



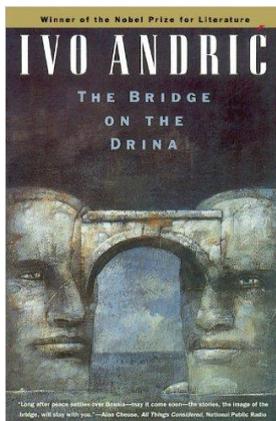
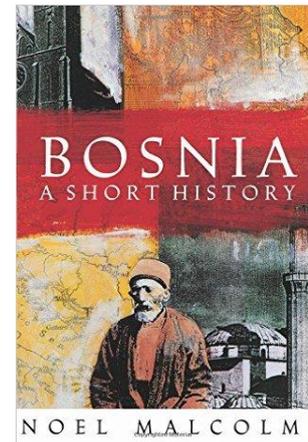
Recommended Reading List

General Background on Bosnia and the Former Yugoslavia

Bosnia: A Short History by Noel Malcolm

Written by a respected academic who has extensive experience in journalism, this book is that rare thing: well researched, accessible, readable, and at times gripping. Malcolm's account describes the growth and development of a distinct Bosnian ethnicity, and along the way, he demolishes myths used as propaganda by ethnic purists.

The 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.



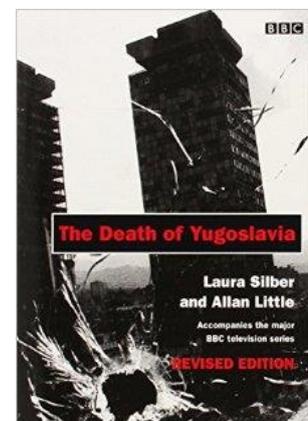
The Bridge on the Drina by Ivo Andrić

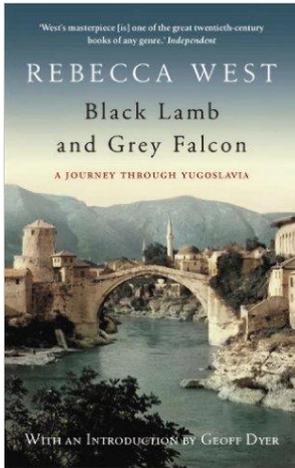
Written by Ivo Andrić, who received the Nobel Prize for Literature for his novel, *The Bridge on the Drina* is a vivid depiction of the suffering history has imposed upon the people of Bosnia from the late 16th century to the beginning of World War I. As we seek to make sense of the modern nightmare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

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' ([available on YouTube](#)).





Black Lamb and Grey Falcon by Rebecca West

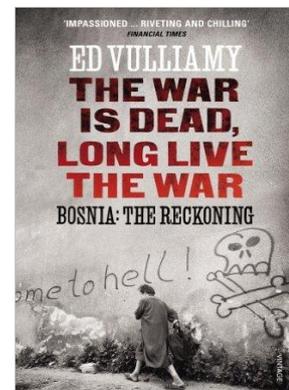
"Black Lamb and Grey Falcon" bears the travel-book subtitle of "A Journey Through Yugoslavia," and it follows with consummate success, the travel-book formula of history and description and characterization on a thread of personal experience. But it is safe to say that as a travel book it is unique.

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 enigmatic history of the Balkan states, and the continuing friction in this fractured 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."

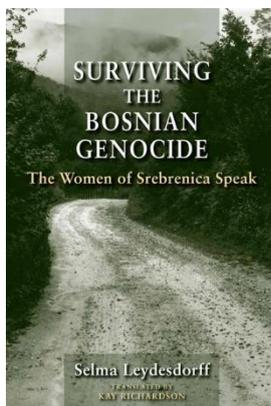
The War is Dead, Long Live the War by Ed Vulliamy

Wars come and go across the headlines and television screens, but for those who survive them, scarred and scattered, they never end.

This is a book about post-conflict irresolution, about the lives of those who survived the gulag of concentration camps in north-western Bosnia and about seeking justice for Bosnia today.



More Specific Books on the Bosnian War and Srebrenica

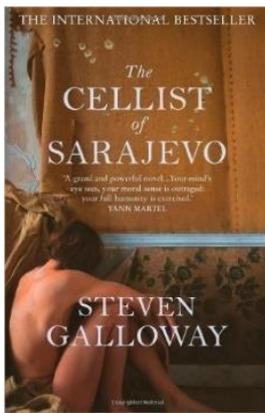
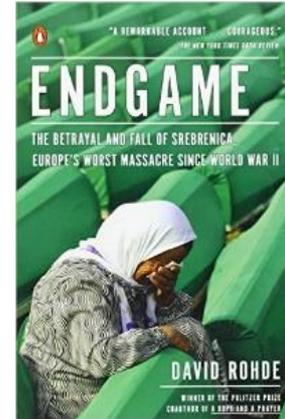


Surviving the Bosnian Genocide: The Women of Srebrenica Speak

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. Women's voices from the war in Bosnia are rarely heard. Most of the time they are presented as victims of rape and murder. This collection of interviews offers a deeper insight into their lives under the most testing of circumstances, where everything around them was literally falling away.

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.



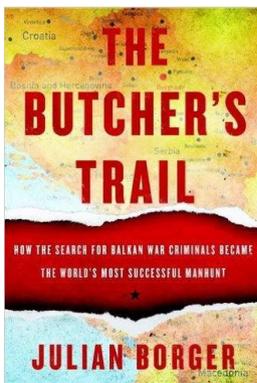
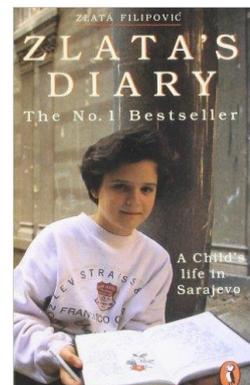
The Cellist of Sarajevo by Steven Galloway

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 Filipovic

Zlata Filipovic 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.