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 (MULTIPLE COUNTRIES)**

**The Sweetness of Tears**  
by Nafisa Haji  
Jo March travels from California to Chicago, Pakistan to Iraq, chasing loose threads that she hopes will lead to the truth and understanding of her own beginnings that she so craves. 383 pages

**A Woman Is No Man**  
by Etaf Rum  
Palestine, 1990: 17-year-old Isra would rather read than entertain suitors, but finds herself quickly married and living in Brooklyn where she struggles with an oppressive mother-in-law and strange husband.  
Brooklyn, 2008: Deya, Isra’s 18-year-old daughter, faces pressure from her grandmother to marry. Deya discovers shocking truths about her family that cause her to question everything she thought she knew. 337 pages

**The Lines We Cross**  
by Randa 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

**The Tyrant’s Daughter**  
by J.C. Carleson  
Exiled to the United States after her father is killed in a coup, 15-year-old Laila must cope with a completely new way of life, the truth of her father, and her family’s ways of adjusting. 295 pages

**Parade of Shadows**  
by Gloria 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  
Nineteen Arab women reporters and journalists share narratives of what it’s like to report on conflicts in their homelands, from sexual harassment on the streets to traveling outside of home only with a male relative. Daring, shocking, and heartfelt, these narratives add an important and often-misunderstood perspective to our understanding of the Arab world. 278 pages
Heirs to Forgotten Kingdoms
by Gerard Russell
Offers the author’s experiences with the practitioners of several rapidly disappearing minority religions in the Middle East, including Mandaeans, Yazidis, Zoroastrians, Druze, Samaritans, Copts, and Kalasha, and how conditions in the region threaten them with extinction. 320 pages

Arab Spring Dreams
by Nasser Weddady
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

Paradise Beneath Her Feet
by Isobel Coleman
A look at how activists are working within the tenets of Islam to create economic, political, and educational opportunities for women. 315 pages

The Arab Spring Uprisings
by Hal Marcovitz
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

A Concise History of the Arabs
by John McHugo
A journey through the political, social, and intellectual history of the Arabs from the Roman Empire right up to the present day, revealing how the Arab world came to have its present form, why change was inevitable, and what choices lie ahead following the Arab Spring. 352 pages

Destiny Disrupted
by Tamim Ansary
Discusses the history of the world from an Islamic perspective, explaining the evolution of the Muslim community while recounting the history of the Western world with respect to Islamic events and interpretations. 390 pages

The Islamic Enlightenment
by Christopher De Bellaigue
An absorbing, game-changing account of the political and social reformations that transformed the lands of the Middle East from the Napoleonic Wars into the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. 398 pages

Dining with Al-Qaeda
by Hugh Pope
Pope explores the people, culture, and religion of the Middle East to show there’s not truly a single “Muslim world.” 332 pages

Quicksilver War
By William W. Harris
A panoramic political history of the wars that coursed through Syria and Iraq in the wake of the Arab Spring and eventually merged to become a regional catastrophe: a kaleidoscopic and constantly shifting conflict involving many different parties and phases. 230 pages

The Arab Uprising
By Marc Lynch
Follows the struggles for change from Tunisia and Egypt to Yemen, Syria, and Libya, and to the cautious reforms of the region's monarchies, and reveals how America must adjust to the new realities. 269 pages

Rolling Blackouts
by Sarah Glidden
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

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

Green on Blue
by Elliot Ackerman

Trapped in a conflict both savage and contrived, 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

A House Without Windows
by Nadia Hashimi

Zeba has been arrested for the murder of her husband. With the fate of Zeba’s life in his hands, her Afghan-born, American-raised lawyer Yusuf discovers that, like Afghanistan itself, his client may not be at all what he imagines. 414 pages

And the Mountains Echoed
by Khaled Hosseini

Afghanistan, 1952. Abdullah and his sister Pari live with their father and step-mother in the small village of Shadbagh. Their father, Saboor, is constantly in search of work and they struggle together through poverty and brutal winters. 404 pages

The Kite Runner
by Khaled 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

Two women born a generation apart witness the destruction of their home and family in war-torn Kabul. 372 pages

The Secret Sky
by Atia 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 and another village boy relate the story of their forbidden love. 290 pages

The Underground Girls of Kabul
by Jenny Nordberg

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

The Lovers: Afghanistan’s Romeo & Juliet
by Rod Nordland

The powerful and profoundly moving story of a young couple willing to risk everything for love that puts a human face on the ongoing debate about women’s rights in the Muslim world. 362 pages

Kabul Beauty School
by Deborah Rodriguez

In the tradition of Reading Lolita in Tehran, 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
I Am the Beggar of the World
by Eliza Griswold
891.5931 IAM
An eye-opening collection of poems by Afghan women that express a collective rage, a lament, a filthy joke, a love of homeland, an aching longing, a call to arms, all of which belie any facile image of a Pashtun woman as nothing but a mute ghost beneath a blue burqa. 149 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

A Woman Among Warlords
by Malalai Joya
BIO JOYA
In the tradition of Ayaan Hirsi Ali's “Infidel,” and also the subject of an award-winning documentary, this impassioned, first-person account tells of a courageous young Afghani woman who risks her life by denouncing the powerful warlords in her country. 231 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, to protect her son Gulwali’s mother sent him away. The search for safety would lead the twelve-year-old across eight countries, from the mountains of eastern Afghanistan through Iran and Europe to Britain. 361 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

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

Darius the Great is Not Okay
by Adib Khorram
YA F KHIRRAM
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

IRAN

Song of a Captive Bird
by Jasmin Darznik
F DARZNIK
A fictional account of Forugh Farrokhzad, famous Iranian poet. Forugh is taught to be quiet and obedient, but rebels where she can. Forced into a suffocating marriage, she runs away and begins an affair with a filmmaker that fuels her desire to write and for independence. 401 pages

Censoring an Iranian Love Story
by Shahriar Mandanipour
F MANDANIP
An Iranian writer attempts to pen a love story set in present-day Iran. Unfortunately, though, the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance furiously attempts to censor the writer's work. 295 pages
**Anahita's Woven Riddle**  
by Meghan Nuttall Sayres  
YA F SAYRES  
In Iran, more than 100 years ago, a young girl with three suitors gets permission from her father and a holy man to weave into her wedding rug a riddle to be solved by her future husband, which will ensure that he has wit to match hers. 352 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

**Saved by Beauty**  
by Roger Housden  
955 HOU  
Poet, adventurer, and unapologetic romantic Housden travels to Iran to learn about the people, the culture, and the art of this misunderstood land. 290 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 overnight, and over time, witnessed the revolution’s unexpected social effects. 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 to living in a new country, learning a new language, and starting a new school. But soon the revolution erupts and the rules of life in Iran change. 160 pages

**My Prison, My Home**  
by Haleh Esfandiari  
BIO ESFANDIA  
Memoir of Iranian American Haleh Esfandiari, who was arrested and held as a political prisoner in Tehran's dreaded Evin Prison, following a one-week visit to her 93-year-old mother. 230 pages

**Even After All This Time**  
by Afschineh Latifi  
BIO LATIFI  
The daughter of a colonel in the army of the Shah of Iran describes her privileged childhood, her father's arrest and execution, and her mother's decision to divide the family until they could start a new life together in the U.S. 320 pages

**Reading Lolita in Tehran**  
by Azar Nafisi  
BIO NAFISI  
The author describes growing up in Iran and the group of young women who came together at her home in secret every Thursday to read and discuss great books of Western literature. 347 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
The Complete Persepolis
By Marjane Satrapi
GRAPHIC NOVELS BIO SATRAPI
Depicts Satrapi’s childhood in Iran during the 1979 revolution. 341 pages

IRAQ

Frankenstein in Baghdad
by Ahmed Saadawi
SCI-FI SAADAWI
Hadi collects body parts from the rubble-strewn streets of Baghdad and sews them together to create a corpse. His goal is for the government to recognize the parts as people and to give them proper burials, but the corpse goes missing and a wave of strange murders, attributed to the corpse monster, sweep the city. 281 pages

Poppies of Iraq
by Brigitte Findakly
YA COMICS FINDAKLY
The story of the author’s relationship with her homeland Iraq, beginning with her childhood to the mounting political unrest that compels her family to move to Paris, where Brigitte finds herself not quite belonging to either culture. 120 pages

Understanding Iraq
by William R. Polk
956.7 POL
Summarizes the history of Iraq from the advent of the Mongols to the American occupation. 221 pages

Iraq: A History
by John Robertson
956.7 ROB
John Robertson canvases the entirety of Iraq’s rich history, from the seminal advances of its Neolithic inhabitants to the aftermath of the American-led invasion and Iraq today. 383 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 back into safety. 211 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
In a country torn apart by war, a teenage Iraqi girl blogs her story of family, friendship, and 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

Between Two Worlds
by Zainab Salbi
BIO SALBI
Zainab Salbi’s father was Saddam Hussein’s personal assistant, giving her a glimpse of Hussein’s life. Here she tells her tale in an attempt to speak out for women oppressed by war. 295 pages
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Israel: Is It Good for the Jews?
by Richard M. Cohen
Cohen takes readers on an intimate journey through the history of Europe’s Jews, while delving into his own Jewish history and sharing stories of his own relatives and his American boyhood. 275 pages

Israel: A Concise History of a Nation Reborn
by Daniel Gordis
A brief but thorough account of the cultural, economic and political history of the state of Israel, shedding light on the past of this complex nation. 546 pages

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

The Lemon Tree
by Sandy Tolan
In 1967, not long after the Six Day War, three young Arabs ventured into the town of Ramla, in Jewish Israel. They were on a pilgrimage to see their separate childhood homes, from which their families had been driven out nearly twenty years before during the Israeli war for independence. 362 pages

Young Palestinians Speak
by Anthony Robinson
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
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
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
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: Letters From Palestine
by Anaele Hermans
Anaele, a writer, leaves for Palestine volunteering in an aid program, swinging between her Palestinian friends and her Israeli friends. Writing letters to her sister, she shares her feelings and adventures in the occupied territories. 152 pages

JORDAN

Honor Lost
by Norma Khouri
A story of friendship, love, and tradition set against the backdrop of modern-day Jordan tells the story of Dalia, who was murdered by her own father for falling in love with a young Catholic man. 211 pages

Petra: Jordan’s Extraordinary Ancient City
by Fabio Bourbon
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
Godless, fatherless, childless, and divorced, 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

Because They Hate
by Brigitte Gabriel 956.9204 GAB
A Christian-Arab journalist recalls the deadly beginnings of fundamentalist Islam as her family spent seven years in an underground bomb shelter to survive a jihad against non-Muslim people. 258 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. Discusses 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 childhood experiences in Beirut during the civil war between Christians and Muslims in the 1980s, as her family tried to carry on a normal life despite violence, a partition of the city, and a lack of food. 96 pages

PAKISTAN

Beneath My Mother’s Feet
by Amjed Qamar YA F QAMAR
When her father is injured, fourteen-year-old Nazia is pulled away from school, her friends, and her preparations for an arranged marriage, to help her mother clean houses in a wealthy part of Karachi, Pakistan, where she finally rebels against the destiny that is planned for her. 198 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

Buried in the Sky
by Peter Zuckerman 796.522 ZUC
Presents the stories of the sherpas who have acted as expert consultants to Westerners climbing the Himalayas, focusing in particular on Chhiring Dorje Sherpa and Pasang Lama, who survived 11 other climbers died on K2 in August 2008. 285 pages

The Upstairs Wife
by Rafia Zakaria 954.9183 ZAK
A Pakistani journalist and human rights activist now living in America, Zakaria tells the disheartening 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

Saudia Arabia

Girls of Riyadh
by Rajaa Alsanea F ALSANEA
In fifty 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

A Girl Like That
by Tanaz Bhathena YA F BHATHENA
In Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, sixteen-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

The Ruins of Us
by Keija Parssinen F PARSSINE
The intricate, emotionally resonant story of an American expatriate who discovers that her husband, a Saudi billionaire, has taken a second bride--an emotionally turbulent revelation that blinds them both to their teenaged son's ominous first steps towards radicalization. Readers of The Septembers of Shiraz will be captivated by Parssinen's story of love and betrayal, fundamentalism, family and country in the Middle East. 324 pages

On Saudi Arabia
by Karen Elliott House 953.8 HOU
A journalist draws on three decades of firsthand experience to profile contemporary Saudi Arabia, offering insight into its leaders, citizens, cultural complexities, and international prospects. 308 pages

Mecca: The Sacred City
by Ziauddin Sardar 953.8 SAR
Unravelling the meaning and significance of Mecca, from its origins as a barren valley in the desert to its evolution as a trading town and sudden emergence as the religious center of a world empire. 408 pages

Inside the Kingdom
by Robert Lacey 953.8053 LAC
Journalist and bestselling author Lacey provides a modern history of Saudi Arabia, as told in the Saudis' own words, revealing a people attempting to reconcile life under religious law with the demands of a rapidly changing world. 404 pages
### Syria

**The Siege of Mecca**  
by Yaroslav Trofimov  
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  
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  
The memoir of Manal al-Sharif and celebration of resilience in the face of tyranny, the extraordinary power of education and female solidarity, and the difficulties and joys of taking the driver's seat of your own destiny. 289 pages

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

**The Map of Salt and Stars**  
by Jennifer Zeynab Joukhadar  
Two girls --a modern-day Syrian refugee seeking safety and a medieval adventurer apprenticed to a legendary mapmaker-- live eight hundred years apart. Their stories place today's headlines in the sweep of history, where the pain of exile and the triumph of courage echo again and again. 360 pages

**A Land of Permanent Goodbyes**  
by Atia Abawi  
Tareq lives with his big and loving family until the bombs strike. Tareq's family knows that to continue to stay alive, they must leave. As they travel as refugees from Syria to Turkey to Greece, facing danger at every turn, Tareq must find the resilience and courage to complete his harrowing journey. 279 pages

**Escape from Syria**  
by Samya 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

**Freedom Hospital**  
by Hamid 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  
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

**Destroying A Nation: The Civil War in Syria**  
by Nikolaos van Dam  
An in-depth examination tracing the political developments within the Asad regime and the various opposition groups from the Arab Spring to the present day, providing a deeper insight into the conflict and the possibilities and obstacles for reaching a political solution. 242 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
Based on interviews with hundreds of Syrians conducted over four years across the Middle East, Europe, and the United States, this book chronicles the war from its origins to its present horror, solely through the words of ordinary people transformed by its unfolding. 290 pages

Two Sisters
by Asne Seierstad 956.9104 SEI
The riveting story of two sisters’ journey to the Islamic State and the father who tries to bring them home. It puts the problem of radicalization into painfully human terms, using instant messages and other primary sources to reconstruct a family’s crisis from the inside. Eventually, it takes us into the hellscape of the Syrian civil war, as Sadiq risks his life in pursuit of his daughters, refusing to let them disappear into the maelstrom. 418 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 Merchant of Syria
by Diana Darke BIO CHAKER
The Merchant of Syria tells two parallel stories: the life of a cloth merchant and his resilience, and the rich history of a nation built on trade. Over millennia Syria has seen great conflict and turmoil, but like the remarkable story of Abu Chaker, it continues to survive. 340 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

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

The Unwanted: Stories of the Syrian Refugees
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