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Anthropology/Archaeology

Friglerin Gizemli Uygarligi - The Mysterious Civilization of the Phrygians / Hakan Sivas, Taciser Tufekci Sivas (Eds)
Istanbul: Yapi Kredit Kultur Sanat Yayıncılık Ticaret ve Sanayi, 2007
295p.; 29cm
ISBN: 9789750813528
\$ 150.00

Art

The Influence of Turkic Culture on Mamluk Carpets / Sumiyo Okumura
Istanbul: Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA), 2007
277p.; 31cm
Includes bibliographical references
Bibliography: p. 269-276
ISBN: 9789290631644
Islamic Art Series : 11
1. Carpets, Mamluk.
2. Carpets, Mamluk—Catalogs.
3. Art, Mamluk—Turkic influences.
4. Civilization, Turkic.
\$ 120.00

This book introduces the Mamluk carpets to us from an original perspective. These carpets were renowned throughout the world and considered as most valuable both by Mamluk sultans and western aristocrats until the sixteenth century. Mamluk carpets are thought to have been woven in Egypt, Syria and Southeast Anatolia and can be distinguished from other carpets in their many unique characteristics, which the author examines comprehensively and in detailed manner. The analysis is enriched by an evaluation of the influence of Turkic cultures on Mamluk carpets in the light of the historical relationship between the Mongols, the Ilkhanids and the Mamluks. The book will appeal to the researcher as well as to the general reader.

General/ Guide Books

Walking Thru Byzantium: Great Palace Region / Jan Kosteneč
Istanbul: Grafbas A.S & 3D Maket Ltd, 2007
168p.; 22cm
ISBN: 9789944099400
\$ 45.00

History / Biographies

Music by my Bedside: Kursat Basar
Istanbul : Everest Publications, 2007
462p.; 20cm
ISBN: 9789752894372
\$ 39.95

Les Levantins – Cadres de vie et identites d'un groupe ethno-confessionnel de l'empire ottoman au "long" 19e siecle / Oliver Jens Schmitt
Istanbul: Les Editions Isis, 2007
571p.; 24cm
ISBN: 9789754283488
In French
\$ 65.00

Identite Et Nationalite Chez Les Bulgares Ottomans – Alexandre Exarh (1810-1891) / Pierre Voillery
Istanbul: Les Editions Isis, 2007
549p.; 24cm
ISBN: 9789754283501
In French
\$ 65.00

Mevlana / Osman Horata, Adnan Karaismailoglu (Eds)
Ankara: Ministry of Culture and Tourism, 2007
416p.; 31cm.
1 CD
ISBN: 9789751732903
\$ 165.00

The book of Mevlana has been prepared on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of Mevlana's birth; it is intended to offer readers drops taken from Mevlana's sea of the heart, which he describes as "as a boundless and infinite sea that it is like an ocean." In the first part of the book, we have included articles that will guide those who want to make a journey through this ocean. In these articles, except for some technical issues, the preferences of the authors in manners of style have been observed.

Mevlana states that he dedicated his life to cultivating roses in the hearts of people. "The heart is a hidden garden, its trees are hidden. They appear with a hundred forms, but they have only one true form." The roses of "unity" and "love" that are tended by Mevlana are still fresh, despite the many centuries that have past since he lived. And the drops scattered from his bundles sea continue to quench those who have a thirst.

Ara Guler: A Photographical Sketch on Lost Istanbul
Istanbul: Dunya Sirketler Grubu, 2007
189p.; 34cm
ISBN: 9757632015
\$ 200.00

***Gallipoli 1915: Through Turkish Eyes / Haluk Oral
Istanbul: Turkiye Is Bankasi Kultur Yayinlari, 2007
485p.; 31cm
ISBN: 9789944882170
\$ 295.00

This book is the product of Haluk Oral's passionate quest of some twenty years, during which he fastidiously collected the documents, object and recollections you will read about herein. It is not a typical study of war history. At the heart of his work are the 'human landscapes' of the Battle of Anburnu, one of the most critical clashes of the Gallipoli Campaign. The author traces the stories

of the people of both sides, shaped as they were on the thin line dividing life and death, there on that narrow coastal strip.

A bloodstained map, a flask inscribed with its owner's name, purchased from an antique shop and an order handwritten by Mustafa Kemal are just a few of the objects that serve as the points of departure for the stories in this book, which proves the significance of not only the written word but of visuality in reimagining history, provide us with important clues to the past. With its 'micro' history approach, this volume deftly reveals aspects of history that are hidden in the details and thus so often overlooked by 'macro' history.

Literature

Istanbul Gathering / Roddy O'Connor
Istanbul: Citlembik Publications, 2007
272p.; 21cm
ISBN: 9789944424240

1. Istanbul (Turkey)-Social life and customs-Fiction
\$ 29.95

Life with a View: A Turkish Quest / Toni Sepeda
Istanbul: Citlembik Publication, 2007
307p.; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9789944424202

1. Sepeda, Toni-Diaries – 2. Black Sea Region – Description and travel – 3. Black Sea Coast (Turkey) – Description and travel
\$ 29.95

Life with a View: A Turkish Quest is the story of Toni Sepeda and her partner Craig, Americans who fall in love with Black Sea Turkey and decide to build a house with a "view of the sea" on the coast. Their heads filled with the legends of those who came before them – Ulysses, Jason and the Argonauts, Xenophon-they draw parallels between the struggles of the antique heroes and their own modern quest to overcome unforeseen obstacles, battle for water and electricity, and finally persevere and even flourish in their new home.

The Cistern / K. Kamal Ayyildiz
Istanbul: Citlembik Publications, 2004
63p.; 18cm
ISBN: 9756663596
\$ 40.00

Politics/International Relations

Turkish Politics in a Changing World: Global Dynamics and Domestic Transformations / E. Fuat Keyman & Ziya Onis
Istanbul: Bilgi University Press,2007
342p.; 23cm
Includes bibliographical references and index
ISBN: 9786053990055

1. Turkey-Politics and government – 20th century.
\$ 60.00

In Turkish Politics in a Changing World, Keyman and Onis provide a historical, sociological and political-economic analysis of Turkish politics by methodologically locating the governing of Turkey at the intersection of global-regional-national-local interactions. Their analysis of Turkish politics, exceptional for its analytical and methodological richness and explanatory power, makes a significant contribution in advancing our understanding of contemporary Turkey.

Valley of the Greek Cypriots in Cyprus – Tassos Papadopoulos / Kivanc Galip Over
Istanbul: Kaknus Publishing, 2007
222p.; 21cm

ISBN: 9789752561472
\$ 29.95