

A Reader of Classical Arabic Literature

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DESCRIPTION:

A Reader of Classical Arabic Literature is one of a very small group of resources in English for the teaching of intermediate and advanced level classical Arabic. Based on his lecture notes, the late Seeger Bonebakker designed a superb teaching text, which he then asked his UCLA colleague, Michael Fishbein, to help him annotate and augment. The result is a truly valuable reader, one used widely in the United States and Europe, featuring judicious and instructive selections from such works as Ibn al-Qifti's *Inbah al-ruwat*, al-Tanukhi's *al-Faraj ba'd al-shidda*, and al-Dhahabi's *Siyar a'lam al-nubala'*, among others.

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