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Global Reading: Turkey

DB61985 *Istanbul: Memories And The City* by Orhan Pamuk (biography)
Author describes growing up in Istanbul, Turkey, among the remains of past civilizations in an apartment house his extended family owns and occupies. Born in 1952 to a secular family, Pamuk describes their dysfunctional relationships and the sense of melancholy that pervades the city. 2003. (2006 Nobel laureate in Literature)

DB89544 *The Flea Palace* by Elif Shafak (contemporary fiction)
In Istanbul's Bonbon Palace, ten apartments have been formed, each occupied by different residents. Some are families, some are single people, but all have their own stories to tell within the flea-infested building. Strong language. 2004.

DB92039 *Last Train To Istanbul* by Ayşe Kulin (historical fiction)
1933. Selva is a daughter of one of the last of the Ottoman pashas. She falls in love with Rafael, a Jewish man, and they elope to France against the wishes of both of their families. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 2006.

DB89871 *Madonna In A Fur Coat* by Ali Sabahattin (historical romance)
1923. Raif Efendi leaves his home in the Turkish countryside to go to Berlin to learn more about the world. There, he meets artist Maria Puder and falls for her. Their affair slowly unfolds as Maria has unconventional views on love. Unrated. 2017.

DB18890 *Memed, My Hawk* by Kemal Yaşar (historical fiction)
A lyrical, romantic tale of a young Turkish peasant who is driven from his native village for defying the local Agha. The hero takes to the hills, becoming the protector of his people and a beloved twentieth-century Robin Hood. 1955.

DB80579 Istanbul Noir (short stories)

Sixteen crime stories set in the Turkish city at the crossroads of East and West. In Ismail Güzelsoy's "Thetongueoftheflames," a man has finished serving a twelve-year prison term for burning an acrobat's girlfriend to death. The acrobat has avenged the killing with a similar murder each year. Some strong language. 2008.

DB56156 Turkey by Neriman Kemal (history)

Describes the Republic of Turkey, a modern state founded in 1923. Explores its geography, flora and fauna, history, culture, religion, and relationship with the United States. Includes information about the island of Cyprus. For grades 5-8. 2001.

DB101302 God's Shadow Sultan Selim, His Ottoman Empire, And The Making Of The Modern World by Alan Makhail (history)

An reexamination of the Ottoman Empire and its widespread conquest through the life of Sultan Selim I. The author reshapes the narrative surrounding this period of history to shift the importance of the Ottoman Empire in forming the modern world. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

DB42241 A Byzantine Journey by John Ash (nonfiction travel)

The writer describes his five-week journey from Istanbul through Anatolia to Cappadocia, alternating details of his travels with descriptions of historic sites and accounts of their past. For example, he describes rust-pink Hagia Sophia, tells how the Fourth Crusade robbed the church, details principles of Byzantine architecture used in the building, and deplores an ongoing paint job as "close to vandalism.". 1995.

DB108753 Sweet Middle East: Classic Recipes, From Baklava To Fig Ice Cream by Anissa Helou (cookbook)

An introduction to the sweet side of Middle Eastern cuisine with these seventy classic desserts. The seductive flavors of the Middle East have won over food lovers around the world, but the sweets of the region have remained largely unknown to Western palates--until now. Presents seventy classic desserts fragrant with spices, honey, dates, and nuts, and steeped in tradition. From Egyptian Bread Pudding to Turkish Fritters and Crispy Algerian "Crepes," this is a delectable tour of Middle Eastern treats you won't want to miss. 2015.