

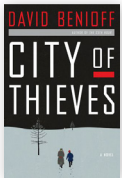
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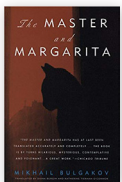
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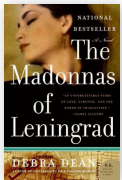
**CITY OF THIEVES** by David Benioff

(Benioff wrote X-men Wolverine and was a co-writer on Game of Thrones) His 2008 book City of Thieves is a coming of age novel (historical fiction) set during the siege of Leningrad in WWII. Release in 2009 by Plume, New York ISBN 9780452295292c (FICTION BENIOFF DAV)



**THE MASTER AND MARGARITA** by Mikhail Bulgakov (1891-1940)

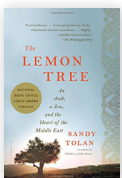
Reprint 1995, Ardis, ISBN 6-76080-679-0. Classic Russian literature, deeply philosophical, magical, written about Soviet life in the 1930's. (FICTION BULGAKOV MIK)



**THE MADONNAS of LENINGRAD** by Debra Dean

2006, HarperCollins, ISBN 0-082530-06-0-978. A fictional novel about the protagonist's recount of her youth, living through World War II's siege of Leningrad as a staff member who helped remove the priceless masterpieces of the Hermitage for safekeeping (DEAN DEB)

### ISRAEL



**THE LEMON TREE** by Sandy Tolan

2006, Bloomsburg, USA. ISBN HB 3-58234343-1-978. It is biographical in the recording of the friendship between the author and a young Palestinian man amid the Mideast conflict. Winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for General Nonfiction. (DS 126.6 .A2 .T2006 65) CENTRAL EUROPE

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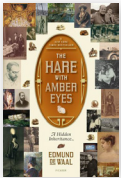
### < CENTRAL EUROPE >



**I SERVED THE KING OF ENGLAND** by Bohumil Hrabal, 1971. (Translated by Paul Wilson)  
Published by Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1989. New Directions Paperbook, NY, 2007. ISBN-8112-13:9780-6-1687 (alk.paper). Novel that gives the reader a history of Czechoslovakia thru the invasion of the Nazis before and during World War II, and the communist rule afterwards through the story of a young man who is an ordinary waiter in a hotel that becomes a hotelier and then loses it all. (FICTION HRABAL BOH)



**THE LAST PALACE** by Norman Eisen  
(former American Ambassador to the Czech Republic from 2011 to 2014) Crown Publishing, 2018, ISBN -978 5-49578-451-0. He tells the story of the last great palace built in Europe after World War I in Prague. First it is the grand home to a successful Czech businessman, it then becomes home to a German General of the SS during the Second World War and eventually the home to the American Ambassador. (DB 2629 .E37 2018)

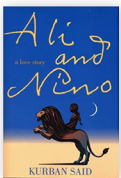


**THE HARE WITH AMBER EYES** by Edmund De Waal  
(an artist and writer) 2010, Farrar, Straus and Giroux. ISBN 2-56937-312-0-978. Waal recounts the history of his extraordinary family in Germany and Czechoslovakia in The 20th Century. This book won many awards. (NON FICTION HG 1552 .E64 .D2010 49)



**ONCE MY NAME WAS SARA** by I. Betty Grebenschikoff  
1992, Original Seven Publishing Company, Sixth printing 2004. ISBN 6-0-9639344-0. A memoir of her life as a Holocaust refugee in Shanghai, China.

### < AZERBAIJAN >



**ALI AND NINO** by Kurban Said  
1937 republished by Random House. ISBN 0-928322-09-0. A love story between the Muslim Ali Khan and Georgian Christian Nino Kipiani in the cosmopolitan oil rich capitol of Baku as World War I breaks out. (FICTION SAID KUR)

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### < IRAN >



#### **READING LOLITA IN TEHRAN** by Azar Naisi

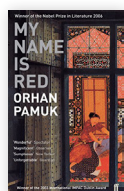
2003, Random House, ISBN 5-7930-8129-0-978. The true story of writer and teacher Azar Naisi as she taught Western literature in her home to a small group of young women in the repressive Islamic Republic of Iran. (PE 64 .N34 .A2004 3)



#### **A MIRROR GARDEN** by Monir Shahroudy Farmanfarmaian and Zara Houshmand

2007, Random House, ISBN 4-27878-307-0-978. The inspiring autobiography of Iranian artist Monir Farmanfarmian. (NON FICTION CT 1888 .F2008 375)

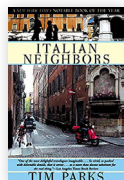
### < TURKEY >



#### **MY NAME IS RED** by Orhan Pamuk

(awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2006 (2001 Alfred A. Knopf, ISBN 6-40695-375-0. Set in 16th century Istanbul a story about art, religion love and power. His writing style is so descriptive you feel as if he is painting the novel, the words are his color palette. (PAPERBACK PAMUK ORH)

### < ITALY >



#### **ITALIAN NEIGHBORS** by Tim Parks

1992, Ballantine Books ISBN 6-90818-449-0 and AN ITALIAN EDUCATION (1995) by Tim Parks, Grove Press, NY. ISBN -1508-8021-0X. The delightful experiences of Tim Parks as an expatriate teaching English at the University of Verona where he lives with his Italian wife and children. (NON FICTION DG 975 .M67425 .P1992 37)