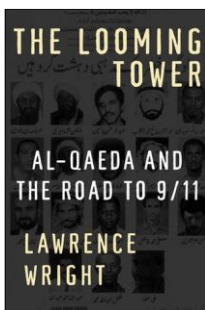
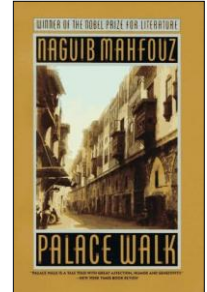


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## Mahfouz, Naguib. The Cairo trilogy.

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## Wright, Lawrence.

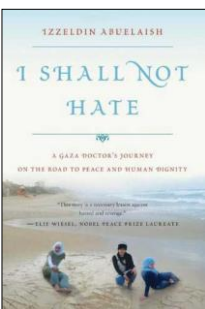
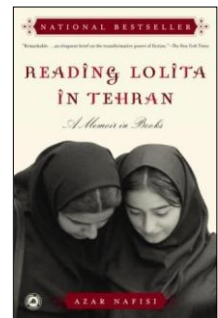
### Looming tower: Al Qaeda and the road to 9/11.

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## Nafisi, Azar.

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## Abuelaish, Izzeldin.

### I shall not hate: a Gaza doctor's journey.

Abuelaish, a fertility doctor now settled in Canada, writes about his lifelong struggle as a Palestinian to reconcile and forgive. He lost three daughters and a niece to the bombings in Gaza only two years ago but refuses to hate. A big-hearted book by a big-hearted man.

## Brooks, Geraldine. Nine parts of desire.

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