



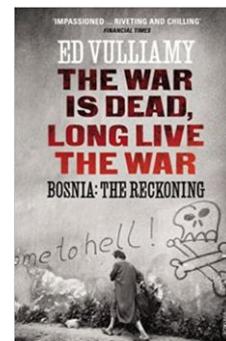
Recommended Reading List

Books on Srebrenica and the Bosnian War

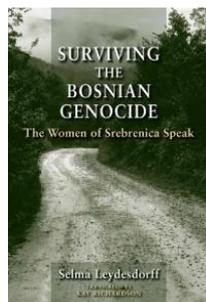
The War is Dead, Long Live the War by Ed Vulliamy

Vulliamy is best known as one of the trio of journalists who exposed the existence of the Bosnian Serb camps at Omarska and Trnopolje in 1992. But long before then he had been patrolling former Yugoslavia, highlighting atrocities wherever he found them.

The War is Dead, Long Live the War is not a conventional history of the past 20 years. It is an account of two decades of the author's attempts to chart the tragic narratives of a handful of Bosniak communities – and to confront their abusers, whether at the war crimes tribunal in The Hague or in grim small towns across the southern Balkans. It is also part memoir: in one of the more powerful personal passages the author lays bare his agonising over testifying at The Hague.



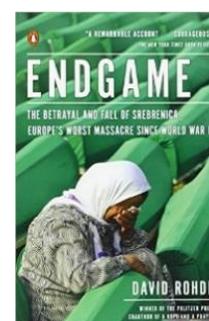
Surviving the Bosnian Genocide: The Women of Srebrenica Speak by Selma Leydesdorff



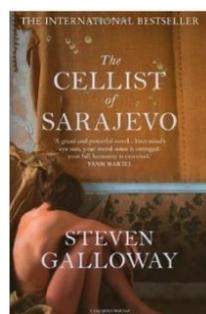
Dutch historian, Selma Leydesdorff, brings together the testimonies of 60 women who survived the genocide in Srebrenica. Through the interviews, the author paints a picture of pre-war Bosnia, when the Bosniaks, Croats, and Serbs co-existed peacefully, through to the post-war period where many of them still live as refugees. The stories of these women, and their courage highlight their humanity in what was a grotesquely inhumane situation.

Endgame: The Betrayal and Fall of Srebrenica by David Rohde

In 1996 David Rohde was covering the war in Bosnia for 'The Christian Science Monitor' when he discovered the mass graves in Srebrenica. Endgame reconstructs the harrowing tale of war and atrocity that won him the Pulitzer Prize. Rohde draws on previously undisclosed accounts of top-level UN meetings, internal documents, and hundreds of interviews with participants on all sides to relate the story of Srebrenica. Endgame is a tale of cynical power politics in the post-Cold War era, a case study in genocide, and a disturbing testament to the power of propaganda and self-delusion.



The Cellist of Sarajevo by Steven Galloway

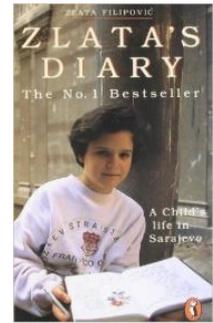


An international bestseller which tells the story of life during the siege of Sarajevo from four different people going about their everyday lives and knowing that the next bullet could strike at any moment. It describes how the ordinary men and women of Sarajevo strive to go about their daily lives as best they can. Kenan faces the agonizing dilemma of crossing the city to get water for his family. Dragan, gripped by fear, does not know who among his friends he can trust. And Arrow, a young woman counter-sniper must push herself to the limit. The book shows, when the everyday act of crossing the street can risk lives, the human spirit is revealed in all its fortitude - and frailty.

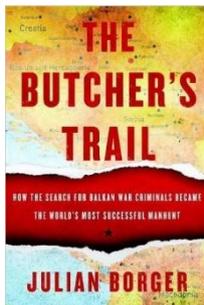


Zlata's Diary by Zlata Filipović

Zlata Filipović was given a diary shortly before her tenth birthday and began to write in it regularly. She was an ordinary little girl but the distant murmur of war draws begins to affect her life her friends begin to leave the city, her school is closed and then bombardments begin. The pathos and power of Zlata's diary comes from watching the destruction of a childhood. Her circle of friends is increasingly replaced by international journalists who come to hear of this little girl's courage and resilience. But the reality is that, as they fly off with the latest story of Zlata, she remains behind, writing her deepest feelings to 'Mimmy', her diary, and her last remaining friend.



The Butcher's Trail by Julian Borger



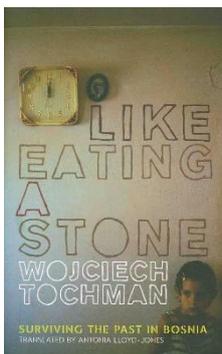
Written with a thrilling narrative pull, *The Butcher's Trail* chronicles the pursuit and capture of the Balkan war criminals indicted by the International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague. Borger recounts how Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic - both now on trial in The Hague - were finally tracked down, and describes the intrigue behind the arrest of Slobodan Milosevic, the Yugoslav president who became the first head of state to stand before an international tribunal for crimes perpetrated in a time of war.

Surviving Srebrenica – Hasan Hasanović

'Surviving Srebrenica' is the moving personal account of a young Bosnian Muslim, Hasan Hasanović, and his family during the conflict that wracked the Balkans in the 1990s. The story takes the reader into the heart of a simple farming family and their lives before, during and after the war. Hasan's account includes tragedy and triumph and is a must read for anyone interested in understanding how a genocide developed again on European soil.



Like Eating a Stone - Wojciech Tochman



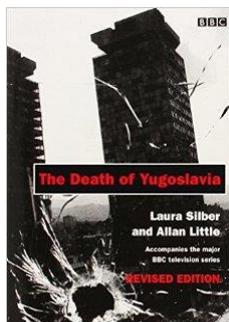
A powerful, disturbing account of the Bosnian experience told uniquely from the point of view of civilian victims, mainly women involved in the conflict. One of the main characters is a female forensic anthropologist, who collects and identifies human remains.

The book follows a few women as they travel through the post-war landscape (from mass graves, to their old, now abandoned houses) and visit the scenes of their loss.



General Background on Bosnia and the Former Yugoslavia

The Death of Yugoslavia by Laura Silber & Allan Little

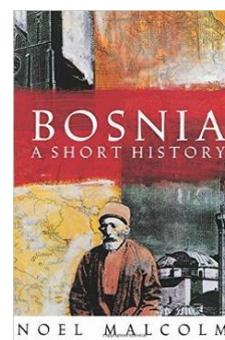


Recognised as one of the most comprehensive and clear accounts on the bloody collapse of the Former Yugoslavia. It is excellently presented, easily readable and accessible to those with or without prior knowledge of the issue. This extraordinary book is the first to identify and reconstruct the key moments and pivotal events in both the path to war, and in the war itself. For the first time, all the heads of the rival states tell the inside story of the start of the conflict. Written with flair and authority, *Yugoslavia: Death of a Nation* explains how we arrived at the atrocities that no one could imagine in the euphoria surrounding the collapse of the Berlin Wall in 1989. The book is accompanied by an equally detailed and captivating BBC series called 'The Death of Yugoslavia' (Link below in recommended watch list)

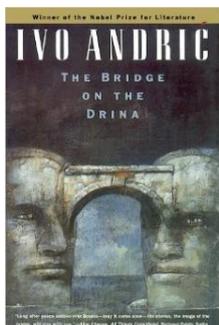
Bosnia: A Short History by Noel Malcolm

Written by Noel Malcolm, this book traces the origin and formation of the Bosnian state, from the tribal migration of the Slavs, up to the conflict in the 90s that led to its independence. The book diminishes the myth of the conflict's inevitability; that ancient religious hatreds were embedded within the Balkans, and unleashed upon the region after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

For anyone who wishes to understand the conflict that led to the formation of Bosnia's statehood, or to appreciate some of the historical background to the woes that afflict contemporary Bosnian politics, then Malcolm's *Bosnia* is an authoritative and accessible summary of Bosnian history.



The Bridge on the Drina by Ivo Andrić

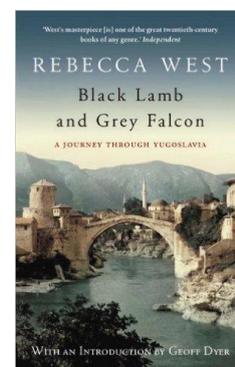


Written by Ivo Andrić, who received the Nobel Prize for Literature for his novel, *The Bridge on the Drina* is a vivid depiction of the suffering history has imposed upon the people of Bosnia from the late 16th century to the beginning of World War I. As we seek to make sense of the modern nightmare in this region, this remarkable, timely book serves as a reliable guide to its people and history.

"No better introduction to the study of Balkan and Ottoman history exists, nor do I know of any work of fiction that more persuasively introduces the reader to a civilization other than our own." – Taken from the introduction by William H. McNeill.

Black Lamb and Grey Falcon by Rebecca West

"*Black Lamb and Grey Falcon*" bears the travel-book subtitle of "A Journey Through Yugoslavia," First published in 1942, Rebecca West's epic masterpiece is widely regarded as the most illuminating book to have been written on the former state of Yugoslavia. It is a work of enduring value that remains essential for anyone attempting to understand the complex history of the Balkan states, and the continuing friction in this area of Europe. By the time Rebecca West published her book in 1940, her beloved South Slavs were again engulfed in war with Germany. The dedication at the front reads: "To my friends in Yugoslavia, who are all now either dead or enslaved."



All those listed are available on Amazon.co.uk for between £5-£20



Recommended Watch List

Remembering Srebrenica's YouTube Channel

Each year our charity produces a documentary that focuses on the year's theme.

Below are the links to our three key documentaries:

1. *Silent Emotions:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PLJcD9Qam7Hktp1at83apAn479CX7LuEtp&v=y5FzjX1yefE>

2. *21 Honouring the Lost Generation:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Ut2UIXze8g>

3. *Breaking the Silence:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=doUqTUKl1qk>

A Deadly Warning Srebrenica Revisited

This is a BBC documentary made about our charity's 'Lessons from Srebrenica' visit programme. The BBC follow a group of young people all born on the year of the genocide as they learn about Srebrenica with the charity. From the Telegraph: "It's twin points – that the Srebrenica massacre was not only a crime against Bosnian Muslims but a crime against humanity; and that the best defence against extremism and sectarian hatred is to educate our young people – were simply made and powerful."



Available on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUpCPLouNgg>

A Cry from the Grave



The BBC documentary, "Srebrenica: A Cry from Grave", by Director Leslie Woodhead is a harrowing account of the Srebrenica Genocide that saw the extermination of 8,372 innocent Bosnian Muslim civilians in the summer of 1995. The film begins with an eerie extended clip of a tourism video, depicting a peaceful, scenic Srebrenica that saw visitors flock from all over Europe.

The documentary goes on to share first-hand accounts from survivors, alongside the testimonies from the Dutch peacekeepers and government officials, which provide a thorough and detailed breakdown of how Srebrenica was attacked.

Available on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5593&v=Flw801iX84

The Death of Yugoslavia

The accompanying documentary to the book mentioned in the reading list. It covers the collapse of Yugoslavia, the subsequent wars and the signing of the final peace accords. It uses a combination of archived footage interspersed with interviews with most of the main players in the conflict, including Slobodan Milošević, Radovan Karadžić, Franjo Tuđman and Alija Izetbegović, as well as members of the International political community, who were active in the various peace initiatives.



Available on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DdS9M7oSV0g>