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### *Archaeology*

Palmyra – In the 20th Century and the Present: A Historical and Community Archaeological Study / Hasan M. Ali

Istanbul: Ege Yayinlari, 2023  
224p. ; b/w and color figures  
9786258056532  
\$ 50.00 / PB  
320gm.

Hasan Ali's study presented here, is a unique gift of a former citizen of Palmyra to all Palmyrenes in exile and all admirers of Palmyra around the globe. He collects here aspects of the history of Palmyra in the 20th and 21st century rarely told so far. To do so, he has interviewed people from Palmyra now living in exile, aiming to preserve their narratives and memories about their hometown.

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### *Biography/Memoirs*

My Father Cemil Meriç: A Turkish Intellectual of the 20th Century / Prof Dr Ümit Meriç (Ed-in-Chief) Abdulkadir Ozkan

Istanbul: Kopernik Inc., 2023  
456p.  
Includes Index  
9786256994102  
\$ 65.00 / PB  
368gm.

Cemil Meriç (1916-1987) was a Turkish intellectual who has become one of his country's best-loved and most widely-read leaders of opinion. After becoming blind at the age of 38, he produced a corpus of work in which he introduced his fellow-countrymen to both European and Eastern thought, and carried out a trenchant analysis of modern Türkiye and its relationship with its Ottoman past. This book, written by his daughter, gives an outline of his life story and the development of his thought, setting out his views on Westernisation, globalist 'deterritorialisation' and cultural assimilation.

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Blind Flight / Gultekin Yazgan (Ed) Zafer Parlak (Translator) Enver Dokuzoguz & Can Goksel  
Ankara: Elma Publishing, 2023

240p. ; 13.5x21cm.  
9786257112772

\$ 35.00 / PB  
254gm.

I am the son of Gültekin Yazgan, the author of *The Blind Flight*. Thanks to this book, I realized two important characteristics of my father beyond being a “person who overcame obstacles” caused by blindness and the vicissitudes of life. A curiosity that does not reject anything that is incomprehensible to his mind, but on the contrary, pursues it in order to understand and learn what it is. A passionate commitment that ignites and sustains this curiosity and allows him to finish what he has started, to go all the way to the end. I think those who read *Blind Flight* will also feel a strong desire to find their own curiosity and passion. – Yankı Yazgan

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### *Cookbooks*

*Jewish Cuisine of Edirne, Volume 1* / Aydemjr AY (Ed) Ozdemir AY  
Edirne Town Museum Series No. 13  
Edirne: Municipality of Edirne Publications, 2020  
136p. ; Colored Photographs  
Includes Bibliography  
9786058053762

1. Recipes – Jewish cuisine.
2. Food culture – Jews.
3. Cooking – Turkey – Edirne.

\$ 45.00 / PB  
442gm.

We realize how valuable some things are only when others remind us. I always liked watching my grandmother and my mother when they were in the kitchen. However, I did not think of recording the Sephardic cuisine of Edirne, which was transmitted from mother to daughter. I thought I'd always remember the recipes but unfortunately, I don't. It is often that I find that I have completely forgotten a dish I thought I could make with my eyes closed. Therefore, recording them is a really important task because Sephardic dishes vary between the Jews of Izmir and the Jews of Istanbul, and even among Jewish families in the same city. For example, there are recipes for spinach beurek and leek meatballs that vary from family to family. In this book you can find recipes that have not reached our days and have been forgotten.

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### *History*

*That Night At The Ghazi Assembly* / Prof. Dr. Necdet Unuvar (Ed) Dr. Necati Sungur  
Turkey: Gnat Publication, 2018  
216p. ; 30cm.  
9786052089002  
\$ 50.00 / HB  
906gm.

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*A Political History Of The Maronite Community* / Borja W. Gonzalez Fernandez  
Turkey: NEU Press, 2020

638p.  
Includes Bibliography  
9786057006936  
\$ 50.00 / PB  
880gm.

Going beyond the scripturalistic and even archaeological penchant so ubiquitous in Oriental Christian Studies, this book's focus on the present will try to dispel the dominant historiographical account that portrays the Maronite community as the hegemon in pre-war Lebanon to underline, on the contrary, how the community participated, on an equal footing with the other major Lebanese tawa'if, in the game of "corporate federalism", in the consociational arrangement that characterized what Michel Chiha defined as the country of "associated confessional minorities". In fact, it will be argued that the bitter internal rivalries plaguing Maronite leadership, in both clerical and lay circles, throughout our study period – and beyond, as witnessed by the only recently overcome conflict between General Caun and Samir Geagea – prevented the community from taking full advantage of the constitutional prerogatives formally attributed to its main representative in the political game, the President of the Republic. Forced to compromise, the Maronite community participated, as will be explained below, in the development of an unwritten constitutional tradition that, breaking away from the rigid legal positivism enshrined by Kelsen and his followers, consecrated a power-sharing decision-making system which, under the catchy name of National Pact, severely curtailed presidential authority and established a double-veto arrangement at the helm of the State.

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A Hundred Years of Republican Turkey: A History in a Hundred Fragments / (Eds) Alp Yenen & Erik-Jan Zürcher  
Leiden, Netherlands: Leiden University Press, 2023  
542p. ; 17x24cm.  
9789087284107  
\$ 79.95 / PB  
1004gm.

The Republic of Turkey was founded a hundred years ago on 29 October 1923. Turkey holds a unique position between Europe and the Middle East. It continues to captivate international attention, evoking hopes and fears in the hearts and minds of contemporary observers. As a critical commemoration of its centenary, this book presents a mosaic of one hundred carefully curated fragments by expert authors, shedding light on politics, economy, society, culture, gender, and arts in a hundred years of Turkey. Each fragment offers a glimpse into a specific aspect of Turkey's development, revealing the complexities of Turkey's historical reality. Through exhibiting a diverse range of historical sources like laws, speeches, essays, letters, newspaper articles, poems, songs, memoirs, photos, posters, maps, and diagrams, each fragment brings the voices and images of Turkey's past and present to readers. A Hundred Years of Republican Turkey: A History in a Hundred Fragments is an invaluable resource for researchers, educators, students, and anyone interested in Turkey's fascinating history since 1923.

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The Rise of Populism / (Eds) Murat Cemrek & Gokhan Bozbas  
Turkey: NEU Press, 2020  
154p.  
9786054988587  
\$ 30.00 / PB

230gm.

The work titled *The Rise of Populism* describes the occurrence of populism in the media (social or traditional), academic writings, and even daily conversations. Populism is inherently political, but its slippery character does not allow us to conceptualize it as a worldview, ideology, discourse, movement, or even just style in the simplest terms. This study, in its general scope, talks about populism, especially in the media.

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*Engineer and Observer: The Journals of Joseph Gabriel Monnier De Courtois* / (Ed) Donald Mason

Istanbul: The Isis Press, 2023

208p.

Includes Index

Les Cahiers Du Bosphore CXVI

9789754287035

\$ 30.00 / PB

334gm.

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*The Jewish Pearl of the Aegean: Izmir (Language, Literature, History, Art and Culture* / (Ed) Doga Filiz Subasi

Istanbul: Libra Kitapçılık ve Yayıncılık Tic. A. Ş., 2023

520p. ; 15.8x23.50cm.

Includes Index

9786258472707

\$ 90.00 / PB

696gm.

This volume is an excellent basic resource for scholars and textbook for students, it offers a new look at the history of Izmir and will not only be an exciting eye-opener for scholars but will also surprise those familiar with the field. The contributors of this solid and well-researched reader- historians, linguists, Hebraists, Romance scholars, journalists - explore the rich, complex, and contradictory history of Jewish Izmir, and seek to capture and interpret the diversity of the Jewish experience in its breadth and diversity from a multidisciplinary perspective. With an eye toward urban studies, the reader brings together language and literature, archaeology and art, architecture and cemeteries, printing and journalism, music and theater, Jewish institutions, Jewish-owned business and shops, history, and family history. – Michael Studemund-Halévy University of Hamburg.

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*Journal d'une mission à Constantinople 1912* / Ernest de Renty & Loubna Lamrhari

Istanbul: Libra Kitapçılık ve Yayıncılık Tic. A. Ş., 2023

252p.

Includes Index

In French

9786258472776

\$ 65.00 / PB

270gm.

Istanbul, 1912.

Alors que la Première Guerre balkanique vient de débiter et que la menace d'un coup d'État plane dans les rues d'Istanbul, un observateur privilégié, le commandant de Renty,

contemple un Empire ottoman à bout de souffle. Plongé au cœur des tourments politiques et militaires d'une Istanbul en ébullition, cet agent du Deuxième Bureau de l'État-major de l'armée française, chargé de renseignement, entier témoin de son temps, rédige avec minutie et passion son journal de mission. Véritable source historique inédite de cette période, ce journal de mission, retrouvé et enfin dévoilé par cet ouvrage, nous transporte dans les quartiers fascinants de l'ancienne Constantinople, révélant ses personnalités intrigantes et ses manigances politiques. Au-delà de sa vocation première de collecte de renseignements, ce témoignage offre une immersion captivante dans les impressions et les réflexions de son auteur. Se dévoile ainsi le tableau d'une histoire tempétueuse, récit si précieux d'un homme dans les arcanes du travail, mémoire exclusif d'un agent à l'aube de la Première Guerre mondiale.

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The Power Of Brotherhood Tur(k)urd / Zeynep Kılıç (Ed) Abdullah Yusufoglu  
Istanbul: Çıra Yayınları, 2023  
296p.  
9786258205602  
\$ 45.00 / PB  
276gm.

The Kurdish question is one of Türkiye's centuries old issues. This issue, whose roots go back to the imperial (empire) period, is a complex problem area with political, economic, ethnic and above all psychological aspects. The issue, which is directly related to Turkey's becoming introverted and authoritative or opening up and establishing a democratic order on a universal scale, also has an international dimension. No matter what dimension we consider, the current Kurdish problem has become a difficult issue for Turkey to both maintain and manage. Turkey needs to resolve this issue to make its citizens feel equal and first-class citizens, to establish an order at the level of contemporary civilization, and to continue its claims of being a great state. The sensitive point reached by the incident necessitates the correct management of social psychology and the use of common sense.

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The Palestinian Issue and Regional Actors / (Ed) Hacı Mehmet Boyraz, Selim Yesiltas & Nurhak Gurel  
Istanbul: Aktif Yayınevi, 2023  
240p.  
9786258182552  
\$ 65.00 / PB  
238gm.

This book examines the policies of regional actors towards the Palestinian issue in the Middle East. In the first part of the book, the past and present of the Palestinian issue is subjected to a comprehensive evaluation. In the following sections, the policies of regional actors in this vast region regarding the Palestinian issue are analyzed. Each chapter, written by academics who are experts in their fields, examines how the policies of regional actors towards the Palestinian issue have been shaped, taking in the account the past and current dynamics. Therefore, this book fills an important gap in the literature.

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Crimea is Ours: The Crimean Tatars' Never Ending Struggle: A Short History / Melek Maksudoglu  
Istanbul: Inkılab Basım Yayın, 2023  
176p.

9786059555616  
\$ 45.00 / PB  
166gm.

The Crimean Tatars have often been ignored in the Crimean studies. Whereas the Crimean Tatars are the indigenous people, the owners of the land, faced deportations multiple times and managed to arise each time. They have returned to homeland after 50 years of struggle to build their own civilisation once they had it before the horrific deportation of 1944.

'Every Crimean Tatar, elderly, men, women, children; they all had bright lights in their eyes. The light of hope! The hope to build their home in the land of their ancestors. They had nothing in their possessions to start with. They did not have a roof over their heads, living in tents. But they had the light of hope. Soon, it will be ten years of living under the Russian control and the light in the people's eyes are disappearing. Once Crimea becomes free, we have a lot to do!'

Quote from Safinar Djemileva, wife of the Crimean Tatar leader Mustafa Djemilev, during a visit to her in exile in Istanbul 1 July 2023

This book is a short history of the Crimean Tatars based on the Crimean Tatars perspective.  
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Emergence of the Vlach Millet (Translated From Turkish to English) / Ali Arslan (Translator)  
Tariq Mohamed Nour Ali  
Istanbul: Iskenderiye Kitap, 2023  
88p. ; 13.5x21cm.  
9786057281098  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
104gm.

The official recognition of the Vlachs as a separate nation/millet strengthened the Vlachs while causing the Greek and Rûm Orthodox Church to add new elements to their policies of assimilation of the Vlachs. These policies are: The propaganda focused on the Vlachs and the injustices of those who opposed it, was to distribute money to persuade the Vlachs, to bribe the Ottoman officials to make them work comfortably, and to neutralize the opposing Vlachs through violence by means of Greek gangs. Vlachs tried to resist this Greek policy by taking advantage of Romanian protection and Ottoman law.

The national awakening of the Vlachs suffered a great blow, and some of them were forced to emigrate to Romania. Vlachs live today in Greece, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Albania, and in a very small number in Turkey. They attach great importance to the day when the Ottoman State recognized them as a separate "Nation/Millet." In Macedonia, 23 May is celebrated as the "Vlach (Arumen) National Day," and it is a public holiday for the Vlachs.

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### *Literature*

Sapphire, Book One: The Promised Time / Kemal B. Caymaz (Translator) Ceren Karamar  
Sapphire Series  
Nicosia, Cyprus: Isik Kitabevi Publishing, 2023  
292p.  
9789925574032?  
\$ 40.00 / PB  
328gm.

A fantasy adventure from Saint Hilarion Castle on the mountains of Cyprus, to Notre Dame Cathedral in the heart of Paris...Seçkin was leading an ordinary life until a Jinni named ParuParu appears before him. So, he finds himself in a world of demons, fairies and many kinds of magical beings. A destiny concealed with challenging events awaits him on an unpredictable journey.

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### *Religion-Islam*

Islam – The Middle Way / Prof. Saffet Kose (et al.) (Eds) Prof. Murat Simsek & Selim Yucel Gulec (Translators) Prof. Ali Gunes & Fazilet Bayiroglu

Konya: Konya Metropolitan Municipality, 2021

512p.

9786053894551

\$ 60.00 / PB

578gm.

Iman is accepting Islam in the heart and confirming it with the tongue by one's own free will and preference. This is called hidayah, that is purifying oneself from spiritual impurity, superstitions, and confusing psychology and submitting to a belief that is clear and authentic, spiritually peaceful and reassuring. Children are born sinless and innocent in the Islamic faith. The Prophet (PBUH) said, "No child is born except on Al-Fitra (Islam)." The religion of Islam is based on complete surrender, obedience, and submission to Allah. Human beings are created to know Allah and worship Him. Many people from different countries, nations and religions have embraced Islam and visited Konya several times thanks to the great personalities, such as Mevlana Jalaluddin Rumi, whose name is connected to a city that has served Islam for centuries. Indeed, many people from different countries, nations and religions have embraced Islam and visited this city several times. For instance, Eva de Vitray Meyerovitch, chose Islam after she learned about Mevlana, then, she visited Konya many times and made a will to be buried here. Because of this, as people of Konya, we have committed ourselves to introduce the traditional Islam with the inspiration Mevlana has given us. This book you are holding is about living Islam following a practical approach based on the Islamic thought of middle way.

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