

# Turkey

## Recommended Reading List

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Title	Review
<p><b><i>Ataturk: The Biography of the Founder of Modern Turkey (2002)</i></b> Andrew Mango</p> <p>Overlook Press. New York ISBN-10: 158567334X ISBN-13: 978-158567334X</p>	<p>In this biography of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the first to appear in English, Andrew Mango strips away the myth to show the complexities of one of the most visionary, influential, and enigmatic statesmen of the century. Mustafa Kemal Ataturk was virtually unknown until 1919, when he took the lead in thwarting the victorious Allies' plan to partition the Turkish core of the Ottoman Empire. He divided the Allies, defeated the last Sultan, and secured the territory of the Turkish national state, becoming the first president of the new republic in 1923.</p> <p>Andrew Mango's revealing portrait of Ataturk throws light on matters of great importance today-resurgent nationalism, religious fundamentalism, and the reality of democracy.</p>
<p><b><i>The Turks Today (2006)</i></b> Andrew Mango</p> <p>Overlook Press. New York ISBN-10: 1585677566 ISBN-13: 978-1585677566</p>	<p>Eighty years have passed since Mustafa Kemal Ataturk founded the Turkish Republic out of the ruins of the Ottoman Empire and set it on the path of modernization. He was determined that his country should be accepted as a member of the family of civilized nations. Today, Turkey is a rapidly developing country, an emergent market, and a medium-sized regional power with the second strongest army in NATO. It is an open country which attracts millions of tourists, thousands of foreign businessmen and hundreds of researchers. They enjoy Turkish hospitality, experience its rich landscape and history, but find it hard to form an overall picture of the country.</p> <p>In this effective sequel to <i>Ataturk</i>, Andrew Mango provides such an overall portrait, tracing the republic's development since the death of its founder and bringing to life the Turkish people and their vibrant society today. <i>The Turks Today</i> also interprets the latest academic research for a broader audience.</p>
<p><b><i>New Turkish Republic: Turkey as a Pivotal State in the Muslim World (2007)</i></b> Graham Fuller</p> <p>United States Institute of Peace Press. Washington DC ISBN-10: 1601270194 ISBN-13: 978-1601270194</p>	<p>The first in a series of volumes that examine pivotal states in the Muslim world, this timely work explores how, after a long period of isolation, Turkey is becoming a major player in Middle Eastern politics once again. In fact, by acting independently and attempting to reconcile its constitutionally secular form of governance and vibrant traditional culture, it is now for the first time becoming positively viewed by others in the Muslim world as a state worth watching - and maybe even emulating. As a result, Turkey's dynamic political scene and new search for independence in its foreign policy, however complicating or irritating for the United States today, will nonetheless ultimately serve the best interests of Turkey, the Middle East, and even the West.</p>

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<p><i>The Emergence of Modern Turkey (2002)</i> Bernard Lewis</p> <p>Oxford University Press. London ISBN: 0-19-513460-5</p>	<p>Written by renowned scholar Bernard Lewis, <i>The Emergence of Modern Turkey</i> has established itself as the preferred one-volume history of modern Turkey. It covers the emergence of Turkey over two centuries, from the decline and collapse of the Ottoman Empire up to the present day. In a new chapter, Lewis discusses the origins of his book in the Cold War era and the events that have taken place since its first publication in 1961. This new edition addresses Turkey's emergence as a decidedly Western-oriented power despite internal opposition from neutralists and Islamic fundamentalists. It examines such issues as Turkey's inclusion in NATO and application to the European Union, and its involvement with the politics of the Middle East. Authoritative and insightful, <i>The Emergence of Modern Turkey</i> remains the classic text on the history of modern Turkey.</p>
<p><i>The Turks in World History (2005)</i> Carter Vaughn Findley</p> <p>Oxford University Press. New York ISBN: 0-19-517726-6</p>	<p>Beginning in Inner Asia two thousand years ago, the Turks have migrated and expanded to form today's Turkish Republic, five post-Soviet republics, other societies across Eurasia, and a global diaspora. For the first time in a single, accessible volume, this book traces the Turkic peoples' trajectory from steppe, to empire, to nation-state. Cultural, economic, social, and political history unite in these pages to illuminate the projection of Turkic identity across space and time and the profound transformations marked successively by the Turks' entry into Islam and into modernity.</p>
<p><i>Istanbul: Memories and the City (2006)</i> Orhan Pamuk</p> <p>Vintage Books. New York ISBN-10: 1400033888 ISBN-13: 978-1400033881</p>	<p>A shimmering evocation, by turns intimate and panoramic, of one of the world's great cities, by its foremost writer. Orhan Pamuk was born in Istanbul and still lives in the family apartment building where his mother first held him in her arms. His portrait of his city is thus also a self-portrait, refracted by memory and the melancholy-or <i>hüzün</i>- that all <i>Istanbullus</i> share: the sadness that comes of living amid the ruins of a lost empire.</p> <p>With cinematic fluidity, Pamuk moves from his glamorous, unhappy parents to the gorgeous, decrepit mansions overlooking the Bosphorus; from the dawning of his self-consciousness to the writers and painters-both Turkish and foreign-who would shape his consciousness of his city. Like Joyce's Dublin and Borges' Buenos Aires, Pamuk's <i>Istanbul</i> is a triumphant encounter of place and sensibility, beautifully written and immensely moving.</p>
<p><i>John Freely's Istanbul (2006)</i> John Freely</p> <p>Scala Publishers. London ISBN-10: 1857593065 ISBN -13: 978-1857593068</p>	<p>John Freely has explored, loved and illuminated his adopted city of Istanbul for forty-three years. Author of the best-selling <i>Strolling Through Istanbul</i>, he has written more than thirty books on the history and topography of the city. To walk the streets, to climb the hills, to visit the mosques and palaces of Istanbul with Freely is to learn first-hand the multi-faceted history of the New Rome, and of the Turkish Imperial capital that succeeded it. Here, he looks afresh at the city with which he has been intimately connected for nearly half a century.</p>

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	Stunningly illustrated with contemporary photographs and far-ranging historical material, <i>John Freely's Istanbul</i> is the summation of the passion and knowledge of the city's greatest modern biographer.
<p><b><i>Lonely Planet: Turkey Country Guide (2009)</i></b> James Bainbridge</p> <p>Lonely Planet Press. Oakland ISBN-10: 174104927X ISBN-13: 978-1741049275</p>	Lonely Planet knows Turkey: paraglide over the velvety Mediterranean, haggle good-naturedly in the bazaars or enjoy the views from Mt Ararat, just like Noah and his animals - our 11th edition helps you experience Turkey's best.
<p><b><i>Crescent and Star: Turkey Between Two Worlds (2008)</i></b> Stephen Kinzer</p> <p>Farrar, Straus and Giroux. New York ISBN-10: 0374531404 ISBN-13: 978-0374531409</p>	<p>In the first edition of this widely praised book, Stephen Kinzer made the convincing claim that Turkey was the country to watch—poised between Europe and Asia, between the glories of its Ottoman past and its hopes for a democratic future, between the dominance of its army and the needs of its civilian citizens, between its secular expectations and its Muslim traditions.</p> <p>In this newly revised edition, he adds much important new information on the many exciting transformations in Turkey's government and politics that have kept it in the headlines, and also shows how recent developments in both American and European policies (and not only the war in Iraq) have affected this unique and perplexing nation.</p>
<p><b><i>Winning Turkey: How America, Europe, and Turkey Can Revive a Fading Partnership (2008)</i></b> Philip Gordon, Omer Taspinar, and Soli Ozel</p> <p>Brookings Institution. Washington DC ISBN: 978-0-8157-3215-0</p>	Turkey has always been a crossroads: the point where East meets West, Europe meets Asia, and Christianity meets Islam. Turkey has also been a close and important American ally, but a series of converging political and strategic factors have now endangered its longstanding Western and democratic orientation. In <i>Winning Turkey</i> , two leading analysts explain this worrisome situation and present a plan for improving it.