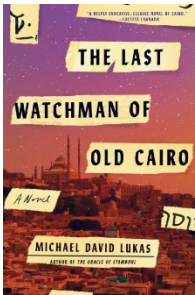
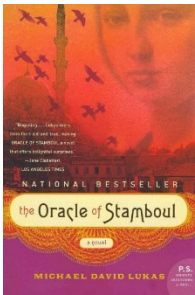


The Last Watchman of Old Cairo **by Michael David Lukas**



A college student receives a mysterious package that ignites a historical investigation that exposes incredible aspects of his family history and its ties to the Ibn Ezra Synagogue in Old Cairo. Winner of the American Library Association's Sophie Brody Award, the National Jewish Book Award, and the Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature.



Also by Michael David Lukas:

The Oracle of Stamboul

Raised by a carpet merchant father and resentful stepmother after a prophesied birth, Eleonora is recognized as a prodigy before stowing away to Stamboul, where she charms the eccentric Sultan Abdulhamid II and changes the course of history during the last days of the Ottoman Empire.

FURTHER READING:

***Sacred Treasure, The Cairo Genizah: The Amazing Discoveries of Forgotten Jewish History in an Egyptian Synagogue Attic* by Mark Glickman**

This accessible, comprehensive account of the astounding discovery of nearly 300,000 early and medieval manuscripts explores why this enormous collection was amassed, how it was discovered, the many lessons to be found in its contents, and how Schechter's find forever transformed our knowledge of the Jewish past, Muslim history and much more.

***Sacred Trash: The Lost and Found World of the Cairo Geniza* by Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole**

This tale of buried communal treasure weaves together unforgettable portraits of Solomon Schechter and the other modern heroes responsible for the collection's rescue with explorations of the medieval documents themselves. Presenting a pan-oramic view of almost a thousand years of vibrant Mediterranean Judaism, Hoffman and Cole bring readers into the heart of this little-known trove, whose contents have rightly been dubbed "the Living Sea Scrolls."

***The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit: My Family's Exodus from Old Cairo to the New World* by Lucette Lagnado**

The daughter of a once-successful Jewish boulevardier traces her youth in post-World War II Cairo before and after Gamal Abdel Nasser's nationalization of Egyptian industry, an event that caused her family to lose everything and forced them to flee to America. See also: *The Arrogant Years: One Girl's Search for Her Lost Youth, from Cairo to Brooklyn*

***Fortifications and the Synagogue: The Fortress of Babylon and the Ben Ezra Synagogue, Cairo* edited by Phyllis Lambert**

Copiously illustrated with plans, engravings, and photographs, this oversized book describes the recent restoration of the Ben Ezra Synagogue, as well as the historical and archaeological research essential to its preservation and to an understanding of the religious communities that founded modern Cairo.

***Memories of a Lost Egypt: A Memoir with Recipes* by Colette Rossant**

A James Beard Award-winning journalist presents a combination memoir and cookbook in which she describes growing up in French colonial Egypt and presents a richly exotic collection of recipes that blend a variety of cultural influences.

***The Sisters of Sinai: How Two Lady Adventurers Discovered the Hidden Gospels* by Janet Soskice**

Agnes and Margaret Smith were not your typical Victorian scholars or adventurers. Female, middle-aged, and without university degrees or formal language training, the twin sisters nevertheless made one of the most important scriptural discoveries of their time.

***Dream Homes: From Cairo to Katrina, An Exile's Journey* by Joyce Zonana**

Born to Egyptian Sephardic Jews who fled to the United States after the Arab-Israeli war of 1948, Joyce Zonana spent her childhood in Brooklyn. But her experience of Jewish culture was very different from that of the other children she knew, from the foods they ate to the language they spoke. As she struggled to find a sense of inclusion, never feeling completely American or completely Egyptian, a childhood trip to Brazil became the basis for a lifelong quest to find her place in the world.

From Cairo to the Cloud (DVD)

The story of the astonishing collection of ancient manuscripts hidden for centuries in a Cairo synagogue, and their remarkable odyssey to the modern world featuring interviews with forty experts who chart the strange discovery and continued scholarship of the mass of rare random documents that make for a rich "Medieval Facebook."

READ-ALIKES:

***And After the Fire* by Lauren Belfer**

A tale inspired by historical events traces the experiences of two women whose lives are transformed by a mysterious Johann Sebastian Bach choral masterpiece.

***People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks**

Offered a coveted job to analyze and conserve a priceless Sarajevo Haggadah, Australian rare-book expert Hanna Heath discovers a series of tiny artifacts in the volume's ancient binding that reveal its historically significant origins.

***The Aleppo Codex: A True Story of Obsession, Faith, and the Pursuit of an Ancient Bible* by Matti Friedman**

Describes the history of the tenth-century annotated bible known as the Aleppo Codex, from its hiding place in a Syrian synagogue to the newly founded state of Israel.

***A Guide for the Perplexed* by Dara Horn**

While consulting at an Egyptian library, software prodigy Josie Ashkenazi is kidnapped and her talent for preserving memories becomes her only means of escape as the power of her ingenious work is revealed, while at home, her jealous sister Judith takes over her life at home.

***Light of My Eye* by Paula Jacques**

A novel that depicts the turbulent last days of the Egyptian-Jewish community in Cairo, during the strange and ominous time between the collapse of the Egyptian monarchy and Nasser's rise to power.

***The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish**

An ailing historian with a fondness for Jewish history reviews 17th century documents discovered during a renovation in London, and learns the story of an anonymous scribe working for a blind rabbi just before the onslaught of the plague.

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