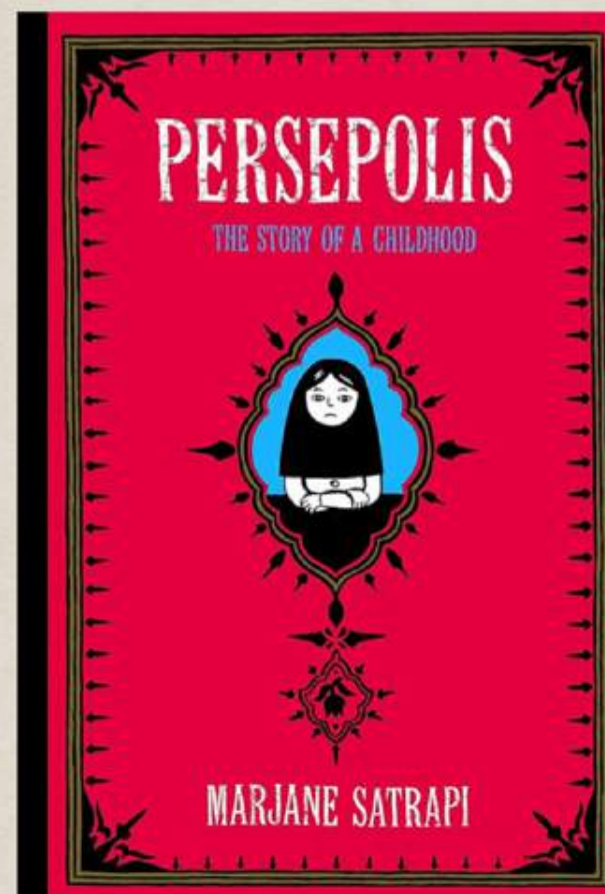
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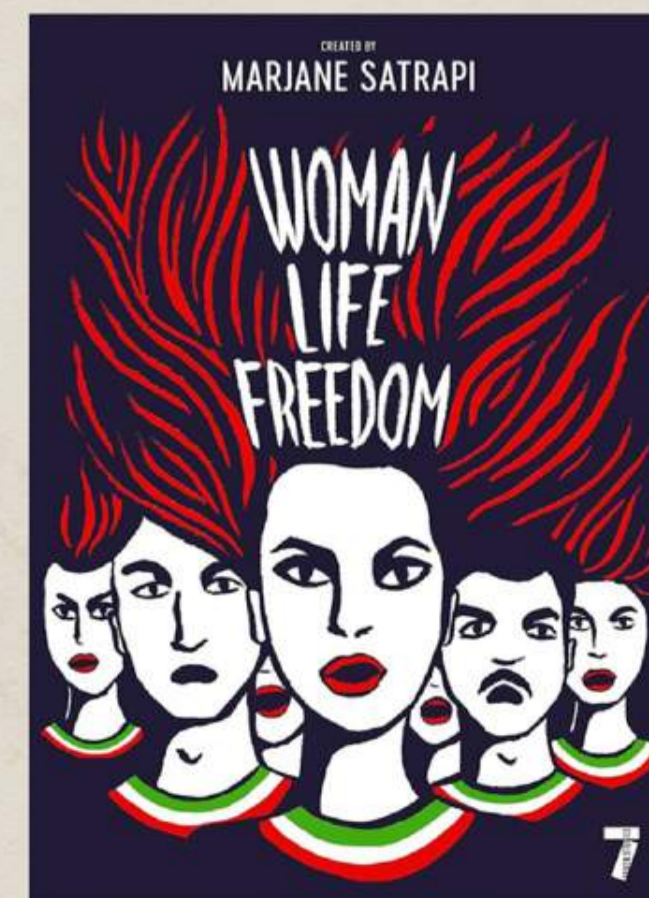
Lebanese



Afghan



Iranian



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