
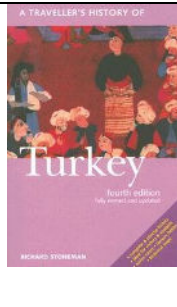
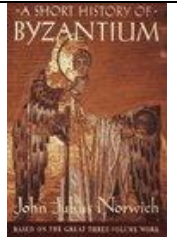
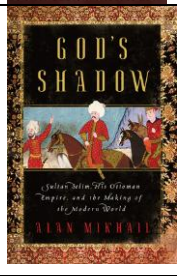
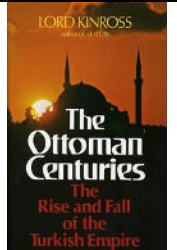
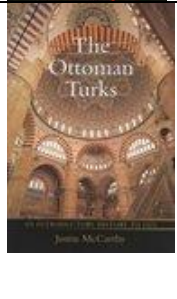




	<p><i>Visible Islam in Modern Turkey</i>, by Adil Özdemir— This volume presents a rich panorama of Islamic practices in today's Turkey. The authors, one a Muslim and one a Christian, introduce readers to Turkish Islamic piety and observances. The book is also a model for Muslims, for it interprets the foundations of Islam to the modern mind and shows the relevance of Turkish Islamic practices to modern society. Packed with data and insights, it appeals to a variety of circles, both secular and traditional.</p>
	<p><i>Notes from a Foreign Country</i>, by Suzy Hansen—In this well-written and deeply reflective book, Hansen shares her awakening as a young American living in Turkey. Throughout her time there, she offers perspectives on the country, and the relationship of her own country, the US, with Turkey. While deeply informative about Turkey, an added value of this book is Hansen's critical examination of the role of the US in the world, and especially the relationship between international relations and race relations in the US. Hansen therefore draws on Baldwin, Sartre, Camus, and other thinkers as she offers her own conclusions and critique.</p>
	<p><i>The Forbidden Modern: Civilization and Veiling</i>, by Nilufer Gole— Why do Muslim women cover themselves? This book is a most scholarly answer to that question. The author is a professor of sociology at Bogazici/Bosphorus University in Istanbul. She has studied the factors that influence young women pursuing university educations in Turkey to adopt seemingly fundamentalist Islamic traditions, such as veiling. Gole uses the personal interview to do her research.</p>
	<p><i>The Veiling Issue, Official Secularism and Popular Islam in Modern Turkey</i>, by Elisabeth Ozdalga—The author of this short book is now the head of the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul. Americans often wonder about the AKP – the current governing political party of Turkey, which is more sympathetic to Islam than the previous very secular Turkish governments. They ask what effect the rise of this AKP has on women's rights, especially on the headscarf issue. The author discusses the rise of AKP and looks at the headscarf as a cultural symbol of conflict between secular and religious forces in Turkey.</p> <p>[A controversial online document that discusses how the most radical reforms for Turkish women have been conducted under the rule of the AKP government is “Sex and Power in Turkey: Feminism, Islam and the Maturing of Turkish Democracy,” available at http://www.esiweb.org/index.php?lang=en&id=156&document_ID=90. It is an amazing story of how Turkish law was reformed by the current government.]</p>



	<p><i>Sons of the Conquerors: The Rise of the Turkic World</i>, by Hugh Pope—The Turkic people originated in Central Asia and through years of migrations, have created a band of Turkic peoples stretching from China, through Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Azerbaijan to modern day Turkey. Hugh Pope is a wonderful writer who traces the migration and development of these Turkic nations and the impact they have had on the surrounding cultures.</p>
	<p><i>A Traveler's History of Turkey</i>, by Richard Stoneman—The region that is modern day Turkey has been at the heart of several civilizations and empires, from prehistoric Anatolia to the modern day Republic of Turkey. People are often surprised that the Eastern Roman Empire, the Byzantine Empire and the Ottoman Empire all existed in this region. This book is a good historic summary for anyone planning on travelling to Turkey or who wants a brief but informative summary of all of the history that has occurred in this region.</p>
	<p><i>A Short History of Byzantium</i>, by John Julius Norwich—Norwich is one of the foremost historians on the Byzantine Empire and has attempted to reduce his several volume history of this Empire into one volume. It can be a bit tedious but it certainly is thorough, as he traces Byzantine history from emperor to emperor.</p>
	<p><i>God's Shadow</i>, by Alan Mikhail—In this well-researched and highly readable historical biography of the Ottoman Sultan Selim, Mikhail offers not only a close-up portrait of the principal character, but also a much broader historical perspective of the era and world. The book connects the Ottoman Empire with Columbus' explorations and the Lutheran Reformation in ways that are especially insightful and unexpected, as well as traces the expansion of the Ottoman Empire itself.</p>
	<p><i>The Ottoman Centuries</i>, by Lord Kinross—One of the classics on the Ottoman Empire, this book is a “richly detailed, engrossing history of the Ottoman Empire from its dawn in 1300 through its zenith under Suleiman the magnificent and up to the foundation of the modern republic in 1923.”</p>
	<p><i>The Ottoman Turks: An Introduction to 1923</i>, by Justin McCarthy—McCarthy has written a very readable history of the Ottoman Turks. This book, in particular, portrays life within the Ottoman Empire at all levels of society. He describes the Turkic tribal migrations from Central Asia, how the Turks became Muslims, and how the Ottoman Turks came to domination in Anatolia. McCarthy is known for his interest, in particular, on the Balkan region. This region is fascinating for the historic interaction and collision of Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Ottoman Islam.</p>



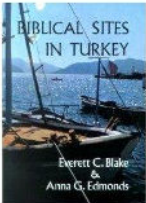
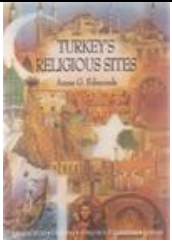
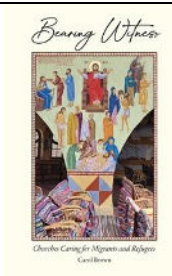
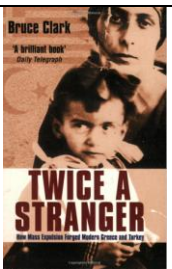
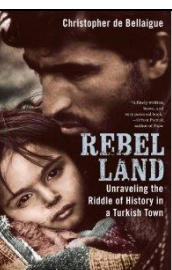
Middle East and Europe **Turkey and the Ottoman Empire, and the Armenians**
 Recommended Reading

	<p><i>The Ottomans</i>, by Andrew Wheatcroft—Wheatcroft has written a book that intentionally chooses to move away from the Western stereotyping of the Ottomans as the “Sick Man of Europe” or the “Terrible Turk” and explore Ottoman rule, culture, history and its legacy to the region of today.</p>
	<p><i>A Peace to End All Peace: The Fall of the Ottoman Empire and the Creation of the Modern Middle East</i>, by David Fromkin—Perhaps the best account of World War I as it impacted the Ottoman Empire, this book is important in helping readers today understand the processes that led to the dilemmas and difficulties facing prospects for peace today. Highly recommended.</p>
	<p><i>The Last Ottoman Generation</i>, by Michael Provence—Looking at the breakup of the Ottoman Empire at the hands of the Europeans, Provence traces the impact of nation formation and identity politics from the early 20th century. He posits that the period had an immense impact on the current realities in the Middle East.</p>
	<p><i>The Fall of the Ottomans</i>, by Eugene Rogan—This is a history of the end of the Ottoman Empire, primarily told from a military historical perspective, covering the battles and strategies that the Ottomans followed during WWI. It is mixed with political narrative as well.</p>
	<p><i>Midnight at the Pera Palace</i>, by Charles King—In this narrative of the first half of the 20th century Istanbul, King adroitly shares political, social, and cultural history in a way that is engaging and rewarding. The period covered is a fascinating one, and essential to understanding the transition from Istanbul as the Ottoman capital to its place in modern Turkey. King tells the story of people—some well-known and others less so—and at the same time educates the reader of this city’s appeal and intrigue.</p>
	<p><i>Paradise Lost: Smyrna 1922</i>, by Giles Milton—Examining the period in Ottoman/Turkish history near the end of, and immediately following, World War I is to venture into conflicting narratives and perspectives. Milton focuses on the very cosmopolitan city of Smyrna, eventually to be renamed Izmir, and presents the events of 1922 through the primary sources of the city’s inhabitants, particularly expatriates who only knew Smyrna as home. The tragedy of a massacre, and the various responses to it, are told in smooth prose.</p>

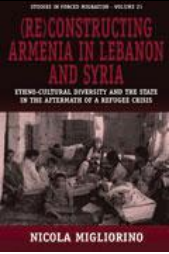
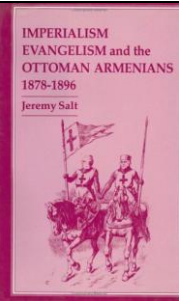
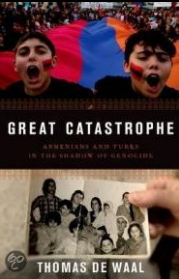
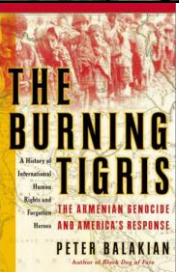


	<p><i>Turkey Unveiled: Ataturk and After</i>, by Nicole and Hugh Pope—Published in 1997, this book is written by people who are very familiar with the country of Turkey. This book is quite insightful and informative for those wishing a clearer understanding of post-1923 Turkey.</p>
	<p><i>Crescent & Star: Turkey Between Two Worlds</i>, by Stephen Kinzer—This book is written by a journalist who demonstrates a lot of insight into the complexities of contemporary Turkey as the country moves into a modern day democracy after centuries of rule by Ottoman Sultans. Kinzer examines current issues in their historic and social context.</p>
	<p><i>Birds Without Wings</i>, by Louis De Bernieres—This very well written novel is set in a village in South Western Turkey at the end of the Ottoman Empire during World War I and the Turkish War of Independence. The village described is based on a real village in which Greeks and Turks lived from the 13th Century until 1923. The plot moves between a love story of two members of this village and the wider history of Turkey going on at the same time, including the story of the rise of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey. The characters and setting are memorable.</p> <p>An important and helpful piece on the history of Turkey in this period is “Kemalism,” by Perry Anderson, in the <i>London Review of Books</i>: http://www.lrb.co.uk/v30/n17/perry-anderson/kemalism.</p>
	<p><i>Academies for Anatolia: A Study of the Rationale, Program, and Impact of the Educational Institutions Sponsored by the American Board in Turkey, 1830-2005</i>, by Frank A. Stone—With elegance and passion, Dr. Stone, a former Board missionary in Turkey, has made an excellent contribution about the historical presence of the Board in Turkey. Focusing on the schools and their histories, Dr. Stone provides insights into the issues faced by the missionaries with respect to the people in Turkey with whom the Board has worked over the past two centuries: Armenians, Greeks, and Turks. He has offered us perspective in the “way things were” and in doing so, some perspective on the “way things are.”</p>
	<p><i>Ringing the Gotchnag</i>, by Jonathan Conant Page—This book traces the lives and careers of the Allen and Wheeler families, missionaries who served in Anatolia in the 19th century. The book is especially interesting as it relies on correspondence and other primary sources to glean insight on the daily life of missionaries in this period. It also sheds some light into the debates that were taking place in the Board around educational institutions and the role of missionaries.</p>



	<p><i>Biblical Sites in Turkey</i> by Everett C. Blake & Anna G. Edmonds—“Turkey, as part of the Near East, has been an important corner of the stage on which the history of Western civilization has been played. This handbook carries up-to-date, concise information about the locations and about the events mentioned in the Bible which occurred in this holy land” (<i>from the book jacket</i>).</p>
	<p><i>Turkey's Religious Sites</i>, by Anna G. Edmonds—“This book describes places that have had continuing and diverse religious interest in Turkey from very earliest times.... [I]t has been a bridge, a crossroads, a place of pilgrimage, challenging people to envision new and more complex concepts in political, social, artistic, and religious terms. In spite of both the beauty and the harshness of the land, the generations who have lived here have contributed a remarkable degree of understanding of life and toleration for each other's faith...” (<i>from the book jacket</i>).</p>
	<p><i>Bearing Witness</i>, by Carol Brown—This book is part memoir, part meditation on what it means to offer Christian love to migrants and refugees. Set in Istanbul, Brown shares the stories of several migrants and refugees assisted by a church program there, and reflects on how the programs reflect God's love through care and support of these most vulnerable communities. The stories do not always reach a conclusion; that is a consequence of the nature of the refugee experience, but the author's commitment and faith comes through.</p>
	<p><i>Twice a Stranger</i>, by Bruce Clark—In this volume, Clark intermingles diplomatic and political history at the end of WWI (focusing specifically on the Lausanne Treaty of 1923) with a human history of those Greeks and Turks who were affected by the population exchange that took place as a result. The power of this book is the oral history it offers. This often overlooked historical event is significant in the development of modern Turkey and Greece, and has implications for today, in a post-Lausanne, globalized world.</p>
	<p><i>Rebel Land: Unraveling the Riddle of History in a Turkish Town</i>, by Christopher de Bellaigue—Sparked by the controversy (http://www.nybooks.com/articles/archives/2005/sep/22/left-out-in-turkey/) over an article (http://www.nybooks.com/articles/archives/2005/jul/14/left-out-in-turkey/) he wrote in the <i>New York Review of Books</i>, de Bellaigue decided, a few years on, to do some further exploration and research. The result is this book. In it, he focuses on the Varto region and town in Turkey, and explores the relationships among Turks, Armenians, Alevi, and Kurds, over the course of time. The book is immensely interesting, but the style is rather aimless. The stories and history provided are very helpful in learning about some of the dynamics of ethnic relationships in Turkey.</p>



	<p><i>(Re)Constructing Armenia in Lebanon and Syria: Ethno-cultural Diversity and the State in the Aftermath of a Refugee Crisis</i>, by Nicola Migliorino—This book is dense, as the subtitle suggests, but extremely interesting. In it, Migliorino tracks the late history of the Armenian community in the Ottoman Empire up through the 1980s and the 1910s, and the refugee crisis caused by the two periods of “deportation.” He then sets to the main task of describing and analyzing the social, cultural, educational, and religious, as well as political and economic, realities of the Armenian communities as they developed in Syria and Lebanon. The two trajectories are in no way exact parallels, due to the varying trajectories of Lebanon and Syria themselves. This is part of the main value of this book. This is not light reading, but quite astute.</p>
	<p><i>Imperialism, Evangelism, and the Ottoman Armenians, 1878-1896</i>, by Jeremy Salt—This is a 150-page examination of the historical record corresponding to the first massacres of Armenians living in Anatolia. The author approaches the record through the lens of orientalism to demonstrate that what happened to the Armenians in 1894-96 has traditionally been described by accounts in England and the US (including missionaries) by those who had a natural proclivity to an anti-Muslim, and therefore anti-Turkish, bias. Salt considers the record and concludes that the dominant narrative of oppressed Armenians is tinged with prejudice and therefore should be reconsidered.</p>
<p>Books about the Armenian Genocide</p>	
	<p><i>Great Catastrophe</i>, by Thomas de Waal—In this highly readable volume, de Waal gives a very good overview of the history of the Genocide events, and then proceeds to cover the debates and evolution of the issue over the course of the last 100 years. This is an ambitious goal, and de Waal does it masterfully. There is more to the discussion than the WWI years, and developments in Turkey and among Armenians attest to that. De Waal offers a comprehensive and clear presentation of this highly-contested topic.</p>
	<p><i>The Burning Tigris: The Armenian Genocide and America's Response</i>, by Peter Balakian—A very detailed book on that demonstrates Balakian's insistence on documentation to describe the genocide, as well as to investigate the American involvement in response, including that of the American Board. This book is essential reading to learn about the events of the “deportations.”</p>


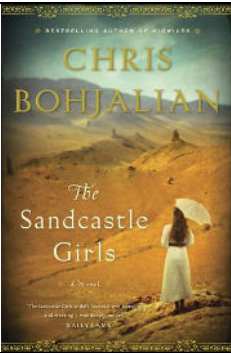
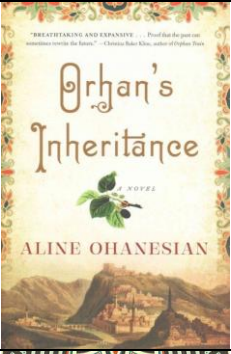
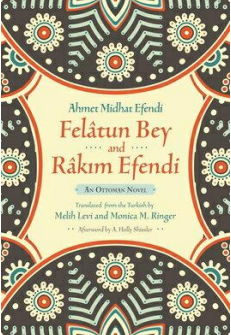


	<p><i>Neither to Laugh Nor to Weep</i>, by Abraham Hartunian—This is a deeply personal and harrowing memoir of the Armenian Genocide as experienced by one Armenian Protestant pastor. The book recounts in first-hand detail the atrocities Rev. Hartunian witnessed and experienced. It also is a testament to his faith and his commitment to his family and community. And it provides a critique of Western powers and their interests.</p>
	<p><i>Towards Golgotha: The Memoirs of Hagop Arsenian, a Genocide Survivor</i>, translated and annotated by Arda Arsenian Ekmekji—In this very personal chronicle of the period before, during, and after the Genocide, Arsenian records the events of his daily life. It is a poignant first-hand account, a personal story that so illuminates the tragedy. Beginning in Western Turkey, Arsenian’s path is that of many others—some who survived, most who didn’t—through central Anatolia. His resourcefulness help him survive with his immediate family, eventually arriving in mandate Palestine. His accounts of both the “deportations” and of Palestine are very insightful, and are complemented by the personal journey of his granddaughter, who translated the book, and who is today the Dean of Arts and Sciences at Haigazian University in Beirut.</p>
	<p><i>Armenian Golgotha: A Memoir of the Armenian Genocide 1915-1918</i>, by Grigoris Balakian (translated by Peter Balakian)—This heavy book was originally published about 90 years ago as a memoir, but has only recently been translated into English. The day-to-day life of an Armenian Orthodox priest who lived through the deportations is fascinating and horrifying at the same time. His gentle style of narration makes this an enthralling read, but the seriousness of the subject matter deserves attention.</p>
	<p>Taner Akçam’s <i>A Shameful Act: The Armenian Genocide and the Question of Turkish Responsibility</i>. This book is written by a very courageous Turkish historian who now teaches in the US. Dr. Akçam sets the entire context for what happened in the second half of the 19th and first part of the 20th centuries involving the last decades of the Ottoman Empire, the rise of Turkish nationalism, and the global circumstances that contributed to the tragedy (and as he concludes, planned effort) resulting in the deaths of more than 800,000 Christians and Armenians. (An opposing perspective is offered in <i>The Ottoman Turks</i>, by Justin McCarthy.)</p>
	<p><i>Children of Armenia: A Forgotten Genocide and the Century-Long Struggle for Justice</i>, by Michael Bobelian—The early chapters recount an interesting history of the 1915-1923 period, including discussions of the Treaties of Sevres (1920) and Lausanne (1923), and the implications for the Armenians. The next part is on the Cold War dynamics and the implications for the quest for genocide recognition. The rest of the book is about efforts to raise awareness (and recognition) of the genocide in the US, especially since 1965, the 50th anniversary. It is well written and an invaluable addition to</p>



	<p>the corpus of literature on the debate. [Two interesting and helpful articles related to this issue, in the context of the House Foreign Relation Committee vote in March, 2010 to recommend voting favorably in the House on recognizing genocide are: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/stephen-zunes/obama-and-the-denial-of-genocide_b_495548.html and http://www.esiweb.org/index.php?lang=en&id=67&newsletter_ID=45.]</p>
	<p><i>Goodbye, Antoura</i>, by Karnig Panian—Translated from the original Armenian, this memoir of Panian and his family’s deportation from Anatolia, tragic walk to Syria, and his eventual home, an orphanage, is heartfelt and moving. Panian relates the pain of losing family members, the efforts of Turks to eliminate Armenian culture and language from young orphans, including himself, and the quiet resistance the orphans put up to preserve their identity. With great imagery and memory, Panian has made an important contribution to the story of the Armenian Genocide, and the ways that young Armenians struggled to survive.</p>
	<p><i>Bread from Stones</i>, by Kevin David Watenpaugh—In this study, Watenpaugh explores the development of modern humanitarianism, which he traces to the response to the Armenian Genocide. While alluding to the role of American Board missionaries, he looks closely at Near East Relief (which was connected with the Board indirectly), and discusses the ways that the efforts impacted the immediate response, and the future of humanitarian involvement globally.</p>
	<p><i>There Was and There Was Not</i>, by Meline Toumani—Toumani is a journalist and an Iranian-American Armenian. In this book, she writes of her experience to overcome conceptions of Turks by visiting Turkey and exploring attitudes there about the Armenian Genocide. She comes to learn a great deal about Turkey and Turks, as well as about her own attitudes. She attempts to break down barriers of the mind, and in so doing, discovers where those barriers exist.</p>
	<p><i>The Bastard of Istanbul</i>, by Elif Shafak—This novel traverses the US and Turkey. In its narration and dialogue, an excellent presentation of Turkish, Armenian, Turkish-American, and Armenian-American perspectives on the genocide are presented. While fiction, the reader will gain valuable insight into the history and debate over the events of 1915 (and following).</p>



	<p><i>The Gendarme</i>, by Mark T. Mustian—This novel is written by an Armenian-American, and narrated from the perspective of a Turkish-American, who served in WWI with the Ottoman gendarmerie. The narrative technique is to intersperse current daily events of Ahmet Khan/Emmett Conn, who is 92 years old and undergoing treatment for seizures, with the memories brought on by the seizures, and long forgotten, of his time in Turkey and Syria during the war. It is a story of love and of the deportations of Armenians.</p>
	<p><i>The Sandcastle Girls</i>, by Chris Bohjalian—Bohjalian’s first novel on the Armenian Genocide focuses on strands of stories that are interrelated, and across generations. The main story is set in Aleppo in 1915, but spreads across space to other parts of the Ottoman Empire as well as the eastern US. The novel offers a sense of what Armenian “deportees” experienced in their forced trek to Aleppo.</p>
	<p><i>Orhan's Inheritance</i>, by Aline Ohanesian—In a saga that spans three generations of a family, Ohanesian focuses on the impact of the deportations on the victim communities and people, and the choices that they must make to survive. This is a tale that brings to light the ways that genocide survivors’ children and grandchildren struggle to know about their own familial history, and that of the other, whether Turkish or Armenian. Ohanesian has written an easily comprehensible and hopeful novel that suggests that searching for truth in history can lead to change.</p>
	<p><i>Felâtn Bey and Râkım Efendi: An Ottoman Novel</i>, by Ahmet Midhat Efendi, translated by Melih Levi and Moncia Ringer—This novella traces the lives of two very different Ottoman-era Turks, offering insight into habits and patters of life in the late 19th century. The first Ottoman novel, beyond the narratives of the two main characters, this story reveals something of the various cosmopolitan influences and realities of the times, and how Turkish, Arab, Armenian, and European influences interacted in a single space.</p>