

If you liked

The Kite Runner



Fiction

House of Sand and Fog by Andre Dubus III

Fiction / Dubus, A.

A former colonel in the Iranian army who fled to America buys a house at an auction and is confronted by the previous owner, a recovering alcoholic who wants it back.

Unforeseen consequences follow.

The Warlord's Son by Dan Fesperman

Fiction / Fesperman, D.

An American war correspondent travels to Afghanistan in the weeks after 9/11 in hopes of ending his career with a big story. His translator is an unwilling informer for the Pakistani police and a tribal outcast who will have to confront his father.

The Swallows of Kabul by Yasmina Khadra

Fiction / Khadra, Y.

The repressive rule of the Taliban takes it toll on two couples. One couple struggles to hold on to what remains of their middle-class life while the other one must deal with a grim job and chronic illness.

The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri

Fiction / Lahiri, J.

A journey through three decades in the life of an Indian family. After moving from India to Boston, the family must adjust to the new culture. Their son Gogol is determined to break away from his traditional Indian family.

The Mulberry Empire by Philip Hensher

Fiction / Hensher, P.

This is a fictionalized account of the 1839 invasion of Afghanistan by British troops. A British explorer in Kabul establishes a friendship with the Amir and then finds himself sent back to Afghanistan with instructions to oust him, leading to disastrous consequences.

West of the Jordan by Laila Halaby

Fiction / Halaby, L.

Four young female cousins of Palestinian and Jordanian ancestry who live in different parts of the world tell their stories of trying to find their identity.

Non-Fiction

The Story of My Life: An Afghan Girl on the Other Side of the Sky by Farah Ahmedi
Biography / Ahmedi, F.

Farah Ahmedi stepped on a landmine on her way to school and spent two years alone in a German hospital; when her male relatives were killed, she and her mother traveled to Pakistan and then to the United States.

West of Kabul, East of New York: An Afghan-American Story by Mir Tamim Ansary
973.04927 / ANS

The son of an Afghan father and an American mother, the author describes his idyllic childhood in Afghanistan, his years in the U.S. and his travels through several Islamic countries in the 1980s.

Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America by Firoozeh Dumas
973.049155 / DUM

Dumas humorously chronicles her Iranian family's experiences when they first arrived in America in the 1970s and after the Iranian hostage crisis.

An Unexpected Light: Travels in Afghanistan by Jason Elliot
915.81 / ELL

An account of Elliot's two visits to Afghanistan; one in 1979 as a member of the Mujaheddin and the second visit nearly 10 years later as the land was still ravaged by war.

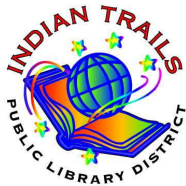
Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books by Azar Nafisi
Biography / Nafisi, A.

Azar Nafisi, a professor in the Islamic Republic of Iran, invited seven of her female students to meet and discuss forbidden Western works of literature when Iranian government and society became repressive.

The Bookseller of Kabul by Asne Seierstad
958.1 / SEI

Asne Seierstad is a female Norwegian journalist who in 2002 moved in with the family of Sultan Khan, a bookseller in Kabul. She provides a portrait of the life of a middle-class Afghan family after the fall of the Taliban.

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