

The Twelfth Annual Virginia Festival of the Book
March 22-26, 2006

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Middle Eastern Interest

Thursday, March 23

Can There Be Peace in the Middle East?

A conversation with Milton Viorst (*Storm from the East: The Struggle Between the Arab World and the Christian West*) and UVa professor William Quandt (*Peace Process: American Diplomacy and the Arab-Israeli Conflict Since 1967*).

2 p.m.

McIntire Room, Central Library
201 E. Market Street

Friday, March 24

Foreign Worlds, Dangerous Settings

With Masha Hamilton (*The Distance Between Us*), Leora Skolkin-Smith (*Edges: O Israel, O Palestine*), and Uzodinma Iweala (*Beasts of No Nations*).

10 a.m.

New Dominion Bookshop

Saturday, March 25

Elias Khoury: A Reading and Conversation

Elias Khoury speaks about *Gate of the Sun* and his experiences as a former member of the Fatah (Palestinian National Liberation Movement), his life as a scholar of Mideast studies, and his ideas and opinions about the current cultural climate in the Mideast. (UVa Politics)

2 p.m.

UVa Bookstore
UVa Central Grounds