

Arabic Literature Discussion Group

The Arabic Literature Discussion Group meets at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of most months. Meetings are held at the Arapahoe Conference Room, 2nd floor of the Main Library, 11th & Arapahoe in downtown Boulder unless otherwise noted. For more information, please contact Kirsten Wood at Klwwoodklw@aol.com, or Ghada Kanafani Elturk, Outreach Librarian at 303-441-4941 or elturkg@boulder.lib.co.us.

2010 Schedule

December 6, 2010 *A Dog With No Tail: A Modern Arabic Novel* by Hamdi Abu Golayyel
November 1, 2010 *In Praise of Hatred* by Khaled Khalifa
October 4, 2010 *My Days in Mecca* by Ahmad Suba'i
September 13, 2010 *The Arabs: A History* by Eugene Rogan
August 2, 2010 *A Balcony over the Fakihani* by Liyana Badr
July 12, 2010 *Memory for Forgetfulness* by Mahmoud Darwish
June 7, 2010 *Cities of Salt* by Abd al-Rahaman Munif
May 3, 2010 *Story of Zahra* by Hanan al-Shaykh
April 5, 2010 *Wolves of the Crescent Moon* by Yousef al-Mohaimeed
March 1, 2010 *Zubaida's Window: A Novel of Iraqi Exile* by Iqbal al-Qazwini
February 1, 2010 *Lebanon, Lebanon* edited by Anna Wilson
January 4, 2010 *Desiring Arabs* by Joseph Massad

2009

December 7, 2009 *Wedding Night* by Yusuf Abu Rayya
November 2, 2009 *Voices Revealed: Arab women novelists, 1898-2000* by Bouthaina Shaaban
October 5, 2009 *The Repudiation* by Rachid Boudjedra
September 14, 2009 *The Image, the Icon, and the Covenant* by Sahar Khalifeh
August 3, 2009 *The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf* by Mohja Kahf
July 13, 2009 *Leaves of Narcissus* by Somaya Ramadan
June 1, 2009 *Poems from Guantánamo: The Detainees Speak* edited by Marc Falkoff
May 4, 2009 *The Wedding of Zein and other Stories* by Tayeb Saleh
April 6, 2009 *Muhammad: A Novel* by Driss Chraïbi
March 2, 2009 *Palestinian Walks* by Raja Shehadeh
February 2, 2009 *A Last Glass of Tea and Other Stories* by Mohammed el Bisatie
January 5, 2009 *The Hakawati* by Rabih Alameddine

2008

December 1, 2008 *Let It Be Morning* by Sayed Kashua
November 3, 2008 *Absent* by Betoool Khedairi
October 6, 2008 *My Grandmother's Cactus: Stories by Egyptian Women*. Edited by Marilyn Booth
September 8, 2008 *Dinarzad's Children: An Anthology of Contemporary Arab American Fiction*. Edited by Pauline Kaldas & Khaled Mattawa
August 4, 2008 *The Tongue's Blood Does Not Run Dry* by Assia Djebar
July 7, 2008 *Homes of the Heart: A Ramallah Chronicle* by Farouq Wadi
June 2, 2008 *Leaving Beirut* by Mai Ghoussoub
May 5, 2008 *In the House of Silence*. Edited by Fadia Faqir
April 7, 2008 *The Loved Ones* by Alia Mamdouh

March 3, 2008 *The Anchor Book of Modern Arabic Fiction* by Denys Johnson-Davies
February 4, 2008 *West of the Jordan* by Laila Halaby
January 7, 2008 *Oranges in the Sun: Short Stories from the Arabian Gulf*, edited by Akers and Bagader

2007

November 5, 2007 *The Yacoubian Building*, by Alaa al-Aswany. Translated by Humphrey Davies. 255 pages.
October 1, 2007 *A Beggar at Damascus Gate*, Yasmin Zahran. 157 pages.
September 10, 2007 *Dancing Arabs*, by Sayed Kashua (Qashu). Translated by Miriam Shlesinger. 227 pages.
August 6, 2007 *Arab History and Culture*
July 2, 2007 *Open House*, by Nabil Saleh. 208 pages.
June 4, 2007 *Beneath a Sky of Porphyry*, by Aicha Lemsine. Translated by Dorothy S. Blair. 256 pages.
May 7, 2007 *Teta, Mother and Me: Three Generations of Arab Women*, by Jean Said Makdisi. 384 pages.
April 2, 2007 Two short stories by Ghida Sinno (author attendance at discussion)
March 5, 2007 *Arab Women between Defiance and Restraint*. Edited by Suha Sabbagh. 267 pages.
February 5, 2007 *Chased by the Dogs* (Film) (based on Mahfouz's *The Thief & the Dogs*)
January 8, 2007 *Echoes of an Autobiography*, by Naguib Mahfouz. Translated by Denys Johnson-Davies. 144 pages.

2006

November 6, 2006 *Seen and Heard: A Century of Arab Women in Literature & Culture*, by Mona Mikhail
October 2, 2006 *The Gardens of Light*, by Amin Maalouf
September 11, 2006 *Sharon and My Mother-in-law*, by Suad al-Amiry
August 7, 2006 *The Bleeding of the Stone*, by Ibrahim al-Koni
July 3, 2006 *Nightingale's Prayer*, film based on a novel by Taha Hussein
June 5, 2006 *My Jerusalem: Essays, Reminiscences & Poems*, edited by Salma Khadra Jayyusi
May 1, 2006 *Fragments of Memory: A Story of a Syrian Family*, by Syrian author Hanna Mina
April 3, 2006 *Short Arabic Plays: An Anthology*, edited by Salma Khadra Jayyusi
March 6, 2006 *Naphtalene: A Novel of Baghdad*, by Iraqi author Alia Mamdouh
February 6, 2006 *A Distant View of a Minaret*, by Egyptian author Alifa Rifaat
January 2, 2006 The life, essays, and poems by Saif al-Rahbi

2005

November 7, 2005 Alifa Rifaat *Distant View of a Minaret*
October 3, 2005 Hoda (Huda) Barakat *The Tiller of Waters*
September 12, 2005 Sahar Khalifeh *Wild Thorns*
August 1, 2005 Buthaina al-Nasiri *Final Night*
July 11, 2005 Naguib Mahfouz *Palace of Desire*
June 6, 2005 Leila Abouzeid *The Last Chapter*
May 2, 2005 Maram al-Massri *A Red Cherry on a White-tiled Floor*
April 4, 2005 Hanan al-Shaykh *I Sweep the Sun off Rooftops*
March 7, 2005 Latifa al-Zayyat *The Open Door*
February 7, 2005 Nuha al-Radi *Baghdad Diaries*
January 3, 2005 Mourid Barghouthi *I Saw Ramallah*

2004

November 1, 2004 Hanan Ashrawi *This Side of Peace: A Personal Account*
October 4, 2004 Naguib Mahfouz *Children of the Alley*
September 13, 2004 Ahlam Mosteghanemi *Memory in the Flesh* (sequel is *Chaos of the Senses*)

July 5, 2004 Fathy Ghanem *The Man Who Lost His Shadow*
June 7, 2004 Diana Abu-Jaber *Crescent*
May 3, 2004 Mohammed Dib *The Savage Night*
April 5, 2004 Saadi Youssef *Without an Alphabet, Without a Face: Selected Poems* The first hour will be dedicated to the viewing of the video Mahmoud Darwish by Simone Bitton
March 1, 2004 Rashid al-Daif *Dear Mr. Kawabata*
February 2, 2004 Abdelkader Benali *Wedding by the Sea*
January 5, 2004 Anton Shammas *Arabesques*

2003

November 3, 2003 Tawfiq al-Hakim *Return of the Spirit*
October 6, 2003 Mourid Barghouti *I Saw Ramallah*
September 8, 2003 Anton Shammas *Arabesques*
August 4, 2003 Elmaz Abinader *Children of the Roojme: A Family's Journey From Lebanon*
July 7, 2003 Elias Khoury *Gates of the City*
June 2, 2003 Ahdhaf Soueif *Map of Love*
May 5, 2003 Leila Ahmed *A Border Passage: From Cairo to America -- A Woman's Journey*
April 7, 2003 Amin Maalouf *The Crusades Through Arab Eyes*
March 3, 2003 Kathryn Abdul-Baki *Ghost Songs: A Palestinian Love Story*
February 3, 2003 Fatima Mernissi *Scheherazade Goes West*

2002

November 4, 2002 Leila Aboulela *The Translator*
October 7, 2002 Mohammad Abdul-Wali, Abubaker Bagader and Deborah Akers *They Die Strangers*
September 9, 2002 Edward Said *Reflections on Exile and other Essays*
August 5, 2002 Taher Ben Jelloun *Sacred Night*
July 1, 2002 Leila Abouzeid, Elizabeth Fernea *Return to Childhood: The Memoir of a Modern Moroccan Woman*
June 3, 2002 Muhammad Shukri *For Bread Alone*
May 6, 2002 Abd al-Rahman Munif *Endings*
April 1, 2002 Denys Johnson-Davies *Under Naked Sky: Short Stories from the Arab World*
March 4, 2002 Leila Sebbar *Silence on the Shores*
February 4, 2002 Rachid al-Daif, Nirvana Tanoukhi, Anton Shammas *Passage to Dusk*

2001

November 5, 2001 Mohamed Berrada *The Game of Forgetting*
October 1, 2001 Ramzi Salti *Native Informant: Six Tales of Defiance from the Arab World*
September 10, 2001 Mustapha Tlili *Lion Mountain*
June 4, 2001 Ghassan Kanafani *Palestine's Children: Returning to Haifa and Other Stories*
May 7, 2001 Ghassan Kanafani *Palestine's Children: Returning to Haifa and Other Stories*
April 2, 2001 Khalil Hawi *Naked in Exile*
March 5, 2001 Abdul Rahman Munif *Story of a City*
February 5, 2001 Samar Attar *House on Arnus Square*
January 8, 2001 Assia Djebar *So Vast the Prison*

2000

November 6, 2000 Jabra I. Jabra *Hunters in a Narrow Street*
October 2, 2000 Kathryn K. Abdul-Baki *Tower of Dreams*
September 11, 2000 Abd al-Rahman Munif *Story of a City - A Childhood in Amman*

June 5, 2000 Salwa Bakr *The Golden Chariot*
May 1, 2000 Ibrahim Nasrallah *Prairies of Fever*
April 3, 2000 Hoda Barakat *The Stone of Laughter*
March 6, 2000 Zayd Mutee' Dammaj *The Hostage*
February 7, 2000 Yahya Yakhl *A Lake Beyond the Wind*
January 10, 2000 Naguib Mahfouz *Wedding Song*

1999

November 1, 1999 Ghada Samman *Beirut '75*
October 4, 1999 Merzak Allouache *Bab el-Oued*
September 13, 1999 Kathryn Abdul-Baki *Fields of Fig and Olive*
July 12, 1999 Hanan al-Shaykh *Story of Zahra*
June 7, 1999 Tawfiq al-Hakim *Return of the Spirit*
May 3, 1999 Fadia Faqir *Pillars of Salt*
April 12, 1999 Ulfat Idilbi Sabriya *Damascus Bitter Sweet*
March 1, 1999 Leila Abouzeid *Year of the Elephant: A Moroccan Woman's Journey Toward Independence*
February 1, 1999 Etel Adnan Sitt *Marie Rose*

1998

November 9, 1998 Naguib Mahfouz *Palace Walk*
November 2, 1998 Khaled Mattawa Ismailia *Eclipse: Poems*
October 5, 1998 Edward Said *Culture and Imperialism*
September 14, 1998 Mahmoud Darwish *Memory for Forgetfulness*
June 1, 1998 Driss Chraïbi *Mother Comes of Age*
May 4, 1998 Yusuf Awwad *Death in Beirut*
April 13, 1998 Ava Heinrichsdorff (ed) *Short Stories by Saudi Arabian Women Writers*
March 2, 1998 Brick Oussaid *Mountains Forgotten by God: the Story of a Moroccan Berber Family*
February 2, 1998 Samar Attar *Lina: Portrait of a Damascene Girl*
January 5, 1998 Tayeb Salih *Season of Migration to the North*

1997

December 1, 1997 Jabra Ibrahim *The Ship*
November 3, 1997 Bahaa Taher *Aunt Safiyya and the Monastery*
October 6, 1997 Diana Abu-Jaber *Arabian Jazz*
September 8, 1997 Tayeb Salih *Seasons of Migration to the North*
August 4, 1997 Halim Barakat *Six Days*
July 9, 1997 Yusuf Idris *The Sinners*
June 11, 1997 Ghassan Kanafani *Men in the Sun*
May 5, 1997 Sahar Khalifeh *Wild Thorns*
April 7, 1997 Hanan al-Shaykh *Beirut Blues*
March 3, 1997 Abdelrahman Munif *Cities of Salt*
February 3, 1997 Fatima Mernissi *Dreams of Trespass: Tales of a Harem Girlhood*
January 6, 1997 Amin Maalouf *Samarkand*

1996

November 4, 1996 Naguib Mahfouz *Adrift on the Nile*
October 7, 1996 Hanan al-Shaykh *The Persian Carpet* (The group's first meeting)

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http://www.readingtrails.com/trail_browse.php?id=1250312583

See also: <http://www.boulder.lib.co.us/read/discussions.html>

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