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Here's wishing you a Happy New Year and welcome 2021!

*At last—the last day of the longest year of our lives: Dec. 31, 2020. It's not the year you expected, is it? But it's the year we got, and if you're still here, reading these few words, *mashallah*. We're gonna get to the other side, together.*

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Today, we'd like to thank you for joining us on this new journey, as your reading/watching time with The Markaz Review permitted, and we want to leave you with just one more new article to contemplate: Layla AlAmmar's insightful review of Palestinian novelist Adania Shibli's *Minor Detail*: [The Howling of the Dog](#), in which AlAmmar takes us into the heart of Shibli's literary thriller, where Palestinian lives are but a "minor detail." [Read here.](#)

ADANIA SHIBLI

MINOR DETAIL



The Best of TMR? We only really launched in September and put out four issues, yet there have been so many fine writers in just our first few months. Here is our most-read list:

[Beirut in Pieces](#) by Jenine Abboushi

[The Road to Jerusalem](#) by Raja Shehadeh

[On Becoming an Arab Writer in English](#) by Rewa Zeinati

[History of Tehran: What Lies Beneath](#) by Masoud Behnoud

[Freedom is Femininity_poems](#) by Faraj Bayrakdar

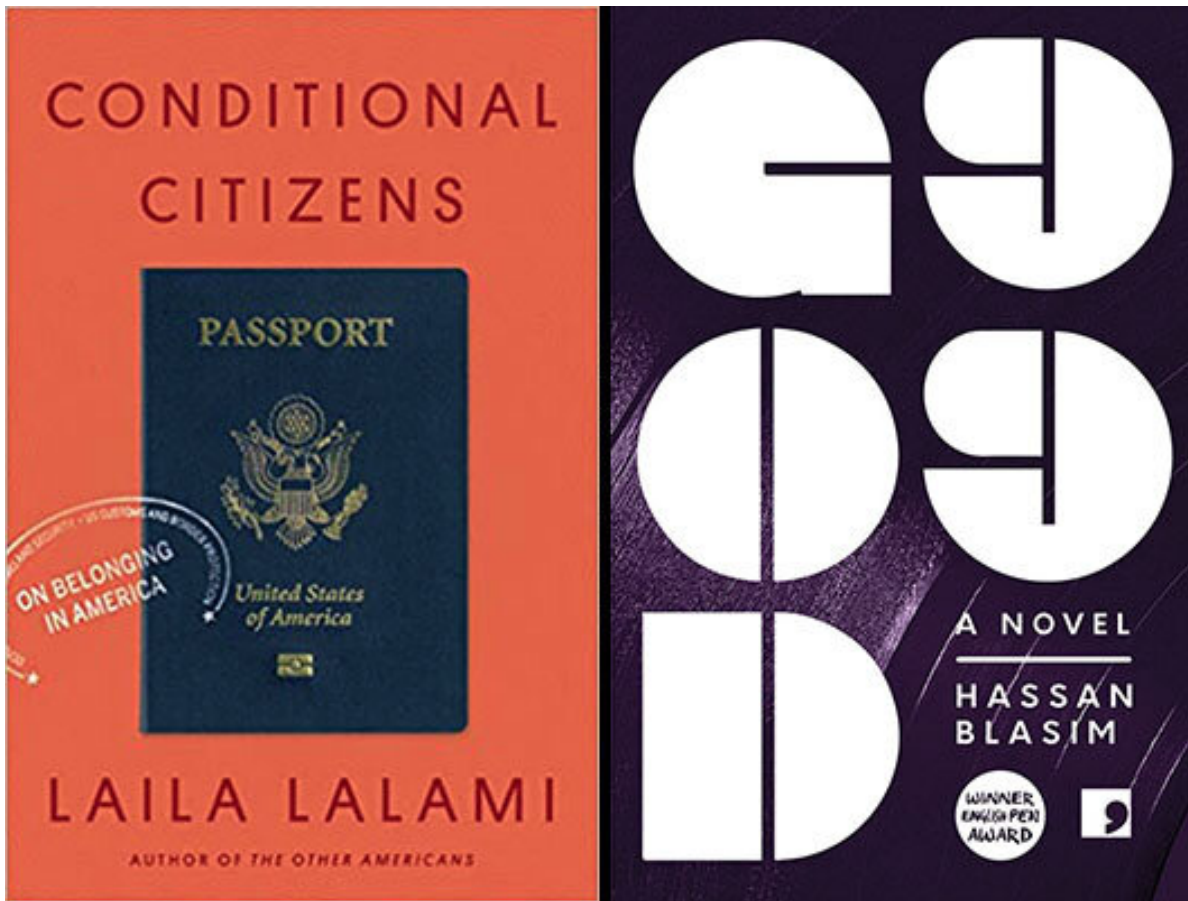
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TMR BookGroup January and February 2021 selections

[TMR BookGroup](#) is reading:

Most recently the BookGroup (free & open to all), read and discussed Ayad Akhtar's *Homeland Elegies* and Malu Halasa's *Mother of All Pigs*. In 2021 the BookGroup meets on Zoom every last Sunday of the month and will discuss Laila Lalami's *Conditional Citizens* on Jan. 31, 2021 and Hassan Blasim's novel *God 99* on Feb. 28, 2021.

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