

Books and Banter  
**Eastern Europe**

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Books we recommended

Anon	A Woman in Berlin
Bastasic, Lana	Catch the rabbit
Berry, Freya	The Dictator's wife
Bulgakov, Mikhail	The Master & Margarita/Heart of a dog
Cioran, EM	A Short history of decay
Doran, Jamie	Starman
Dostoevsky, Fyodor	Crime & punishment
Fischer, Tibor	Under the frog/The Thought gang
Haratischwili, Nino	The Eighth life/My soul twin
Hawks, Tony	Playing the Moldovans at tennis
Kafka, Franz	The Metamorphosis/The Castle/The Trial
Krielaars, Michel	The Sound of Utopia
Kundera, Milan	The Unbearable lightness of being/The Farewell Waltz
Lem, Stanislaw	The Invincible
Lewycka, Marina	A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian
Macintyre, Ben	Agent Sonya
Manning, Olivia	The Balkan trilogy
Nabokov, Vladimir	Lolita/Pnin
Nemirovsky, Irene	Suite Francaise
Parini, Jay	The Last station
Solzhenitsyn, Aleksandr	One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich
Tokarczuk, Olga	Drive the plow over the bones of the dead
Tolstoy, Leo	Anna Karenina
Zamyatin, Yevgeny	We