



THE MIDDLE EAST



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The following list is a sampling of the books we have on this subject. Children's, teen, and adult books are included here. Students and their parents should choose the books that are most appropriate for them.

MIDDLE EAST (REGION)

The Lines We Cross

by Randa Abdel-Fattah

YA F ABDEL-FATTAH

Michael's parents lead a new anti-immigrant political party; Mina fled Afghanistan with her family ten years ago, and just wants to concentrate on fitting in and getting into college--but the mutual attraction they feel demands that they come to terms with their family's concerns and decide where they stand. 393 pages

Under the Persimmon Tree

by Suzanne Fisher Staples

YA F STAPLES

During the 2001 Afghan War, the lives of Najmal, a young refugee from Kunduz, Afghanistan, and Nusrat, an American-Muslim teacher who is awaiting her husband's return from Mazar-i-Sharif, intersect at a school in Peshawar, Pakistan. 275 pages

Parade of Shadows

by Gloria Whelan

YA F WHELAN

In 1907, 16-year-old Julia Hamilton, happy to accompany her diplomat father on a tour of the Istanbul, Damascus, Palmyra, and Aleppo, soon finds the journey increasingly hazardous. 295 pages

Our Women on the Ground

by Zahra Hankir

070.4082 OUR

Nineteen Arab women reporters and journalists share what it's like to report on conflicts in their homelands. Daring, shocking, and heartfelt, these stories add an important and often-misunderstood perspective to our understanding of the Arab world. 278 pages

Arab Spring Dreams

by Nasser Weddady

305.235 ARA

Young Middle Easterners describe their experiences with the region's laws and cultural mores, including the crime of holding hands before marriage, discrimination and harassment over religious beliefs, and young women fighting for the right to complete their educations. 235 pages

ISIS: The Global Face of Terrorism

by Brendan January

YA 363.325 JAN

Explores the roots of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS), how it plans attacks, recruits followers, and the global efforts to stop the group. 104 pages

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace--One School at a Time

by Sarah L. Thomson

YA 371.822 THO

A middle-grade adapted version of the New York Times bestseller about humanitarianism and providing Muslim children around the world with an education is enhanced with photos, maps, illustrations, and a special afterword by the author's daughter who worked with him as an advocate for the Pennies for Peace program. 209 pages

The Arab Spring Uprisings

by Hal Marcovitz

YA 909.0974 MAR

Examines the revolutionary wave of demonstrations and protests (both non-violent and violent), riots, and civil wars in the Arab world that began on December 18, 2010. 96 pages

Middle East

by Philip Steele

YA 956 STE

An introduction to the traditions and diversity of Middle Eastern countries, exploring religion, culture, geography, history, and current affairs of the region. 63 pages

100 Myths about the Middle East

by Fred Halliday

956.04 HAL

Halliday challenges preconceived notions about the Middle East. 269 pages.

Dining with Al-Qaeda

by Hugh Pope

956.05 POP

Pope explores the people, culture, and religion of the Middle East to show there's not truly a single "Muslim world." 332 pages

Rolling Blackouts

by Sarah Glidden

GRAPHIC NOVELS 070.4332 GLI

Cartoonist Sarah Glidden accompanies her two friends--reporters and founders of a journalism non-profit--as they research potential stories on the effects of the Iraq War on the Middle East and, specifically, the war's refugees. 298 pages

Threads: From the Refugee Crisis

by Kate Evans

GRAPHIC NOVELS 325.21 EVA

In the French port town of Calais, a city within a city arose. This new town was home to thousands of refugees, mainly from the Middle East and Africa. Into this squalid shantytown the artist Kate Evans brought a sketchbook and an open mind. 176 pages

AFGHANISTAN

One Half from the East

by Nadia Hashimi

J F HASHIMI

Obayda's family needs some good fortune, so the family decides to dress Obayda, the youngest of her sisters, as a boy, a bacha posh. Now Obayda is Obayd. Obayda soon meets another bacha posh and everything changes. The two of them can explore the village on their own. But their transformation won't last forever -- unless the two best friends can figure out a way to make it stick and make their newfound freedoms endure. 256 pages

Words in the Dust

by Trent Reedy

J F REEDY

Zulaikha, a thirteen-year-old girl in Afghanistan, faces a series of frightening but exhilarating changes in her life as she defies her father and secretly meets with an old woman who teaches her to read, her older sister gets married, and American troops offer her surgery to fix her disfiguring cleft lip. 266 pages

The Secret Sky

by Atia Abawi

YA F ABAWI

Two teens from different ethnic groups in present-day Afghanistan must fight their culture, tradition, families, and the Taliban to stay together as they relate the story of their forbidden love. 290 pages

Green on Blue

by Elliot Ackerman

F ACKERMAN

Trapped in conflict, Aziz struggles to understand his place. Will he embrace the brutality of war or leave it behind, and risk placing his brother—the only family he has left--in jeopardy? 242 pages

The Pearl That Broke Its Shell

by Nadia Hashimi

F HASHIMI

With a drug-addicted father and no brothers, Rahima and her sisters can only sporadically attend school and rarely leave the house. Their only hope lies in the ancient custom of bacha posh, which allows young Rahima to dress and be treated as a boy until she is of marriageable age. 452 pages

  **The Kite Runner**

by Khaled Hosseini

F HOSSEINI

Traces the unlikely friendship of a wealthy Afghan youth and a servant's son, in a tale that spans the final days of Afghanistan's monarchy through the atrocities of the present day. 324 pages

  **A Thousand Splendid Suns**

by Khaled Hosseini

F HOSSEINI

Against a backdrop of three decades of anti-Soviet jihad, civil war and Taliban tyranny, two women fight an asymmetrical battle with Rasheed, a violent, middle-aged misogynist who is endorsed by custom and law. 372 pages

  **The Underground Girls of Kabul**

by Jenny Nordberg

305.3095 NOR

The revealing story of the secret Afghan custom of disguising girls as boys to improve their prospects, discussing its political and social significance as well as the experiences of its practitioners. 350 pages

  **Kabul Beauty School**

by Deborah Rodriguez

305.4869 ROD

Rodriguez tells the story of the beauty school she founds in the middle of the Afghan city of Kabul, and lifts the veil of secrecy about the vibrant women who were her students there. 275 pages

Afghanistan

by Terri Willis

YA 958.1 WIL

Explores the geography, history, culture, and everyday life of Afghanistan. 144 pages

The War in Afghanistan

by Stuart Kallen

YA 958.1047 KAL

Provides background information on the war in Afghanistan that began after the September 11 terror attacks in 2001. 96 pages

 **The Favored Daughter**

by Fawzia Koofi

BIO KOOFI

The story of how, despite the abuse of her family, the exploitative Russian and Taliban regimes, the murders of her father, brother, and husband, and numerous attempts on her life, Fawzia Koofi rose above her fate to become the first Afghani woman Parliament speaker. 266 pages

 **The Lightless Sky**

by Gulwali Passarlay

BIO PASSARLA

Caught between the Taliban who wanted to recruit him, and the Americans who wanted to use him, Gulwali is sent away by his mother to protect him. The search for safety would lead the 12-year-old across eight countries, from the mountains of eastern Afghanistan through Iran and Europe to Britain. 361 pages

Dancing in the Mosque

by Homeira Qaderi

BIO QADERI

An exquisite and inspiring memoir about one mother's unimaginable choice in the face of oppression and abuse in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan. 212 pages

 **The Dressmaker of Khair Khana**

by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon

BIO SEDIQI

The incredible true account of Kamela Sediqi who, when her father and brother were forced to flee Kabul, became the sole breadwinner for her five siblings. 256 pages

IRAN

Darius the Great is Not Okay

by Adib Khorram

YA F KHORRAM

Clinically-depressed Darius Kellner, a high school sophomore, travels to Iran to meet his grandparents, but it is their next-door neighbor, Sohrab, who changes his life. 314 pages

Everything Sad is Untrue

by Daniel Nayeri

YA F NAYERI

To his classmates, Khosrou is "Daniel," an odd boy who doesn't fit in and makes up stories. But his stories are all true –his family fleeing Iran in the middle of the night pursued by secret police, the refugee camps of Italy, and ages-old tales of the beauty of his homeland. 356 pages

Rooftops of Tehran

by Mahbod Seraji

F SERAJI

Seventeen-year-old Pasha spends one perfect summer with his beautiful neighbor Zari, until he unwittingly guides the Shah's secret police to their target: Zari's intended. 348 pages

America and Iran

by John Ghazvinian

327.5507 GHA

A history of the relationship between Iran and America from the 1700s through the current day. 667 pages

A History of Iran

by Michael Axworthy

955 AXW

Explores the influence of Iran's history, both religious and political, on the national identity and discusses the role of literary, religious, intellectual, and cultural movements of the past on Iranian civilization today. 341 pages

Iran

by JoAnn Milivojevic

YA 955 MIL

Explores the people, culture, government, economy, and land of Iran. 144 pages

Growing Up in Iran

by Barbara Sheen

YA 955 SHE

An inside view of family, education, work, social life from Iranian teens. 80 pages

The Iranian Revolution

by Heather Lehr Wagner

YA 955.053 WAG

The Iranian Revolution's role in propelling Iran from a monarchy to a theocracy dramatically altered life in Iran, and how its aftermath continues to shape the politics of the Middle East today. 112 pages

Until We Are Free

by Shirin Ebadi

BIO EBADI

The first Muslim woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, Shirin Ebadi, tells her story of courage and defiance in the face of a government out to destroy her, her family, and her mission: to bring justice to the people and the country she loves. 286 pages

The Lonely War

by Nazila Fathi

BIO FATHI

As a nine-year-old Tehrani schoolgirl during the Iranian Revolution, Nazila Fathi watched her country change before her eyes. As Fathi shows, the forces unleashed in 1979 inadvertently created a robust Iranian middle class, one that today hungers for more personal freedoms and a renewed relationship with the outside world. 297 pages

Taking Cover

by Nioucha Homayoonfar

YA BIO HOMAYOON

The true story of a young girl who moves to Tehran from the U.S. and has to adjust a new country, a new language, and a new school. But soon the revolution erupts and the rules of life in Iran change. 160 pages

↓ **Things I've Been Silent About**

by Azar Nafisi

BIO NAFISI

Nafisi's story of growing up in Iran, of her life lived in thrall to a powerful and difficult mother, all against the background of Iran during a time of revolution and change. 336 pages

Zahra's Paradise

by Amir Soltani

GRAPHIC NOVELS AMIR

As the world witnessed the aftermath of Iran's fraudulent elections, through YouTube videos, on Twitter, and in blogs, this story came into being. The global response to this gripping tale has been passionate—an echo of the global outcry during the political upheaval of the summer of 2009. 255 pages

The Complete Persepolis

by Marjane Satrapi

GRAPHIC NOVELS BIO SATRAPI

Depicts Satrapi's childhood in Iran during the 1979 revolution. 341 pages

IRAQ

Poppies of Iraq

by Brigitte Findakly

YA COMICS FINDAKLY

The story of the author's relationship with her homeland Iraq, from her childhood to mounting political unrest and her family's choice to move to Paris, where she finds herself not quite belonging to either culture. 120 pages

Baghdad Noir

by Samuel Shimon

F MYSTERY STORIES BAGHDAD

Short noir stories set in different areas in Baghdad. 291 pages

Iraq

by Byron Augustin

YA 956.7 AUG

An overview of the history, culture, geography, industry, and people of Iraq. 144 pages

The Beekeeper: Rescuing the Stolen Women of Iraq

by Dunya Mikhail

956.7044 MIK

The harrowing stories of several women who managed to escape the clutches of Daesh (ISIS) with the help of an unlikely hero: a beekeeper, who uses his knowledge of the local terrain and a wide network of transporters to bring these women to safety. 211 pages

↓ **A Cave in the Clouds**

by Badeeah Hassan Ahmed

YA BIO AHMED

Just 18 when ISIS invaded her village and took her from her home, Badeeah tells her story of war and survival, raising awareness about the acts of genocide of the Yazidi people. 234 pages

Love in a Torn Land

by Jean P. Sasson

BIO HUSSAIN

Joanna al-Askari's personal journey of fear and fortitude through a Baghdad childhood and life as a Kurdish freedom fighter during the Iran-Iraq War. 333 pages

IraqiGirl: Diary of a Teenage Girl in Iraq

by IraqiGirl

YA BIO IRAQI-GIRL

Her country torn apart by war, a teenage Iraqi girl blogs her story of life under American occupation. 205 pages

The Girl Who Escaped ISIS

by Farida Khalaf

BIO KHALAF

A rare and riveting first-hand account of the terror and torture inflicted by ISIS on young Iraqi Yazidi women, and an inspiring personal story of bravery and resilience in the face of unspeakable horrors. 224 pages

ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

Where the Streets Had a Name

by Randa Abdel-Fattah

J F ABDEL-FATTAH

Thirteen-year-old Hayaat of Bethlehem faces check points, curfews, and the travel permit system designed to keep people on the West Bank when she attempts to go to her grandmother's ancestral home in Jerusalem with her best friend. 313 pages

Habibi

by Naomi Shihab Nye

J F NYE

When Liyanne and her family move from St. Louis to a new home between Jerusalem and the Palestinian village where her father was born, they must deal with the tensions between Jews and Palestinians. 259 pages

 **The Lemon Tree**

by Sandy Tolan

J INFO 956.94 TOL

In 1967, Bashir travels to Israel to see the home from which his family fled during the Israeli war for independence, and forms an unlikely friendship with Dalia, whose family came to Israel from Europe after the Holocaust and now live in Bashir's former home. 196 pages

Ronit & Jamil

by Pamela L. Laskin

YA F LASKIN

Ronit, an Israeli girl, and Jamil, a Palestinian boy, fall desperately in love despite the generations of conflict and the concrete blockade between them and face the choice to save their lives or their forbidden love. 183 pages

Against the Loveless World

by Hala Alyan

F ABULHAWA

A young Palestinian refugee slowly becomes radicalized while searching for a better life for her and her family throughout the Middle East. 366 pages

  **Salt Houses**

by Hala Alyan

F ALYAN

On the eve of her daughter's wedding, Salma reads the girl's future in a cup of coffee dregs. While Salma keeps her predictions to herself, they will all soon come to pass when the family is uprooted in the wake of the Six-Day War of 1967. 312 pages

The Arab-Israeli War Since 1948

by Alex Woolf

YA 956.04 WOO

Why has the Arab-Israeli War lasted so long, and been fought in so many different ways? Why is it of such global importance? And how has it affected people on both sides of the conflict? This book seeks to relate the overall events and chronology of the war and shows its impact on everyday lives. 80 pages

Understanding the Holy Land

by Mitch Frank

YA 956.94 FRA

A comprehensive review of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict including the area's history, its people, significant events, as well as maps and photographs. 152 pages

Israel

by Martin Hintz

YA 956.94 HIN

A broad look at the region including a description of the geography, plants, animals, history, economy, and the language of Israel. 144 pages

Unsettled: The Problem of Loving Israel

by Marc Aronson

YA 956.9404 ARO

An exploration of the history of Israel, its relationships with neighboring countries, and questions about what Israel should be. 184 pages

The Creation of the State of Israel

by Myra Immell

YA 956.9404 CRE

Using primary and secondary sources, background information about the events surrounding the establishment of Israel are presented. 219 pages

A Brief History of Israel

by Bernard Reich

YA 956.9405 REI

Provides an overview of the history of Israel, exploring the historical background, the current Arab-Israeli conflict, domestic politics, and international relations. 395 pages

Young Palestinians Speak

by Anthony Robinson

YA 956.953 ROB

An overview of the history of the Israel-Palestine conflict and interviews with Palestinian children living under occupation. 118 pages

The Drone Eats with Me

by Atef Abu Saif

BIO ABU SAIF

An intimate glimpse of life during wartime, as the author, his wife, and his two young children attempt to live their lives with a sense of normalcy, in spite of the ever-present danger and carnage that is swallowing the place they call home. 258 pages

Balcony on the Moon

by Ibtisam Barakat

YA BIO BARAKAT

Follows the author through her childhood and adolescence in Palestine from 1972-1981 and chronicles her desire to be a writer. 217 pages

Mike's Place

by Jack Baxter

GRAPHIC NOVELS 363.325 BAX

Recounts the authors' experiences as filmmakers who were working on a project on Mike's Place, a Tel Aviv blues bar where Jews, Christians, and Muslims freely mingled with expatriates, and the events that led up to the destruction of the bar in a suicide bombing. 189 pages

Green Almonds

by Anaele Hermans

GRAPHIC NOVELS BIO HERMANS

Anaele, a writer, leaves for Palestine volunteering in an aid program, swinging between her Palestinian friends and her Israeli friends, sharing her thoughts and experiences in letters to her sister. 152 pages

JORDAN

Jordan

by Liz Sonneborn

J INFORMATIONAL 956.95 SON

Describes the geography, wildlife, history, government, economy, religion, and culture of Jordan. 144 pages

Petra: Jordan's Extraordinary Ancient City

by Fabio Bourbon

939.48 BOU

A guidebook for the ancient Nabatean capital Petra full of breath-taking and captivating photographs, practical information, and reconstruction drawings. Petra is one of the most extraordinary archaeological sites in the world and this book describes every monument in detail and in context of the history of the city. 141 pages

Jordan

by Patricia Kummer

956.95 KUM

Provides an overview of the history, government, culture, and geography of Jordan from its ancient beginnings to the present day. 144 pages

A History of Jordan

by Philip Robins

956.9504 ROB

Philip Robins' survey of Jordan's political history begins in the early 1920s, continues through the years of the British Mandate, and traces events over the next half century to the present day. 243 pages

Leap of Faith

by Queen Noor

BIO NOOR

Sharing a personal perspective on the past three decades of world history, Queen Noor talks frankly of the many challenges of her life as wife and partner to the monarch, providing both an intimate portrait of the late King Hussein and a moving account of their public role. 467 pages

LEBANON

An Unnecessary Woman

by Rabih Alameddine

F ALAMEDDI

Reclusive Aaliya is her family's unnecessary appendage. Her writing and art are invaded by memories of the Lebanese Civil War and her past. As she tried to overcome her aging body and spontaneous emotional upwellings, she is faced with a disaster that threatens to shatter what life she has left. 291 pages

House of Stone

by Anthony Shadid

306.0956 SHA

A compelling saga of redemption and renewal from two-time Pulitzer Prize-winner Anthony Shadid tells the story of rebuilding his family's ancestral home in Lebanon amid political strife, and his eventual understanding of the emotions behind the turbulence in the Middle East. 311 pages

Lebanon

by Sean Sheehan

J INFORMATIONAL 956.92 SHE

Lebanon has a rich, varied, and at times difficult past. This book examines the key aspects of life in Lebanon today--its history, geography, economy, environment, language, and lifestyle--and discusses the country's existence in the global community. 144 pages

Lebanon

by Terri Willis

YA 956.92 WIL

A profile of the country of Lebanon and its culture, religion, history, people, government, geography, and economy. 144 pages

When Reagan Sent in the Marines

by Patrick Sloyan

956.9204 SLO

An account of Reagan's failures in the 1983 Marines barracks bombing in Beirut in the worst terrorist attack on the United States until 9/11, discussing why the marines were there, how their mission became compromised, and Reagan's many mistakes surrounding the attack. 228 pages

I Remember Beirut

by Zeina Abirached

GRAPHIC NOVELS 956.92 ABI

The author recounts her experiences growing up in Beirut during the civil 1980s as her family tried to carry on a normal life despite living in a war zone. 96 pages

PAKISTAN

Amal Unbound

by Aisha Saeed

J F SAEED

In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family. 226 pages

Written in the Stars

by Aisha Saeed

YA F SAEED

Nalia's immigrant parents have always told her when she grows up they will choose her husband and until then boys are forbidden. When she breaks the rule by falling in love, her parents are livid. To reconnect with their roots, the family travels to Pakistan to visit relatives. There, her parents find her a husband and have arranged marriage immediately and she is cut off from everything and everyone she once knew. 284 pages

Malala Yousafzai and the Girls of Pakistan

by David Aretha

YA 371.822 ARE

When 15-year-old Malala Yousafzai spoke out against the Taliban's policy of forbidding education for girls, an attempt was made on her life. This is her story, which also includes information on other hardships faced by young women in Pakistan. 64 pages

Pakistan

by Ann Heinrichs

YA 954.91 HEI

Discusses the geography and climate, history, wildlife, economy, government, people, religion, and culture of Pakistan. 144 pages

The Nine Lives of Pakistan

by Declan Walsh

954.91 WAL

Declan Walsh's electrifying portrait of Pakistan after 9/11 captures the sweep of this 'strange, wondrous and benighted country' through the dramatic lives of nine fascinating individuals. Intimate and complex, attuned to the centrifugal forces of history, identity, and faith, The Nine Lives of Pakistan offers an unflinching account of life in a precarious, vital country. 337 pages

The Upstairs Wife

by Rafia Zakaria

954.9183 ZAK

A Pakistani journalist and human rights activist now living in America, Zakaria tells the tale of Pakistan's history of military rule and Islamist misogynist oppression through the stories of her own family members, especially that of her Aunt Amina, who was forced to accept her husband's marriage to a second wife in 1986. 251 pages

I am Malala

by Malala Yousafzai

YA BIO YOUSAFZA

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On October 9, 2012, she almost paid the ultimate price. 240 pages

Let Her Fly

by Ziauddin Yousafzai

BIO YOUSAFZA

As an educator, a family man, and an activist, Yousafzai has championed positive changes in all aspects of his life, be it empowering his daughter, Malala, to be a global leader, fighting for girls' education around the world, or teaching his sons the value of equality. 169 pages

A Different Kind of Daughter

by Maria Toorpakai

BIO TOORPAKA

Maria's harrowing journey to play the sport she knew was her destiny, first living as a boy then rising to become the number one female squash player in Pakistan. For Maria, squash was more than liberation--it was salvation. But it was also a death sentence, thrusting her into the national spotlight and the crosshairs of the Taliban, who wanted Maria and her family dead. Maria knew her only chance of survival was to flee the country. 355 pages

SAUDI ARABIA

A Girl Like That

by Tanaz Bhathena

YA F BHATHENA

In Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 16-year-old half-Hindu/half-Parsi Zarin Wadia is the class troublemaker who desperately wants to grow up and move out of her aunt and uncle's house, perhaps realizing too late that Porus, another non-Muslim Indian who risks deportation, could help her escape. 378 pages

Girls of Riyadh

by Rajaa Alsanea

F ALSANEA

In 50 emails over the course of a year, we witness the tragicomic reality of these students negotiating their love lives, their professional success, and their rebellions, large and small, against their cultural traditions. 286 pages

Saudi Arabia

by Hunt Janin

YA 953.8 JAN

An overview of Saudi Arabia and its history, culture, economy, art, people, government, and more. 144 pages

Growing Up in Saudi Arabia

by Barbara Sheen

YA 953.8 SHE

An overview of the country as well as insights into how Saudi youth experience home and family, education and work, social life, and more. 78 pages

Modern Saudi Arabia

by Valerie Anishchenkova

953.805 ANI

Examines contemporary and historical Saudi Arabia, including the country's geography, history, government and politics, religion, food, etiquette, media, and much more. 365 pages

The Siege of Mecca

by Yaroslav Trofimov

953.8053 TRO

Recounts the story of how hundreds of gunmen seized the Grand Mosque in Mecca, leading to a two-week-long siege and hundreds of deaths. 301 pages

In the Land of Invisible Women

by Qanta Ahmed

BIO AHMED

After unexpectedly being denied a visa to remain in the United States, a Western trained Muslim doctor discovers what it means for a woman to live in the Saudi Kingdom. 454 pages

Daring to Drive

by Manal Sharif

BIO SHARIF

The memoir of Manal al-Sharif about becoming an accidental activist who stood up to a kingdom of men -- and won. 289 pages

SYRIA

Zenobia

by Morten Durr

J COMICS DURR

When the Syrian war reaches Amina's village, she is forced to escape. During her perilous journey, she thinks of the brave warrior Zenobia to remind her to stay strong. 93 pages

A Land of Permanent Goodbyes

by Atia Abawi

YA F ABAWI

Tareq lives with his big and loving family until the bombs strike. Tareq's family knows that to survive, they must escape. Traveling as refugees from Syria to Turkey to Greece, facing danger at every turn, Tareq must find the resilience and courage to endure the journey. 279 pages

Welcome to the New World

by Jake Halpern

YA COMICS HALPERN

After escaping a Syrian prison, Ibrahim and his family fled the country, and landed in JFK airport on November 8, 2016, thinking they had finally reached safety. Instead, they woke to the world of Donald Trump and a Muslim ban that severed them from their family members still stranded in exile. 179 pages

Escape from Syria

by Samya Kullab

YA COMICS KULLAB

A fictionalized account of a family fleeing war-torn Syria after their home in Aleppo is destroyed. They endure wretched refugee camps, ocean crossings, swindlers - all to find safety in the West. 96 pages

Sea Prayer

by Khaled Hosseini

F HOSSEINI

Watching over his sleeping son, a father reflects on the dangerous sea-crossing that lies before them, their life in Homs, Syria, before the war, and of the city's swift change from a home into a deadly war zone. 48 pages

Freedom Hospital

by Hamid Sulaiman

GRAPHIC NOVELS SULAIMAN

In the wake of Arab Spring, Yasmine has set up a clandestine hospital in the north of the country. Her town is controlled by Assad's brutal regime, but is relatively stable. However, as the months pass, the situation becomes increasingly complex and violent. 283 pages

No Refuge for Women

by Maria von Welser

305.9069 WEL

Journalist Maria von Welser reveals the stories of some of the Syrian women and children who make up over half of the population of refugee camps. 270 pages

Syria

by Patricia K. Kummer

YA 956.91 KUM

Describes the geography, climate, history, wildlife, economy, government, people, religion, and culture of the Middle Eastern nation of Syria. 144 pages

The Syrian Conflict

by Michael Capek

YA 956.9104 CAP

Covers the struggle that erupted in Syria in early 2011, discussing the key players, the underlying causes, and the continuing human toll of the violence. 112 pages

Syria: A History of the Last Hundred Years

by John McHugo

956.9104 MCH

Charts the history of Syria from World War I to the present, documenting the nation's attempts at independence, the consequences of the Cold War and the Arab-Israeli conflicts, the rise of ISIS, and the rule of the Assad regimes. 291 pages

We Crossed a Bridge and It Trembled

by Wendy Pearlman

956.9104 PEA

Chronicles the war in Syria from its origins to its present horror through interviews with hundreds of Syrians whose lives have been transformed by its outbreak. 290 pages

The Pianist from Syria

by Aeham Ahmad

BIO AHMAD

An astonishing but true account of a pianist's escape from war-torn Syria to Germany offers a deeply personal perspective on the most devastating refugee crisis of this century. 240 pages

The Home That Was Our Country

by Alia Malek

BIO MALEK

Syrian-American journalist Alia Malek chronicles her return to her family home in Damascus and the history of the Jabban apartment building, bringing to light the triumphs and failures that have led Syria to where it is today. 334 pages

Butterfly: From Refugee to Olympian, My Story of Rescue, Hope, and Triumph

by Yusra Mardini

BIO MARDINI

Yusra Mardini saved the lives of her fellow refugees when she bravely dove into the water and towed their sinking boat towards Greece. Now an Olympic athlete and Goodwill Ambassador, she tells her story. 284 pages

A Hope More Powerful than the Sea

by Melissa Fleming

YA BIO ZAMEL

The story of a young Syrian refugee's attempt to reach Sweden, focusing on her ordeal in icy waters after the dilapidated fishing vessel in which she was traveling--along with 500 others--sinks. 290 pages

↓ The Unwanted: Stories of the Syrian Refugees

by Don Brown

YA COMICS 956.9104 BRO

The award-winning depiction of the heartbreaking horror and hope in the ongoing Syrian refugee crisis, as resentment in host nations heightens as disruption and the cost of aid grows. 112 pages

Escaping Wars and Waves

by Olivier Kugler

GRAPHIC NOVELS 362.8709 KUG

A chronicle of the experiences of Syrian refugees housed in camps in Iraqi Kurdistan, Greece, France, Germany, Switzerland, and England. 79 pages

TURKEY

↓ Like Water on Stone

by Dana Walrath

YA F WALRATH

Based on actual events, this novel in verse relates the tale of siblings Sosi, Shahan, and Mariam who survive the Armenian genocide of 1915 by escaping from Turkey alone over the mountains. 353 pages

↻ ↓ Snow

by Orhan Pamuk

F PAMUK

After years of lonely political exile, Turkish poet Ka returns to Istanbul to attend his mother's funeral and learns about a series of suicides among pious girls forbidden to wear headscarves. 425 pages

There Was and There Was Not

by Meline Toumani

327.561 TOU

A young Armenian-American goes to Turkey in a 'love thine enemy' experiment that becomes a transformative reflection on how we use-- and abuse-- our personal histories. 286 pages

Turkey

by Sean Sheehan

YA 956.1 SHE

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