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## Reading List for Algeria



### ***Confessions***

*By St Augustine*

The son of a pagan father and a Christian mother, Saint Augustine spent his early years torn between conflicting faiths and world views. His *Confessions*, written when he was in his forties, recount how, slowly and painfully, he came to turn away from his youthful ideas and licentious lifestyle, to become instead a staunch advocate of Christianity and one of its most influential thinkers.



### ***The Nomad: The Diaries of Isabelle Eberhardt***

*By Isabelle Eberhardt & Liz Kershaw*

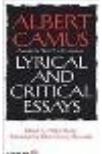
In her short life Isabelle Eberhardt (1877-1904) came to be known as the ultimate enigma and representative of everything that seemed dangerous in nineteenth century society. Born the illegitimate daughter of an aristocratic Russian emigre she was a cross-dresser and sensualist, an experienced drug-taker



### ***An Algerian Childhood: a collection of autobiographical narratives***

*by Leila Sebbar*

This unique anthology probes deeply into the diverse experiences of French and native Algerian, male and female, rich and poor, Muslim, Jewish, and Christian people who, through their writing, congregate here to recount personal tales of growing up in this region in North Africa, experiences that bind them as humans.



### ***Lyrical and Critical Essays***

*By Albert Camus*

Here now, for the first time in a complete English translation, we have Camus's three little volumes of essays, plus a selection of his critical comments on literature and his own place in it.



### ***Catiline's War, The Jurgurthine War, Histories***

*By Sallust*

Sallust is the earliest Roman historian of whom complete works survive, a senator of the Roman Republic and younger contemporary of Cicero, Pompey and Julius Caesar.



### ***A Traveller's History of North Africa***

*By Barnaby Rogerson*

Rogerson shows a mastery of his subject in this clear and literate history of the Maghrib . . . A fascinating account that should appeal not merely to travellers seeking an understanding of the region but also general readers with a taste for history.



### ***Rome in Africa***

*By Susan Raven*

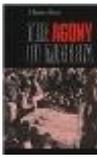
Nearly three thousand years ago the Phoenicians set up trading colonies on the coast of North Africa, and ever since successive civilizations have been imposed on the local inhabitants, largely from outside.



***The Battlefield: Algeria 1988-2002: Studies in a Broken Polity***

By Hugh Roberts

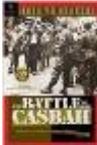
The violence that has ravaged Algeria in recent years has often defied explanation.



***The Agony of Algeria***

By Martin Stone

Stone provides a brief historical overview of Algeria since 1830 before focusing on three crucial phases of the postcolonial era: that of Ben Bella and Boumedienne; the reform era of Chadli Benjedid; and the political and economic crisis under the Higher States Committee (HCE).



***The Battle of the Casbah: Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism in Algeria, 1955-1957***

By Paul Aussaresses

This memoir by the infamous "torturer of Algiers" is now relevant to the new realities of America in Iraq and the treatment of terrorists as prisoners.



***A Savage War of Peace: Algeria 1954-1962***

By Alistair Horne

The Algerian War lasted from 1954 to 1962. It brought down six French governments, led to the collapse of the Fourth Republic, returned de Gaulle to power, and came close to provoking a civil war on French soil.



***Journal 1955-1962: Reflections on the French Algerian War***

By Mouloud Feraoun

Germaine Tillon in *Le Monde* shortly after Mouloud Feraoun's assassination by a right wing French terrorist group, the Organisation Armée Secrète, just three days before the official cease-fire ended Algeria's eight-year battle for independence from France.



***The Great War for Civilisation: The Conquest of the Middle East***

By Robert Fisk

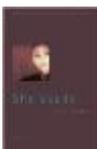
A sweeping and dramatic history of the last half century of conflict in the Middle East from an award-winning journalist who has covered the region for over forty years, *The Great War for Civilisation* unflinchingly chronicles the tragedy of the region from the Algerian Civil War to the Iranian Revolution.



***The Abductor***

By Leila Marouane

A Muslim family experiences tragedy and growth under Islamic law when their father, Aziz Zeitoun, violently repudiates his wife, Nayla, then attempts to remarry her within Islamic regulations.



***Sherazade***

By Leila Sebbar

Sherazade is seventeen, Algerian, and a runaway in Paris. This novel exposes with honesty and lyricism the various issues that affect a young woman living in a city which is both sophisticated and provincial, liberal and conservative, tolerant and prejudiced.



***Nedjma, a Novel***

By Ketib Yacine

Nedjma is a masterpiece of North African writing. Its intricate plot involves four men in love with the beautiful woman whose name serves as the title of the novel.



***Lovers of Algeria: A Novel***

*By Anouar Benmalek*

A breathless story of love and survival in war-torn Algeria-past and present  
The devil has entered our country, and his footprints are everywhere.



***The Poor Man's Son: Menrad, Kabyle Schoolteacher***

*By Mouloud Feraoun*

Like the autobiographical hero of this, his classic first novel, Mouloud Feraoun grew up in the rugged Kabyle region of French-controlled Algeria, where the prospects for most Muslim Berber men were limited to shepherding or emigrating to France for factory work.



***The Plague***

*By Albert Camus*

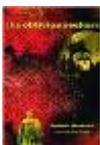
A haunting tale of human resilience in the face of unrelieved horror, Camus' novel about a bubonic plague ravaging the people of a North African coastal town is a classic of twentieth-century literature.



***Harbor***

*By Lorraine Adams*

A tremendously acclaimed and exquisitely realized novel of literary suspense, Harbor recounts the adventures of Aziz Arkoun who, at twenty-four, makes his way to America via the hold of an Algerian tanker and the icy waters of Boston harbor.



***The Oblivion Seekers***

*By Isabelle Eberhardt*

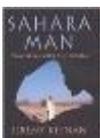
Stories and journal notes by an extraordinary young woman—adventurer and traveler, Arabic scholar, Sufi mystic and adept of the Djillala cult.



***The Magician's Wife***

*By Brian Moore*

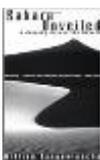
Based upon an actual incident from the early days of the French imperialist drive into North Africa, Brian Moore's latest bestseller, The Magician's Wife tells a profound story of political will in conflict with spiritual belief--and of one woman's desires and convictions.



***Sahara Man: Travelling with the Tuareg***

*by Jeremy Keenan*

Jeremy Keenan travelled to Algeria in search of the Tuareg, the fearsome indigo-veiled nomads of the Central Sahara with whom he had lived as a young anthropologist.



***Sahara Unveiled: A Journey across the Sahara***

*By William Langewiesche*

William Langewiesche came to the Sahara to see it as its inhabitants do, riding its public transport, braving its natural and human dangers, depending on its sparse sustenance and suspect hospitality. From his journey, which took him across the desert's hyperarid core from Algiers to Dakar, he has crafted a contemporary classic of travel writing.



***The Sword and the Cross***

*By Fergus Fleming*

The Sahara was the missing link in France's African Empire. The Sword and the Cross is the story of two fanatical adventurers who helped complete their country's imperial conquest.



### ***Conquest of the Sahara***

By Douglas Porch

In *The Conquest of the Sahara*, Douglas Porch tells the story of France's struggle to explore and dominate the great African desert at the turn of the century.



### ***The Colonial Harem***

By Malek Alloula

a cultural critique of orientalist postcards from French Algeria



### ***Inside Algeria***

By Michael von Graffenried

Michael von Graffenried, an award-winning Swiss photographer, covertly photographed civil strife in Algeria from the early 1990s through 1998.

## Film

See Algeria filmography at [www.arabfilm.com](http://www.arabfilm.com)

Highlights- *Chronicle of the Years of Embers*, *Bab El Oued City*, *Salut Cousin!*, *The Battle of Algiers*

Foreign films- *Pepe le Moko* (1937)

in English as *Algiers* (1938)