

Suggested Reading List: API Week of Action 2021

Modern History

[Assyria and the Paris Peace Conference by Abraham K. Yoosuf](#)

This book is a collection of Abraham K. Yoosuf's writings as an Assyrian delegate at the Paris Peace Conference in 1919-1920, as he fought for the self-determination of Assyria.

[Assyrians, Kurds, and Ottomans: Intercommunal Relations on the Periphery of the Ottoman Empire by Hirmis Aboona](#)

Covers the distinctive Assyrian tribes in Mesopotamia and addresses the tendency of modern scholars to question Assyrian existence.

[Assyrians Post-Nineveh: Identity, Fragmentation, Conflict and Survival \(672 BC-1920\). A Study of Assyrogenous Communities by Racho Donef](#)

This book examined the connection between imperial Assyria and Assyrians in the 19th century, as well as the religious schisms among Assyrian communities.

[Let Them Not Return: Sayfo – The Genocide Against the Assyrian, Syriac, and Chaldean Christians in the Ottoman Empire by David Gaunt, Naures Attorney, and Sooner O. Barthoma](#)

Provides historical, psychological, anthropological, and political perspectives on this neglected historical atrocity.

[Reforging a Forgotten History: Iraq and the Assyrians in the Twentieth Century by Sargon Donabed](#)

Details the narrative of Assyrians in Iraq in the 20th century and emphasizes the Assyrian experience in Iraq's modern historiography.

[The Assyrian Genocide: Cultural and Political Legacies by Hannibal Travis](#)

Analyzes the 1915 Genocide and its implications for the culture, politics, and religious diversity in the Middle East.

[Year of the Sword: Assyrian Christian Genocide. A History by Joseph Yacoub](#)

This book discusses the 1915 Genocide and its modern implications. The author gathers eye-witness accounts to shed light on the "hidden genocide."

Culture

[The Assyrian Heritage: Threads of Continuity and Influence by Onver A. Cetrez](#)

Explores the development of national and ethnic identity following the genocide and provides a collection of essays examining Assyrian identity, language, ritual, and symbols.

[The Assyrian Reader by Naum Palak](#)

A small introductory book to the Assyrian language. A few poems and songs by the author, who is an important figure in Assyrian history, are also included.

Diaspora Communities

[Assyrians in Chicago by Vasili Shoumanov](#)

Accounts Assyrian migration to Chicago from the late 1800s through pictorial history.

[Assyrians of Eastern Massachusetts](#)

Follows the influx of Assyrians to Eastern Massachusetts during the late 1800s.

[Assyrians of Yonkers by Dr. Ruth Kambar](#)

Examines the Assyrian community of Yonkers, New York and the growth of this community following the Genocide.

[The Assyrians — Fifty Years in Sweden by Svante Lundgren](#)

Documents the growth of the Assyrian community in Sweden from 1967 and onwards.

[Hostages in the Homeland, Orphans in the Diaspora: Identity Discourses Among the Assyrian/Syriac Elites in the European Diaspora by Naures Atto](#)

Explores identity discourses in the Assyrian community. Namely, the question of how Assyrians should be referred to in Western languages.