THE P.A.I. TURKISH BOOKCLUB

Herewith, a small selection from the many English language books that address Turkish history, life and culture. Not all of these are currently in print, but your local library may hold copies of some titles. Most will be available from second hand dealers via the internet. Please suggest others

History

Turkey - Norman Stone (Short history of Turkey from its origins to the present day)

Ancient Turkey - Seton Lloyd (Traveller's history tracing ebb & flow of ancient peoples)

The Trojan War - Barry Strauss (A new history from a military perspective)

The War that Killed Achilles - Caroline Alexander (Study of the Iliad & the Trojan War)

Children of Achilles - John Freely (Greeks in Asia Minor since the days of Troy)

Byzantium - Judith Herrin ("The surprising life of a medieval empire")

A Short History of Byzantium - J.J. Norwich (Compressed version of classic 3 vol work)

A Byzantine Journey - John Ash (Cultural history in the form of a Turkish journey)

Lost to the West - Lars Brownworth (Popular portrait of a neglected civilisation)

Constantinople - City of the World's Desire - Phillip Mansel (Colourful city history)

Lords of the Horizons - Jason Goodwin (Dramatic & detailed portrait of the Ottomans)

Gallipoli - Les Carlyon (Detailed study of the Gallipoli campaign)

Crescent and Star: Turkey Between Two Worlds - Stephen Kinzer (Contemporary study)

Archaeology, Art & Architecture

Aegean Turkey - George Bean (Classic archaeological study of central Western area)

Lycean Turkey - George Bean (Classic study of South Western region)

Byzantine Art - David Talbot Rice (Classic study of art and architecture)

Greek Literature & Mythology

* The Iliad - Homer

(Modern verse translations by Robert Fagles, Richmond Lattimore & Stephen Mitchell) Travelling Heroes in the Age of Homer - Robin Lane Fox

Travel Anthologies

Across the Hellespont - Richard Stoneman (Turkish travellers from Herodotus to Stark)

Turkish Coast Through Writers' Eyes - Rupert Scott (Focus on South Western shore)

Travel Commentary / Memoir

Ionia - Freya Stark (1952 journey along Western coast with Herodotus as her guide)
The Lycian Shore - Freya Stark (Yacht trip in the path of Persian and Greek traders)
South from Ephesus - Brian Sewell (Entertaining account of travels in Aegean Turkey)
The Western Shores of Turkey - John Freely (Distillation of many coastal journeys)
Turkish Reflections - Mary Lee Settle (Travelogue, history, & contemporary portrait)
Istanbul: Memories & the City - Orhan Pamuk (Author's account of his native city)

Travel Guides

DK Eyewitness Guide to Turkey
Cadogan Guides to Turkey / Western Turkey
Lonely Planet Guides to Turkey / Istanbul
Strolling Through Istanbul - John Freely (Classic walking guide to the city)
Gallipoli - The Pilgrimage Guide - Garrie Hutchison (Brief guide to history & sites)
Gallipoli - The Battlefield Guide - Matt McLachlan (Detailed guide to battlefields)

Literature / Fiction

Birds Without Wings - Louis de Bernieres (Epic novel set in the early 20th Century)
The Towers of Trezibond - Rose Macauley (Humorous novel about a journey in Turkey)
My Name is Red - Orhan Pamuk (Art, intrigue & murder in 16th Century Istanbul)