
The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri

Ali, Samina - *Madras on Rainy Days*

Religious clashes and civil unrest factor into this powerful, atmospheric novel of modern-day India.

Courtenay, Bryce - *Power of One*

A boy called Peekay, born under apartheid, and against all odds, vowed to survive-he would become welterweight champion of the world, he would dream heroic dreams.

Firouz, Anahita - *In the Walled Gardens*

As the political situation in Tehran becomes increasingly explosive a couple find that their volatile love assumes new and threatening implications.

Khadra, Yasmina - *The Swallows of Kabul*

The plight of the countless Afghanis who endured the prolonged medieval code of conduct when the Taliban was in power is explored.

Hosseini, Khaled - *The Kite Runner*

The best-selling first novel by the author of *A Thousand Splendid Suns* traces the period between the final days of Afghanistan's monarchy through the horrific rule of the Taliban and follows the unlikely friendship between a wealthy Afghan boy and the son of his father's servant.

Liu, Aimee - *Flash House*

A wife struggles to find her husband after he disappears into the back country of Communist China in 1949.

Ondaatje, Michael - *Anil's Ghost*

Anil's mission to return home to Sri Lanka after 15 years is not a sentimental journey but a human rights investigation.

Philip Hensher's - *The Mulberry Empire: Or the Two Virtuous Journeys of the Amir Dost Mohammed Khan*

England's relationship with Afghanistan, began with the triumphant arrival of the Army of the Indus in 1839 but ended three years later in rout and massacre.

Seierstad, Asne - *The Bookseller of Kabul*

After the fall of the Taliban, a bookseller named Sultan Khan allowed a Western journalist to move into his home and experience firsthand his family's life.

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