

MEXICO

Urrea, Luis Alberto

Into the Beautiful North

Nayeli often thinks of her father, who like most of the men in her town, have left their families to go work in the United States. She tries to recruit men to repopulate her hometown and protect it from Bandidos.

NETHERLANDS

Young, Sara

My Enemy's Cradle

Hiding out from the Nazis with her Dutch relatives, Cyria, a half-Jewish girl, is confronted by a terrifying choice between certain discovery in her cousin's home and — knowing that her cousin Annika is pregnant with the child of a German soldier—taking her place in the Lebensborn, a maternity home for Aryan girls carrying German babies.

PERU

McCunn, Ruthanne Lum

God of Luck

Happily living with his wife, Bo See, and raising silkworms, Ah Lung's life is changed forever when he is kidnapped and shipped across the Pacific to Peru where he is forced to work in the dangerous guano mines.

RUSSIA

Makine, Andrei

Dreams of My Russian Summers

The story of a boy growing up in the Soviet Union of the 1960's and 70's, whose visits to his French grandmother each summer bring new tales of a Russia he never knew.

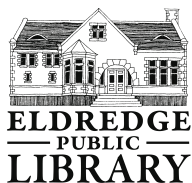
SWEDEN

Larsson, Stieg

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

Forty years after the disappearance of Harriet Vanger from the secluded island owned and inhabited by the powerful Vanger family, her octogenarian uncle hires journalist Mikael Blomqvist and Lisbeth Salander, an unconventional young hacker, to investigate.

Larsson has a new book coming out summer 2009—*The Girl Who Played with Fire*—which continues the story of Lisbeth Salander.



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A Trip Around the Globe



Get your passport ready. These fictional books take place outside the United States. It's a wonderful opportunity to take a short trip to a different culture.

AFGHANISTAN

Hensher, Philip

The Mulberry Empire

An historical account of the First Afghan war between the British Empire and Russia over Afghanistan. The plot revolves around a London Circus Troupe.

Hosseini, Khaled

A Thousand Splendid Suns

Two women born a generation apart witness the destruction of their home and family in war torn Kabul, incurring losses over the course of thirty years that test the limits of their strength and courage.

Also by this author: *The Kite Runner*

Khadra, Yasmina

The Swallows of Kabul

Their lives as a diplomat and lawyer are frozen by the rise of the Taliban. Moshen and Zunaira soon find themselves in a nightmare situation when Zunaira is arrested and condemned to death.

Seierstad, Asne

The Bookseller of Kabul

The Norwegian journalist provides a portrait of a committed Muslim man and his family living in post-Taliban Kabul.

CHILE

Allende, Isabel

Ines of My Soul

Based on the amazing true story of Ines Suarez who left Spain to find her husband in the New World. When she learned that he had died, she continued her journey and ends up in Chile. A fascinating look at the New World colonization in South America during the 1500s.

CHINA

Dai, Sijie

Mr. Muo's Traveling Couch

After years of studying Freud in Paris, Mr. Muo returns home to introduce the blessing of psychoanalysis to 21st century China. But his hidden purpose is to free his university sweetheart who is a political prisoner.

Also by this author: *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress*

ENGLAND

Shaffer, Mary Ann

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

In 1946, as England emerges from the shadow of WWII, writer Juliet Ashton finds inspiration for her next book in her correspondence with a native of Guernsey and his eccentric friends, who tell her about their island, the books they love, the German occupation and the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society book club.

FRANCE

Houghteling, Sara

Pictures at an Exhibition

In the wake of WWII, Max Berenzon, the son of an art dealer and his pianist wife, wander Paris in an effort to recover his family's lost masterpieces, looted by the Nazis during occupation, uncovering in the process an old family secret.

INDIA

Adiga, Aravind

The White Tiger

Balram Halwai is a complicated man. Servant. Philosopher. Entrepreneur. Murderer. Over the course of seven nights, Balram tells the terrible and transfixing story of how he came to be a success in life.

Mistry, Rohinton

Family Matters

In mid-1990s Bombay, Nariman Vakeel, the patriarch of a small discordant family, lives in a crumbling apartment with his two middle-aged stepchildren.

Shors, John

Beneath a Marble Sky

In seventeenth-century Hindustan, the reigning emperor, grieving over the death of his wife, commissions the construction of the Taj Mahal, as a monument to their lasting relationship. The story is narrated by Princess Jahanara who embarks on a love affair with the architect of the landmark.

Speed, John

The Temple Dancer

In seventeenth-century India, Maya, a high-priced dancer who has been bought for one of the most powerful men in Bijapur, faces dangerous obstacles in her journey across the Mogul Empire to her new master.

IRELAND

Mehran, Marsha

Pomegranate Soup

Three Iranian sisters flee the turmoil of Iran and seek refuge in Ireland where they open the exotic Babylon Café. Is meat and potatoes Ireland ready for the spicy tastes of Iran?

Taylor, Patrick

An Irish Country Doctor

A recent medical school graduate, Barry Laverty is delighted by the opportunity to join a small rural practice in the beautiful hills of Ballybucklebo, until he meets his superior, Dr. O'Reilly, a cantankerous older physician.

ITALY

Hellenga, Robert

The Sixteen Pleasures

Margot Harrington discovers a priceless Renaissance masterwork when she volunteers in Florence in 1966 to save the cities treasured art from Arno's flooded banks.

KENYA

Zweig, Stefanie

Nowhere in Africa

When the Nazi regime comes to power, Jewish attorney Walter Redlich flees Germany with his family and finds refuge in Kenya, where the family must learn to adapt to their new life.

KUWAIT/EGYPT

Jarrar, Randa

A Map of Home

Nadali, the rebellious daughter of an Egyptian-Greek mother and a Palestinian father, narrates her story from her childhood in Kuwait, her early teenage years in Egypt (where the family fled during the Iraqi invasion) to her family's last flight to Texas.

LAOS

Cotterill, Colin

Curse of the Pogo Stick

National Coroner Dr. Siri is kidnapped by Hmong villagers who want him to lift a curse from the headman's daughter.

LIBYA

Matar, Hisham

In The Country of Men

On a hot day in Tripoli in the summer of 1979, nine-year-old Suleiman spots his father, supposedly away on business, across the market square and wearing dark glasses, the first indication of grave danger in a previously unsuspected world.