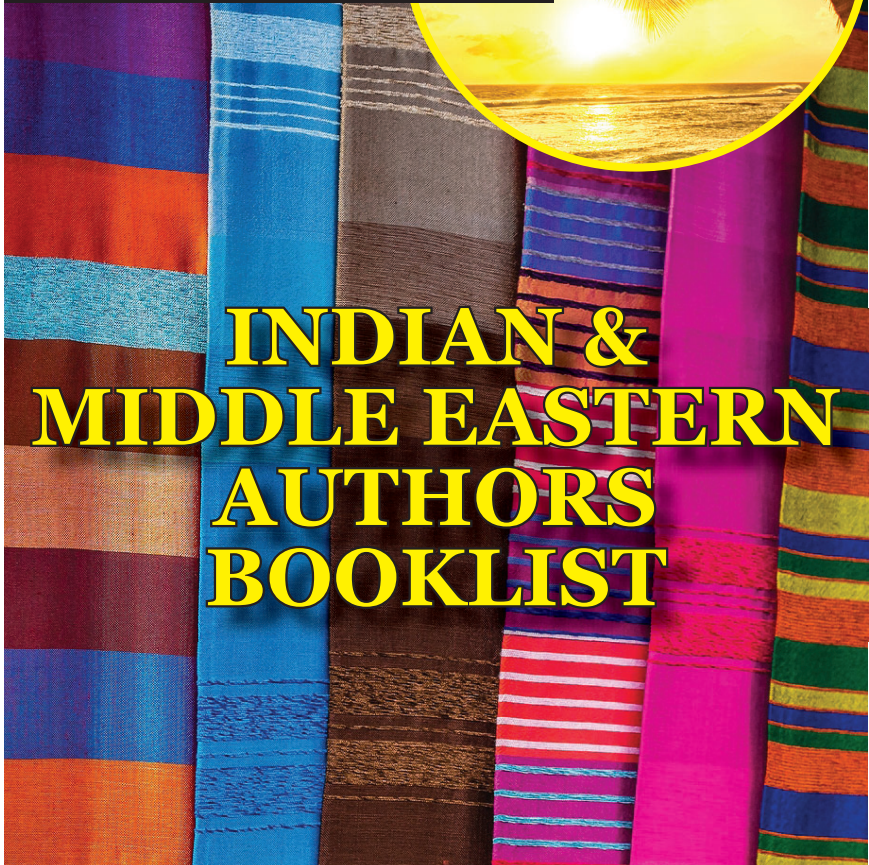




**Books by Indian &
Middle Eastern Authors**

**Includes Titles by
Rochester-Area Authors!**



**INDIAN &
MIDDLE EASTERN
AUTHORS
BOOKLIST**



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2023

All fiction and nonfiction titles listed are available
at libraries in the Monroe County Library System.



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Alternate format definitions:

BOCD: book on CD

ebook: electronic book

eAudiobook: electronic audiobook

LP: large print

Playaway: portable preloaded audiobook device



Fiction

Amnesty

by Aravind Adiga
(2020)

Book, LP, BOCD

From the bestselling, Man Booker Prize-winning author comes a story of a young illegal immigrant who must decide whether to report crucial information about a murder—and thereby risk deportation.

Homeland Elegies

by Ayad Akthar
(2020)

Book, LP, BOCD

A deeply personal work about identity and belonging in a nation coming apart at the seams, this novel blends fact and fiction to tell an epic story of longing and dispossession in the world that 9/11 made. Part family drama, part social essay, part picaresque novel, at its heart it is the story of a father, a son, and the country they both call home.

The Arsonists' City

by Hala Alyan
(2021)

Book, ebook

From the award-winning author of *Salt Houses*, a rich family story, a personal look at the legacy of war in the Middle East, and an indelible rendering of how we hold on to the people and places we call home.

Shubeik Lubeik

by Deena Mohamed
(2023)
Book

Author, illustrator, and translator Deena Mohamed presents a literary, feminist, Arab-centric graphic novel that marries magic and the socio-political realities of contemporary Egypt. Shubeik Lubeik—a fairytale rhyme meaning 'Your Wish is My Command' in Arabic—is the story of three characters navigating a world where wishes are literally for sale; mired in bureaucracy and the familiar prejudices of our world, the more expensive the wish, the more powerful and therefore the more likely to work as intended.

The Arab of the Future (Volumes 1-4)

by Riad Sattouf
(2015-19)
Book

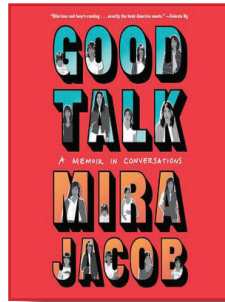
In striking, virtuoso graphic style that captures both the immediacy of childhood and the fervor of political idealism, Riad Sattouf recounts his nomadic childhood growing up in rural France, Gaddafi's Libya, and Assad's Syria—but always under the roof of his father, a Syrian Pan-Arabist who drags his family along in his pursuit of grandiose dreams for the Arab nation.

Esther's Notebooks

by Riad Sattouf
(2023)
Book

From the author of *The Arab of the Future*, comes the first book in a bestselling series of graphic novels that follow the true life of a real girl growing up in Paris. Every week, the comic book artist Riad Sattouf has a chat with his friend's 10-year old daughter Esther. She tells him about her life, her family, her school, her friends, her hopes, her dreams, and her fears. And then he creates a one-page comic strip based on what she says. This book is a collection of 156 of those strips, comprising the first three volumes as they appeared in Europe, spanning Esther's life from age 10 to 12.

Graphic Novels



It Won't Always Be Like This

by Malaka Gharib
(2022)
Book

It Won't Always Be Like This is a touching time capsule of Gharib's childhood memories—each summer a fleeting moment in time—and a powerful reflection on identity, relationships, values, family, and what happens when it all collides.

I Was Their American Dream

by Malaka Gharib
(2019)
Book

A coming-of-age story and a reminder of the thousands of immigrants who come to America in search for a better life for themselves and their children. The daughter of parents with unfulfilled dreams themselves, Malaka navigated her childhood chasing her parents' ideals, learning to code-switch between her family's customs, adapting to white culture to fit in, crushing on skater boys, and trying to understand the tension between holding onto cultural values and trying to be an all-American kid.

Good Talk

by Mira Jacob
(2020)
Book, eAudiobook

Like many six-year-olds, Mira Jacob's half-Jewish, half-Indian son, Z, has questions about everything. At first they are innocuous enough, but as tensions from the 2016 election spread from the media into his own family, they become much, much more complicated. Trying to answer him honestly, Mira has to think back to where she's gotten her own answers: her most formative conversations about race, color, sexuality, and, of course, love. Written with humor and vulnerability, this deeply relatable graphic memoir is a love letter to the art of conversation—and to the hope that hovers in our most difficult questions.

The Skin and its Girl

by Sarah Cypher
(2023)
Book

A young, queer Palestinian American woman pieces together her great aunt's secrets in this sweeping debut, a family saga confronting questions of sexual identity, exile, and lineage.

What Strange Paradise

by Omar El Akkad
(2021)
Book, LP, ebook, eAudiobook

More bodies have washed up on the shores of a small island. Another overfilled, ill-equipped, dilapidated ship has sunk under the weight of its too many passengers: Syrians, Ethiopians, Egyptians, Lebanese, Palestinians, all of them desperate to escape untenable lives back in their homelands. But miraculously, someone has survived the passage.



These Impossible Things

by Salma El-Wardany
(2022)
Book, BOCD, Book Discussion Kit, ebook, eAudiobook

It's always been Malak, Kees, and Jenna against the world. Since childhood, under the watchful eyes of their family and community, these three best friends have had to navigate love, sex, faith, and womanhood alongside the expectations of being good Muslim women. But when their college years come to a close, one night changes everything.

Between Two Moons

by Aisha Abdel Gawad
(2023)
Book, ebook, eAudiobook

A deeply moving family story about identity, faith, and belonging set in the Muslim immigrant enclave of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn following three siblings coming of age over the course of one Ramadan.

Gun Island

by Amitav Ghosh
(2020)
Book

Bundook. Gun. A common word, but one that turns Deen Datta's world upside down. A dealer of rare books, Deen is used to a quiet life spent indoors, but as his once-solid beliefs begin to shift, he is forced to set out on an extraordinary journey; one that takes him from India to Los Angeles and Venice via a tangled route through the memories and experiences of those he meets along the way.

Your Driver is Waiting

by Priya Guns
(2023)
Book

A wild, one-sitting read brimming with dark comedy, and piercing social commentary and announcing a feverishly original voice, this debut novel is a crackling send-up of our culture of modern alienation.

The Last White Man

by Mohsin Hamid
(2022)
Book, LP, eAudiobook

From the internationally bestselling author of *Exit West*, a story of love, loss, and rediscovery in a time of unsettling change. One morning, a man wakes up to find himself transformed. Overnight, Anders's skin has turned dark, and the reflection in the mirror seems a stranger to him.

Whereabouts

by Jhumpa Lahiri
(2021)
Book, LP, Playaway, eAudiobook

A marvelous new novel from the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Lowland* and *Interpreter of Maladies*—her first in nearly a decade—about a woman questioning her place in the world, wavering between stasis and movement, between the need to belong and the refusal to form lasting ties.

The Stationery Shop

by Marjan Kamali
(2019)
Book, LP, BOCD, ebook

A novel set in 1953 Tehran, against the backdrop of the Iranian Coup, about a young couple in love who are separated on the eve of their marriage, and who are reunited sixty years later, after having moved on to live independent lives in America, to discover the truth about what happened on that fateful day in the town square.

Age of Vice

by Deepti Kapoor
(2022)
Book, LP, ebook, eAudiobook

Binge-worthy reading at its best: an addictive, action-packed page-turner of epic proportions about the machinations of one dizzyingly wealthy family in contemporary India and the outsiders who are drawn into their treacherous web.

Empireland: How Imperialism Has Shaped Modern Britain

by Sathnam Sanghera
(2023)
Book

In accessible, witty prose, award-winning journalist and best-selling author Sathnam Sanghera traces this legacy back to its source, exposing how—in both profound and innocuous ways—imperial domination has shaped the United Kingdom we know today. Sanghera connects the historical dots across continents and seas to show how the shadows of a colonial past still linger over modern-day Britain and how the world, in turn, was shaped by Britain's looming hand.

This Is One Way To Dance

by Sejal Shah (*local author*)
(2020)
Book, eBook

In this collection of linked personal essays, the author—a daughter of Gujarati parents who immigrated to the United States from India and Kenya—explores culture, language, family and place. Rochester Area Author!

Brothers of the Gun: A Memoir of the Syrian War

by Marwan Hisham
(2018)
Book

In 2011, Marwan Hisham and his two friends joined the first protests of the Arab Spring in Syria, in response to a recent massacre. A long-bottled revolution was finally erupting, and freedom from a brutal dictator seemed, at last, imminent. Five years later, the three young friends were scattered: one now an Islamist revolutionary, another dead at the hands of government soldiers, and the last, Marwan, now a journalist in Turkish exile, trying to find a way back to a homeland reduced to rubble.

Between Two Kingdoms: A Memoir of a Life Interrupted

by Suleika Jaouad
(2021)
Book, ebook, eAudiobook

An Emmy Award-winning writer and activist describes the harrowing years she spent in early adulthood fighting leukemia and how she learned to live again while forging connections with other survivors of profound illness and suffering.

Why Not Me?

by Mindy Kaling
(2016)
Book, BOCD, ebook, eAudiobook

Mindy turns the anxieties, the glamour, and the celebrations of her second coming-of-age into a laugh-out-loud funny collection of essays that anyone who's ever been at a turning point in their life or career can relate to. And those who've never been at a turning point can skip to the parts where she talks about meeting Bradley Cooper.

The Return: Fathers, Sons, and the Land in Between

by Hisham Matar
(2016)
Book

In 2012, after the overthrow of Qaddafi, the acclaimed novelist Hisham Matar journeys to his native Libya after an absence of thirty years due to political exile.

The Far Field

by Vijay Madhuri
(2019)
Book, LP

An elegant, epic debut novel from an exciting new talent and Pushcart Prize-winner that follows one young woman's search for a lost figure from her childhood, a journey that takes her from Southern India to Kashmir and to the brink of a devastating political and personal reckoning.

A Burning

by Megha Majumdar
(2020)
Book, LP, ebook, eAudiobook

After a fiery attack on a train leaves 104 people dead, the fates of three people become inextricably entangled. A novel about fate, power, opportunity, and class; about innocence and guilt, betrayal and love, and the corrosive media cycle that manufactures falsehoods masquerading as truths—*A Burning* is a debut novel of exceptional power and urgency, haunting and beautiful, brutal, vibrant, impossible to forget.

The Observant

by Ravi Mangla (*local author*)
(2022)
Book

In a distant country, recently imprisoned filmmaker Vasant Rai is offered a chance at freedom. But the choice, he learns, offers itself at a very steep price. The Rochester-based author's novel is a sharp-eyed literary thriller.

Girl Gone Viral

by Alisha Rai
(2020)
Book, ebook

In Alisha Rai's second novel in her *Modern Love* series, a reclusive investor goes viral, shoving her into the world's spotlight—and into the arms of the bodyguard she's been pining for.



The Island of Missing Trees

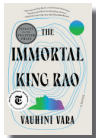
by Elif Shafak
(2021)
Book, LP, ebook

Two teenagers, a Greek Cypriot and a Turkish Cypriot, meet at a taverna on the island they both call home. In the taverna, hidden beneath garlands of garlic, chili peppers and creeping honeysuckle, Kostas and Defne grow in their forbidden love for each other.

Watch Us Dance

by Leila Slimani
(2023)
Book, LP

The rebellions within an interracial family play out against the countercultural rebellions of the 1960s in this sexy, stylish, sophisticated new novel by the award-winning, internationally bestselling author of *The Perfect Nanny* and *In the Country of Others*.



The Immortal King Rao

by Vauhini Vara
(2022)
Book

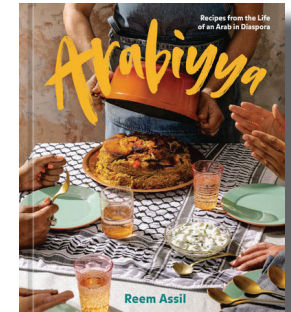
In a future in which the world is run by the Board of Corporations, King's daughter, Athena, reckons with his legacy—literally, for he has given her access to his memories, among other questionable gifts. Finalist for the 2023 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction.

No Land to Light On

by Yara Zgheib
(2022)
Book, LP, BOCD

Achingly intimate yet poignantly universal, *No Land to Light On* is a tense, moving novel about the meaning of home, the risks of exile, the power of nations, and the power of love.

Nonfiction



Our Women on the Ground: Essays by Arab Women Reporting from the Arab World (2019)

Book

Nineteen Arab women journalists speak out about what it's like to report on their changing homelands in this first-of-its-kind essay collection, with a foreword by CNN chief international correspondent, Christiane Amanpour.



The Fox Hunt: A Refugee's Memoir of Coming to America

by Mohammed Al Samawi
(2018)
Book, LP

The story of an improbable escape as riveting as the best page-turning thrillers, this memoir reminds us that goodness and decency can triumph in the darkest circumstances.

Arabiyya: Recipes from the Life of an Arab in Diaspora

by Reem Assil
(2022)
Book

A James Beard Award semifinalist and California bakery owner highlights the origins and evolution of her native Arabic food with inspired recipes for flatbreads, dips, snacks, and platters, including hazelnut-praline baklava rolls with milk and honey, and chile-onion-stuffed falafel.

American Radical: Inside the World of an Undercover Muslim FBI Agent

by Tamer Elnoury
(2017)
Book, ebook

It's no secret that federal agencies are waging a broad, global war against terror. But for the first time in this memoir, an active, Muslim American federal agent reveals his experience infiltrating and bringing down a terror cell in North America.