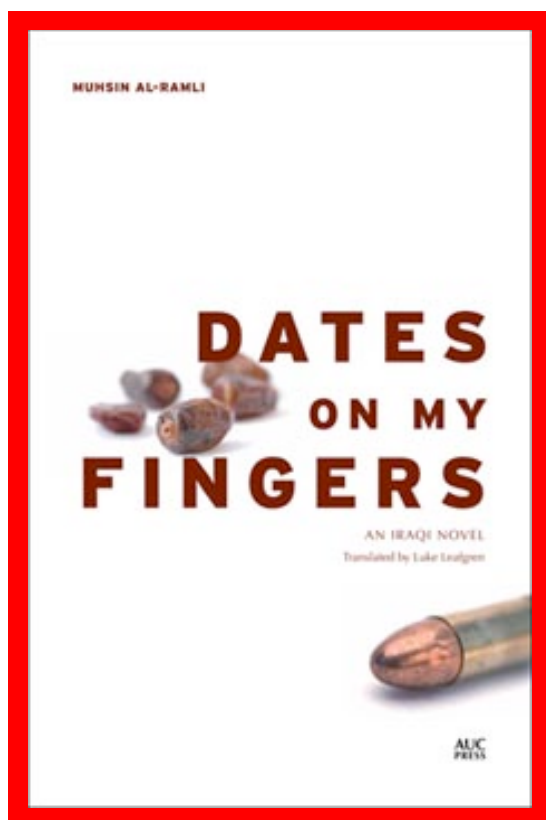


*An invitation to join the*

# Banipal Book Club

The Banipal Book Club meets regularly to discuss Arab literature. The meetings are informal and conducted in English. The novels discussed are available in English translation.



*The next Book Club meeting is on*

**Thursday, 30 March 2017**

**6:30-8pm, in the Library,**

**the Arab British Centre,**

**1 Gough Square, London, EC4A 3DE**

<http://www.arabbritishcentre.org.uk>

We will be discussing *Dates on my Fingers* by Iraqi author Muhsin al-Ramli, translated by Luke Leafgren. Its Arabic original was longlisted for the 2010 International Prize for Arabic Fiction.

The book club is free to attend but spaces are limited so please RSVP to:

[bookclub@banipal.co.uk](mailto:bookclub@banipal.co.uk)

“When Saleem stumbles across his father by chance in a Madrid nightclub, he barely recognises him but for an old keychain made from a single copper bullet. This bullet has long acted as a potent reminder of an oath for revenge, made years earlier in their Iraqi homeland.”

So begins the review of *Dates on my Fingers* in *Banipal 52 – New Fiction*. Read on at [http://www.banipal.co.uk/book\\_reviews/136/dates-on-my-fingers/](http://www.banipal.co.uk/book_reviews/136/dates-on-my-fingers/).

A copy is in the BALMAL Library at <http://www.arabbritishcentre.org.uk/library/dates-fingers/>

“A powerful portrait of an oppressed Iraq, Ramli's novel transforms incidents from the recent past into timeless fables, allowing readers to draw their own parallels.”

India Stoughton, *The Daily Star*, Beirut.

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