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Arab Historians of  
the Crusades  
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House  
A French  
entomologist,

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attending a  
symposium in Cairo,  
finds a curious  
kind of bean being  
on a market stall.  
It is claimed the  
beans, derived from  
the scarab beetle,  
have magic powers;  
specifically the  
power to guarantee  
the birth of a male  
infant - and when  
the entomologist  
does some research  
in to the matter,  
discovering the  
incidence of female

birth has become  
increasingly rare,  
he is left in no  
doubt that the  
world has entered  
into a critical  
phase of its  
history. As this  
beloved daughter  
Beatrice approaches  
maturity, the  
entomologist and  
his partner  
question the  
validity of gender  
bias, and attempt  
to redress the  
growing imbalance

before it reaches  
irreversible  
proportions. But in  
the poverty and  
famine of the  
South, where male  
children can mean  
the difference  
between survival  
and starvation, the  
popularity of the  
scarab beans is  
already taking  
devastating effect.  
**Beirut 39 Gardners  
Books  
Here, For The First Time  
Is As Complete A**

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Collection As Can Be Made Of The Prose Which Reveals That Relatively Unknown Amitav Ghosh: The Novelist As Thinker, The Man Of Ideas As A Writer Of Luminous, Illuminating Non-Fiction.

*Do I Belong?* Routledge

Beirut39 is a project which aims to select and celebrate 39 of the best young Arab writers as a centrepiece of the Beirut World Capital festivities in April 2010. Following the successful launch of 'Bogota 39', which identified many of the most interesting upcoming

Latin American talents, including Wendy Guerra, Junot Diaz (Pulitzer Prize), Santiago Roncagliolo and Juan Gabriel Vasquez (short-listed for the IFFP), Beirut39 will bring to worldwide attention the best work from the Arab world. The book will be published in English throughout the world (except the Arab world) by Bloomsbury, and in Arabic throughout the world and in English in the Arab World by Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Publishing.

**The Yogurt Man Cometh: Tales of an American Teacher in Turkey** Random House

Tanios, the illegitimate son of a powerful Sheik, becomes caught up in the political intrigues of the Middle East The Marie Laveau Mystery Trilogy Vintage Origins, by the world-renowned writer Amin Maalouf, is a sprawling, hemisphere-spanning, intergenerational saga. Set during the last quarter of the nineteenth century and the first quarter of the twentieth—in the mountains of Lebanon and in Havana, Cuba—Origins recounts the family history of the

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generation of Maalouf's paternal grandfather, Boutros Maalouf. Maalouf sets out to discover the truth about why Boutros, a poet and educator in Lebanon, traveled across the globe to rescue his younger brother, Gabrayel, who had settled in Havana. What follows is the gripping excavation of a family's hidden past. Maalouf is an energetic and amiable narrator, illuminating the more obscure corners of late Ottoman nationalism, the psychology of Lebanese sectarianism, and the dynamics of family quarrels.

He moves with great agility across time and space, and across genres of writing. But he never loses track of his story's central thread: his quest to lift the shadow of legend from his family's past. Origins is at once a gripping family chronicle and a timely consideration of Lebanese culture and politics.

The Lover George Braziller  
In the Koran there are 99 names for God. Does the 100th exist? Months before the dawn of the apocalyptic "Year of the Beast", 1666, Balthasar Embriaco, a Genoese Levantine merchant embarks on a quest to find the answer. He sets out on a journey that will take him across

the breadth of the civilized world, making his way to Constantinople and on to Smyrna and Aleppo before embarking for the Isle of Chios and sailing through the Mediterranean, via Genoa and Lisbon, arriving in London shortly before the outbreak of the Great Fire. The purpose of Balthasar's expedition is to search for a copy of the rarest of books, one entitled "The One Hundredth Name". Merely to know this most secret of the names of God will, Balthasar believes, ensure he is saved. Balthasar's Odyssey Harvill Press  
With the bravura storytelling and pungent authenticity of detail she brought to her

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acclaimed Lymond Chronicles, Dorothy Dunnett, grande dame of the historical novel, presents The House of Niccolò series. The time is the 15th century, when intrepid merchants became the new knighthood of Europe. Among them, none is bolder or more cunning than Nicholas vander Poele of Bruges, the good-natured dyer's apprentice who schemes and swashbuckles his way to the helm of a mercantile empire. In 1461, Nicholas is in Florence. Backed by none other than Cosimo de' Medici, he will sail the Black Sea to Trebizond, last outpost of Byzantium, and the last jewel missing from the crown of the Ottoman Empire. But trouble lies ahead. Nicholas's stepdaughter--at the tender age of thirteen--has eloped with his rival in trade: a Machiavellian Genoese who races ahead of Nicholas, sowing disaster at every port. And time is of the essence: Trebizond may fall to the Turks at any moment. Crackling with wit, breathtakingly paced, The Spring of the Ram is a pyrotechnic blend of scholarship and narrative shimmering with the scents, sounds, colors, and combustible emotions of the 15th century.

Prisoner of Love New Amsterdam Books

The United States is losing its moral credibility. The European Union is breaking apart. Africa, the Arab world, and the Mediterranean are becoming battlefields for various regional and global powers. Extreme forms of nationalism are on the rise. Thus divided, humanity is unable to address global threats to the environment and our health. How did we get here and what is yet to

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come? World-renowned scholar and bestselling author Amin Maalouf seeks to raise awareness and pursue a new human solidarity. In *Adrift*, Maalouf traces how civilisations have drifted apart throughout the 20th century, mixing personal narrative and historical analysis to provide a warning signal for the future. *The First Century After* Beatrice Arcade Publishing Starting in 1970, Jean Genet—petty thief, prostitute, modernist master—spent two years in the Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan. Always an outcast himself, Genet was drawn to this displaced

people, an attraction that was to prove as complicated for him as it was enduring. *Prisoner of Love*, written some ten years later, when many of the men Genet had known had been killed, and he himself was dying, is a beautifully observed description of that time and those men as well as a reaffirmation of the author's commitment not only to the Palestinian revolution but to rebellion itself. For Genet's most overtly political book is also his most personal—the last step in the unrepentantly sacrilegious pilgrimage first

recorded in *The Thief's Journal*, and a searching meditation, packed with visions, ruses, and contradictions, on such life-and-death issues as the politics of the image and the seductive and treacherous character of identity. Genet's final masterpiece is a lyrical and philosophical voyage to the bloody intersection of oppression, terror, and desire at the heart of the contemporary world. *The Last Runaway* Balthasar's *Odyssey* There are ninety-nine names for

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God in the Koran, is it possible that there is a secret one-hundredth name? In this tale of magic and mystery, of love and danger, Balthasar's ultimate quest is to find the secret that could save the world. Before the dawn of the apocalyptic 'Year of the Beast' in 1666, Balthasar Embriaco, a Genoese Levantine merchant, sets out on an adventure that will take him across the breadth of the civilised world, from Constantinople, through the Mediterranean, to London shortly before the Great Fire. Balthasar's urgent quest is to track down a copy of one of the rarest and most coveted books

ever printed, a volume called 'The Hundredth Name', its contents are thought to be of vital importance to the future of the world. There are ninety-nine names for God in the Koran, and merely to know this most secret hundredth name will, Balthasar believes, ensure his salvation. [Balthasar's Odyssey Proof](#) New York Review of Books  
A dealer of rare books, Deen is used to a quiet life spent indoors, but as his once-solid beliefs begin to shift, he is forced to set out on an extraordinary journey; one that takes him from India to Los Angeles and Venice via a tangled route through the memories and experiences of those he meets

along the way. There is Piya, a fellow Bengali-American who sets his journey in motion; Tipu, an entrepreneurial young man who opens Deen's eyes to the realities of growing up in today's world; Rafi, with his desperate attempt to help someone in need; and Cinta, an old friend who provides the missing link in the story they are all a part of. It is a journey which will upend everything he thought he knew about himself, about the Bengali legends of his childhood and about the world around him. Uneven Centuries Vintage  
"It's the women who upset the applecart. Between themselves they talk only about the practicalities of life", declares

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Duras in this collection of her transcribed conversations with friend Jerome Beaujour. Some of her free-ranging meditations are short and deceptively simple, while many are autobiographical and reveal her most intimate thoughts about motherhood, her struggle with alcohol, her love for a young man, and more.

The Dream of Confucius  
Columbia University Press  
Season In Season (formerly titled Voodoo Season), Jewell Parker Rhodes revisits the sensual, magical landscape of her highly acclaimed debut novel, Voodoo Dreams.  
Moon In the second part of

the New Orleans trilogy that began with Voodoo Season, Rhodes takes on an ancient African vampire in today ' s Big Easy, where thrilling chills await. Hurricane In the stunning conclusion to award-winning author Jewell Parker Rhodes ' s mystery trilogy, Dr. Marie Lavant, descendent of Voodoo queen Marie Laveau, must confront a murderous evil in New Orleans.

The First Century After  
Beatrice Farrar, Straus and Giroux

\*Shortlisted for the JQ

Wingate Literary Prize, 2017\*'Belonging' is both a fundamental human emotion and a political project that affects millions. Since its foundation in 1957, the European Union has encouraged people across its member states to feel a sense of belonging to one united community, with mixed results. Today, faced with the fracturing impacts of the migration crisis, the threat of terrorism and rising tensions within countries, governments within and outside the EU seek to impose a different kind



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of belonging on their populations through policies of exclusion and bordering. In this collection of original essays, a diverse group of novelists, journalists and academics reflect on their own individual senses of European belonging. In creative and disarming ways, they confront the challenges of nationalism, populism, racism and fundamentalism. *Do I Belong?* offers fascinating insights into such questions as: Why fear growing diversity? Is there a European identity? Who determines who belongs? Is a

single sense of 'good' belonging in Europe dangerous? This collection provides a unique commentary on an insufficiently understood but defining phenomenon of our age. Authors include: Zia Haider Rahman, Goran Rosenberg, Isolde Charim, Hanno Loewy, Diana Pinto, Nira Yuval-Davis and Doron Rabinovici among others. *The Imam and the Indian* Harcourt  
In ancient China, where laws, the bureaucracy, espionage, and mind-control are all founded on Taoist principles, the first August

Emperor's pride swells as his power grows and in a search for immortality he becomes obsessed to the brink of madness  
*Origins* Columbia University Press  
Young Turk Ossiyan leaves Beirut to study in Paris during the 1930s, joins the Resistance to fight Nazi occupation, returns home a hero, meets and falls for the Jewish Clara, and settles back in the troubled Middle East. Reprint.  
*The Spring of the Ram* Hachette UK  
In war-torn China in the third century B.C., chaos reigns in the countryside while one young man rises from a corrupt police chief to become a general  
*Gun Island* American Univ in Cairo Press

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An international best-seller with more than one million copies in print and a winner of France's Prix Goncourt, *The Lover* has been acclaimed by critics all over the world since its first publication in 1984. Set in the prewar Indochina of Marguerite Duras's childhood, this is the haunting tale of a tumultuous affair between an adolescent French girl and her Chinese lover. In spare yet luminous prose, Duras evokes life on the margins of Saigon in the waning days of France's colonial empire, and its representation in the passionate relationship between two unforgettable outcasts. Long unavailable in hardcover, this edition of *The Lover* includes a new introduction by Maxine Hong

Kingston that looks back at Duras's world from an intriguing new perspective--that of a visitor to Vietnam today.

### The Gardens Of Light

Cambridge University Press  
Follows twenty-five years in the lives of Olga, a young woman from an Eastern European country, and her friends, a group of European intellectuals, modelled on some of the leading names in the field, as they move from Paris in the late 1960s to Maoist China and New York, and back to Paris  
the yacoubian building  
Skyhorse Publishing Inc.  
The notion of identity -

personal, religious, ethnic or national - is one that has given rise to heated passions and crimes throughout the history of mankind. What it is that makes each one of us unique and dissimilar to any other individual has been one of the fundamental questions of philosophy from Socrates to Freud. In this important series of reflections, the author, a Lebanese who now lives in France, where he is a well-known writer and commentator, considers how we define ourselves and how identity is understood in the

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world's different cultures.