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This book covers 60 years of translations,

studies, and other writings, which represent Iraq's national literature, including recent works of numerous Iraqi writers living in Western exile. By drawing attention to a largely overlooked but relevant and extensive literature accessible in English, it will serve as an invaluable guide to students of contemporary Iraq, modern Arabic literature and other fields such as women's

studies, postcolonial studies, third world literature, American-Arab/Muslim Relations, and diaspora studies. Ibn al-ʿajjaj and Sukhf Frank & Timme GmbH  
The book is the first study of the 10th century Iraqi poet Ibn al-Hajjaj who popularized a new genre of obscene and scatological parody (sukhf) and is considered the most obscene poet in Arabic literature. Antoon traces

the genealogy of this fascinating genre in and examines its rise by placing it in its sociopolitical context.

*A Hundred Million Years and a Day*

American Univ in Cairo Press

A searing, beautiful novel meditating on war, violence, memory, and the sufferings of the Palestinian people Minor Detail begins during the summer of 1949, one year after the war that the Palestinians mourn as the

Nakba—the catastrophe that led to the displacement and exile of some 700,000 people—and the Israelis celebrate as the War of Independence. Israeli soldiers murder an encampment of Bedouin in the Negev desert, and among their victims they capture a Palestinian teenager and they rape her, kill her, and bury her in the sand. Many years later, in the near-present day, a young woman in Ramallah tries to

uncover some of the details surrounding this particular rape and murder, and becomes fascinated to the point of obsession, not only because of the nature of the crime, but because it was committed exactly twenty-five years to the day before she was born. Adania Shibli masterfully overlays these two translucent narratives of exactly the same length to evoke a present forever

haunted by the past.  
**Shame 4.0**  
 Syracuse University Press  
 “Ferocious, visceral descriptions . . . give a powerful sense not only of Suhaila’s world but also of the way we make and understand memories.”—Booklist  
 “Often intense and lyrical.”—Kirkus Reviews  
 This winner of the Naguib Mahfouz Prize for Literature mingles memories of the past with the shifting voices of the

present when the estranged son of an Iraqi exile flies from his home in Toronto to visit her in Paris. As his ailing mother, the once-vibrant Suhaila, lies in a hospital bed, he acquaints himself with her constellation of close friends. Immediately, he becomes immersed in the complex relationships he has fought so hard to avoid: with his mother and his war-torn homeland. Alia Mamdouh weaves a

magical tale of the human condition in this stunning and beautifully written novel of faith, family, and hope.  
*A Guide to English Translations Since 1950*  
 Amer Univ in Cairo Press  
 WINNER OF FRANCE'S THE LAGARDERE PRIZE  
 SHORTLISTED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE OF ARABIC FICTION  
 RAISES IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ABOUT IDENTITY, BELONGING,

AND PATRIOTISM In her award-winning novel, *Inaam Kachachi* portrays the dual tragedy of her native land: America's failure and the humiliation of Iraq. The American Granddaughter depicts the American occupation of Iraq through the eyes of a young Iraqi-American woman, who returns to her country as an interpreter for the US Army. Through the narrator's conflicting emotions, we see the tragedy of a country which, having battled to emerge from dictatorship, then finds itself under foreign occupation. At the beginning of America's occupation of Iraq, Zeina returns to her war-torn homeland as an interpreter for the US Army. Her formidable grandmother--the only family member that Zeina believes she has in Iraq--gravely disapproves of her granddaughter's actions. Then Zeina meets Haider and Muhaymin, two "brothers" she knows nothing of, and falls deeply in love with Muhaymin, a militant in the Al Mehdi Army. These experiences force her to question all her values.

*An Iraqi Rhapsody*  
Akashic Books  
Nobody has done more for modern Arabic literature in translation than Denys Johnson-Davies, described by the late

Edward Said as "the leading Arabic English translator of our time." With more than twenty-five volumes of translated Arabic novels, short stories, plays, and poetry to his name, and a career spanning some sixty years, he has brought the works of a host of writers from across the Arab world to an ever-widening English readership. Here he tells the story of a life in translation,

and gives intimate glimpses of many of the Arab writers who are becoming increasingly known in the west. In the 1940s, while teaching at Cairo University, he came to know such iconic figures as Yahya Hakki, Tewfik al-Hakim, Yusuf Idris, and of course Naguib Mahfouz. Later when he lived in Beirut, that other great literary center of the Arab world, he spent time with such poets as

Tawfic Sayigh, Badr Shakir al-Sayyab, and Boland al-Haydari. He was already a close friend of Jabra Ibrahim Jabra from his college days at Cambridge, and later of another well-known Palestinian writer, Ghassan Kanafani. In the 1960s he started an influential Arabic literary magazine, *Aswat*, which published the leading avant-garde writers of the time, and in 1967 he put together the first

representative volume of short stories from the Arab world. Then he really put Arabic writing on the international literary map with the establishment of the Heinemann Arab Authors series. Since then he has continued to select and translate the best of Arabic fiction, most recently the classic novella by Yahya Hakki, *The Lamp of Umm Hashim* (AUC Press 2004). He has also translated three books of

Islamic Hadith (with Ezzeddin Ibrahim) and other books of Islamic thought, and has written a large number of children's books of Middle Eastern history and folktales. [The Routledge Handbook of Translation, Feminism and Gender](#) Feminist Press at CUNY The Routledge Handbook of Translation, Feminism and Gender provides a comprehensive, state-of-the-art overview of feminism and gender

awareness in translation and translation studies today. Bringing together work from more than 20 different countries - from Russia to Chile, Yemen, Turkey, China, India, Egypt and the Maghreb as well as the UK, Canada, the USA and Europe - this Handbook represents a transnational approach to this topic, which is in development in many parts of the world. With 41 chapters, this



book presents, discusses, and critically examines many different aspects of gender in translation and its effects, both local and transnational. Providing overviews of key questions and case studies of work currently in progress, this Handbook is the essential reference and resource for students and researchers of translation, feminism, and gender. (Arabic edition) Edinburgh University

Press Booker Prize winner and Living National Treasure, Thomas Keneally still divides critical opinion: he is both a morally challenging stylist and a commercial hack, a wise commentator on society and a garrulous leprechaun. Such judgements are located in the cultural politics of Australia but also linked to ideas about what a literary career should look like. 'Thomas Keneally's

Career and the Literary Machine' charts Keneally's production and reception across his three major markets, noting clashes between national interests and international reach, continuity of themes and variety of topics, settings and genres, the writer's interests and the publishers' push to create a brand, celebrity fame and literary reputation, and the tussle around fiction,

history, allegory and the middlebrow. Keneally is seen as playing a long game across several events rather than honing one specialist skill, a strategy that has sustained for more than 50 years his ambition to earn a living from writing.

**A Rare Man in His Own Way**

Oxford University Press  
The Pain Tree tells stories that speak to all aspects of Jamaican life. Among the characters we

hear from are: poor folk making the best of past hardships (“Coal”); rich folk plotting future selfishness (“The Goodness of My Heart”); an old man, familiar with darkness, who discovers in foreign capitalism a force even he cannot control (“Boxed-In”); a young girl, uprooted to a new country, forced to shoulder her mother’s unspoken burdens in addition to her own (“Lollipop”).

Bookending these are two powerful stories about the inextricability of home and history: in “The Pain Tree,” the protagonist comes to realize the love she has abandoned, and the pain she has left behind; in “Flying,” the lead character, searching for that which has been missing most of his life, comes home for good. Senior navigates the hills and valleys of narrative with

natural ease, interweaving thick strands of emotion and insight yet never losing sight of a story's ebb and flow. Her *Pain Tree* is an engaging, thought-provoking read that transports readers fully to another place, where the unfamiliar and exciting clash and commingle with the universal. Thomas Keneally's Career and the Literary Machine Cambridge University Press

Drawing on an intimate knowledge of modern Arabic writing, Denys Johnson-Davies brings together in this collection a colorful mosaic of life as lived and portrayed by Arabs from Morocco to Iraq. From a diverse area of the world with the common factor of a written language, these thirty stories tell of an old Moroccan peasant woman who kills snakes; an Iraqi soldier who

returns home as a stranger after years as a prisoner-of-war; a repairer of lost virginites in a Tunisian village; a typically Mahfouzian start to a train journey; the steamy meeting of two women and a cat at the height of an Iraqi summer; the ill-fated attraction of a boy to a magical bird in the Tuareg deserts of Libya; and a novel way of hunting ducks in the Nile Delta. The purveyors of

this strange and delightful cornucopia of fictions include Naguib Mahfouz, Yusuf Idris, Gamal al-Ghitani, and Mohamed El-Bisatie from Egypt; Fuad al-Takarli and Mohamed Khudayyir from Iraq; Zakaria Tamer from Syria; Hanan al-Shaykh from Lebanon; and Ibrahim al-Kouni from Libya. Ageing in the Modern Arabic Novel Oxford University Press  
The stories collected here

are by leading authors of the short story form in the Middle East today. In addition to works by writers already wellknown in the West, such as Idwar al-Kharrat, Fu'ad al-Takarli and Nobel Prize winner Najib Mahfuz, the collection includes stories by key authors whose fame has hitherto been restricted to the Middle East. This bilingual reader is ideal for students of Arabic as well

as lovers of literature who wish to broaden their appreciation of the work of Middle Eastern writers. The collection features stories in the original Arabic, accompanied by an English translation and a brief author biography, as well as a discussion of context and background. Each story is followed by a glossary and discussion of problematic language points. 'Recommend' CHOICE

**Under the Naked Sky : Short Stories from the Arab World**

Routledge  
This book is the first work comparing Margaret Drabble with key Iraqi novelists. It analyses physical and soft violence in Drabble's novels and the works of four Iraqi contemporary novelists, including Ahmed Saadawi's *Frankenstein* in Baghdad (2013). The book argues that physical and soft violence are

interwoven and interconnected, meaning that, where there is physical violence, there is nearly always soft violence and, though to a lesser extent, vice versa. Thus, soft violence can cause just as much damage, psychologically or literally, as hard violence. Saqi A brilliant poetic exploration of language and gender, place, and time, seen through the mirror of

exile In *Her Feminine Sign* follows on the heels of Dunya Mikhail's devastating account of Daesh kidnappings and killings of Yazidi women in Iraq, *The Beekeeper*. It is the first book she has written in both Arabic and English, a process she talks about in her preface, saying "The poet is at home in both texts, yet she remains a stranger." With a subtle simplicity and disquieting humor

reminiscent of Wislawa Szymborska and an unadorned lyricism wholly her own, Mikhail shifts between her childhood in Baghdad and her present life in Detroit, between Ground Zero and a mass grave, between a game of chess and a flamingo. At the heart of the book is the symbol of the tied circle, the Arabic suffix *taa-marbuta*—a circle with two dots above it that determines a

feminine word, or sign. This tied circle transforms into the moon, a stone that binds friendship, birdsong over ruins, three kidnapped women, and a hymn to Nisaba, the goddess of writing. A section of "Iraqi haiku" unfolds like Sumerian symbols carved onto clay tablets, transmuted into the stuff of our ordinary, daily life. In another poem, Mikhail defines the Sumerian word for

freedom, *Ama-ar-gi*, as "what seeps out / from the dead into our dreams." [Investigating an Emotion in Digital Worlds and the Fourth Industrial Revolution](#) PublicAffairs At the beginning of America's occupation of Iraq, 15 years after leaving Baghdad, Zeina returns to her war-torn homeland as an interpreter for the US Army where she finds herself torn by conflicting allegiances. Her traditional

grandmother, the only family member that Zeina believes she has in Iraq, disapproves of her granddaughter's involvement with the occupying forces. Whilst in Baghdad, Zeina meets two 'brothers' she knows nothing of. When she falls deeply in love with Muhaymin, a militant in the Al Mehdi Army, she begins to question all her values

AI-NABIDHA  
Gallic Books

There are more than 15 million people aged over 65 currently living in the MENA region, yet little attention has been paid to the cultural significance of growing old. This book recognises the widespread silence by countering the critical corpus that reads modern Arabic novels as a political discourse with an emphasis on youth achievement. By assembling a range of fictional works from different parts of the

Arab world that incorporate older characters, this book draws on a range of theoretical approaches to aging, particularly from the perspective of gender and feminism, to reconcile the biological and cultural understandings of old age. It reveals that there is no standard female or male experience and no single prototype of oldness in the modern Arabic novel, and

that men and women manifest a multiplicity of identities, concerns, and experiences as they grow older.

Reading Iraqi Women's Novels in English Translation

Scarecrow Press  
Increasingly, academic communities transcend national boundaries. 'Collaboration between researchers across space is clearly increasing, as well as being increasingly sought after,' noted the

online magazine Inside Higher Ed in a recent article about research in the social sciences and humanities. Even for those scholars who don't work directly with international colleagues, staying up-to-date and relevant requires keeping up with international currents of thought in one's field. But when one's colleagues span the globe, it's not always easy to keep track of

who's who – or what kind of research they're conducting. That's where Intellect's new series comes in. A set of worldwide guides to leading academics – and their work – across the arts and humanities, Who's Who in Research features comprehensive profiles of scholars in the areas of cultural studies, film studies, media studies, performing arts and visual arts. Who's Who in



Research: Visual Arts includes concise yet detailed listings include each academic's name, institution, biography, and current research interests, as well as bibliographic information and a list of articles published in *Intellect* journals. The volumes in the *Who's Who in Research* series will be updated each year, providing the most current information on the foremost

thinkers in academia and making them an invaluable resource for scholars, hiring committees, academic libraries and would-be collaborators across the arts and humanities. *Mansi* Routledge By exploring how translation has shaped the literary contexts of six Iraqi woman writers, this book offers new insights into their translation pathways as part of their stories'

politics of meaning-making. The writers in focus are Samira Al-Mana, Daizy Al-Amir, Inaam Kachachi, Betool Khedairi, Alia Mamdouh and Hadiya Hussein, whose novels include themes of exile, war, occupation, class, rurality and storytelling as cultural survival. Using perspectives of feminist translation to examine how Iraqi women's story-making has been mediated in

English translation across differing times and locations, this book is the first to explore how Iraqi women's literature calls for new theoretical engagements and why this literature often interrogates and diversifies many literary theories' geopolitical scope. This book will be of great interest for researchers in Arabic literature, women's literature, translation studies and

women and gender studies. Springer Sinan Antoon returns to the Iraq war in a poetic and provocative tribute to reclaiming memory. Widely-celebrated author Sinan Antoon's fourth and most sophisticated novel follows Nameer, a young Iraqi scholar earning his doctorate at Harvard, who is hired by filmmakers to help document the devastation of the 2003

invasion of Iraq. During the excursion, Nameer ventures to al-Mutanabbi street in Baghdad, famed for its bookshops, and encounters Wadood, an eccentric bookseller who is trying to catalogue everything destroyed by war, from objects, buildings, books and manuscripts, flora and fauna, to humans. Entrusted with the catalogue and obsessed with Wadood's project,

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life in New present-- stylistically  
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with verses, the wreckage  
fragments epigraphs, of war and the  
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homeland's anecdotes--in memory.

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