

**An invitation to join the**



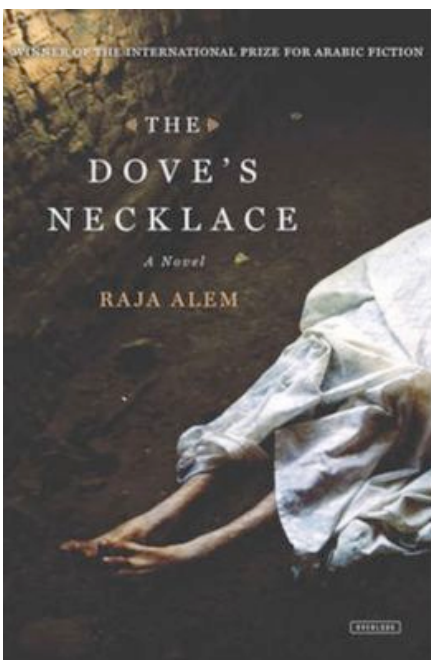
# Book Club

The Banipal Book Club meets regularly to discuss Arab literature, mainly fiction. The Meetings are informal and conducted in English. The books discussed are available in English translation.



*The next Book Club meeting is on*  
**Wednesday, 29 November 2017**  
**6:30-8pm, in the Library,**  
**The Arab British Centre,**  
**1Gough Square, London, EC4A3DE**  
(<http://www.arabbritishcentre.org.uk>)

We will be discussing *The Dove's Necklace* by Saudi Arabian author Raja Alem, which won the International Prize for Arabic Fiction in 2011:  
<http://www.arabicfiction.org/en/The-Doves->



*Mu'az, the photographer's apprentice, was leaping between two roofs when he froze in mid-air, transfixed by what he saw below. Deep in the cleft between the two houses was the body. In Mecca's 'Lane of Many Heads' lies the unclothed body of a murdered woman. Nobody claims the victim: her nudity is a source of shame in the Holy City's strictly conservative culture. When the cholesterol-riddled and sleep-deprived detective Nasser al-Qahtani takes charge of the investigation, he is soon confronted by some of Mecca's darkest secrets – by its corruption, poverty, misogyny and rampant greed.*

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The book club is informal and free to attend but spaces are limited so please RSVP to [bookclub@banipal.co.uk](mailto:bookclub@banipal.co.uk) by email or via the Facebook page.