ENG 254: MODERN ARABIC LITERATURE
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RECOMMENDED BOOK LIST FOR LITERARY CIRCLES

ALGERIA
   Memory in the Flesh by Ahlam Mosteghanemi
   The Attack by Yasmina Khadra (pen name for Mohammed Moulessehoul)

DUBAI
   The Sand Fish by Maha Gargash

EGYPT
   The Yacoubian Building (novel and hit film) by Alaa Al Aswany
   Black Magic by Hamdy el-Gazzar
   Woman at Point Zero by Nawal El Sadawi
   The Thief and the Dogs by Naguib Mahfouz
   Dunyazad by May Telmissany
   Taxi by Khaled Al Khamissi (a new novel based upon Al Khamissi’s interviews with
   Egyptian cab drivers)

IRAQ
   The Woman of the Flask by Selim Matar
   Baghdad Diaries by Nuha Radi
   Saddam City by Mahmoud Saeed

JORDAN
   Pillars of Salt by Fadia Faqir
   Prairies of Fever by Ibrahim Nasrallah

LEBANON
   Adonis selected poems translated by Khaled Mattawa
   Beirut Blues by Hanan al-Shaykh
   The Stone of Laughter by Hoda Barakat
   Flight Against Time by Emily Nasarallah
   Kooloids by Rabih Alameddine
   Women of Sand and Myrrh by Hanan al-Shaykh

LIBYA
   The Bleeding of the Stone by Ibrahim Al-Koni

MOROCCO
   Secret Son by Laila Lalami
   Stolen Lives: Twenty Years in a Desert Jail by Malika Oufkir
   The Final Bet by Abdelilah Hamdouchi (first writers of Arabic language detective novel)
For Bread Alone by Mohammed Choukri (Choukri’s autobiography)

PALESTINE
All That’s Left to You by Ghassan Kanafani
I Saw Ramallah by Mourid Barghouti
Sharon and My Mother-in-law by Suad Amiry
The Eye of the Mirror by Liana Badr
The Ship by Jabra Ibrahim Jabra

SAUDI ARABIA
Behind the Veil by Hadeel Shaikh (poetry collection)
Girls of Riyadh by Rajaa Alsanea
Fatma by Rajaa Alem
Mounira’s Bottle by Yousef Al-Mohaimeed
Wolves of the Crescent Moon by Yousef Al Mohaimeed

SYRIA
Sun on a Cloudy Day by Hanna Mina
Daughter of Damascus by Siham Tergeman

TUNISIA
The Scents of Marie-Claire by Habib Selmi

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
In a Fertile Desert: Modern Writing from the United Arab Emirates. Selected and Translated by Denys Johnson-Davies

YEMEN
They Die Strangers by Muhammad Abdul-Wali
I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced by Nujood Ali with Delphine Minoui