

## SUGGESTED MEDIA GUIDE

### ***Türkiye: History, Culture & Carleton Connections***

The following selection of books is neither a comprehensive bibliography nor a required reading list, but rather an attempt to provide insights into the region's archaeology, art, history, and culture. These books should be available at local public or university libraries, and most are available new or used and/or as downloads for e-readers through local and online bookstores.

#### **GUIDEBOOKS**

Eyewitness Guides. ***Eyewitness Guide Turkey***. DK Publishing, 2016. Gorgeously illustrated and filled with excellent maps, this compact book provides a thorough overview of history, traditions and sights.

Kurklu, Arzu. ***Lonely Planet Turkish Phrasebook & Dictionary***. Lonely Planet Publications, 2014. A palm-sized handy guide to pronunciation, basic grammar and essential vocabulary for the traveler. With a 2,000-word mini-dictionary.

McPherson, Charlotte. ***Culture Smart! Turkey***. Kuperard, 2022. History, religion, daily life, food, health and safety are all covered in this pocket guide to Turkish customs, etiquette and culture.

#### **ARCHAEOLOGY, HISTORY & CULTURE**

Algar, Ayla Esen. ***Classical Turkish Cooking: Traditional Turkish Food for the America***. William Morrow Cookbooks, 2013. Algar's enchanting cookbook includes easy-to-follow Turkish recipes and delightful vignettes about their traditional origins.

Freely, John. ***Istanbul: The Imperial City***. Penguin Books, 1998. Freely captures the flavour of daily life as well as court ceremonial and intrigue. The book also includes a comprehensive gazetteer of all major monuments and museums. – From Amazon.com

Goodwin, Godfrey. ***A History of Ottoman Architecture***. Thames & Hudson, 2003. With 500 black-and-white illustrations and 81 site plans, Goodwin's definitive, illustrated architectural companion, organized chronologically, covers buildings of importance throughout Turkey.

Goodwin, Jason. ***Lords of the Horizons***. Picador USA, 2003. Goodwin artfully combines his modern travels with scholarship, history and reflection, capturing the outrageous personalities, events, and vagaries of the 600-year-old Ottoman Empire.

Kinzer, Stephen. ***Crescent and Star: Turkey Between Two Worlds***. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2008. This insightful, anecdotal report on contemporary life, culture and politics in Turkey comes from a former *New York Times* Istanbul bureau chief who is especially attuned to the powerful geographic position of Turkey and its multiple identities in Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

- Koester, Helmut (Ed.). *Ephesos Metropolis of Asia: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Its Archaeology, Religion, and Culture*. Harvard Divinity School, 2004. This volume brings together studies of Ephesos - a major city in the Greco-Roman period and a primary center for the spread of Christianity into the Western world - by an international array of scholars from the fields of classics, fine arts, history of religion, New Testament, ancient Christianity, and archaeology.
- Lloyd, Seton. *Ancient Turkey, A Traveller's History*. University of California Press, 2013. A lively tale of cultures and conquest, from the Hittites to St. Paul, that illuminates the living past of Turkey's archaeological treasures. This classic by Lloyd, first director of the British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara, is now in a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition.
- MacQueen, J. G. *The Hittites and Their Contemporaries in Asia Minor*. Thames & Hudson, 1996. A solid introduction to the Hittites, an ancient people of modern-day Turkey.
- Madden, Thomas F. *Istanbul: City of Majesty at the Crossroads of the World*. Penguin Books, 2017. The first single-volume history of Istanbul in decades
- Matthews, Henry. *Greco-Roman Cities of Aegean Turkey: History, Archaeology, Architecture*. Ege Yayinlari, 2014. Filling a gap in available literature, Matthews brings alive the ancient cities of Aegean Turkey. He passionately explores history from the Bronze Age to the Byzantine era while lucidly explaining architectural principles. He guides readers through rugged mountains and fertile river valleys to 21 sites, including Troy.

## TRAVEL, BIOGRAPHY & MEMOIR

- Mango, Andrew. *Ataturk, The Biography of the Founder of Modern Turkey*. Overlook Press, 2022. Mango expertly traces Ataturk's rise to power after World War I, when this complex leader created the modern Turkish state and redefined the relationship between Europe and the Middle East.
- Pereira, Michael. *Mountains and a Shore, A Journey Through Southern Turkey*. Consortium, 2015. With a mild, dry humor and great attention to detail, Pereira writes of his travels in southern Turkey in early 1965. His travels from Marmaris to Mersin delve into the lives of the ordinary Turks he meets along the way.
- Settle, Mary Lee. *Turkish Reflections, A Biography of a Place*. Touchstone, 1991. Settle's captivating travelogue is a richly detailed portrait of contemporary Turkey, its people, monasteries, myths, archaeological treasures, and living traditions. Exemplary.

## LITERATURE

- De Bernieres, Louis. *Birds Without Wings*. Vintage Books, 2005. De Bernieres offers sweeping historical scope, memorable characters, drama and many new vocabulary words in this stupendous novel set in Anatolia during the collapse of the Ottoman Empire.
- Helms, Beth. *Dervishes: A Novel*. Picador USA, 2008. Largely about a woman's world with absent husbands, this moving novel follows 12-year-old Canada and her mother Grace, American expatriates in Ankara, and their friends.

Kemal, Yasar. *Memed, My Hawk*. NYRB, 2005. From Turkey's master storyteller comes this deceptively simple tale of a rebellious boy in the Taurus Mountains of rural Turkey.

Orga, Irfan. *Portrait of a Turkish Family*. Eland Publishing, 2003. Describes in chilling, yet affectionate, detail the disintegration of a wealthy Ottoman family, both financially and emotionally. It is rich with the scent of fin de siecle Istanbul in the last days of the Ottoman Empire. – Amazon.com

Pamuk, Orhan. *The Museum of Innocence*. Vintage International, 2010. “Mesmerizing, brilliantly realized...Deeply and compellingly explores the interplay between obsession and sentimentality...There is a master at work in this book...Istanbul—its sounds, its smells, its history—permeates everything.” — *Los Angeles Times*.

## NETFLIX SHOWS

- Black Money Love
- Dirilis: Ertugrul
- The Gift
- Midnight at the Pera Palace
- The Protector
- Rise of Empires: Ottoman
- What Happens to My Family