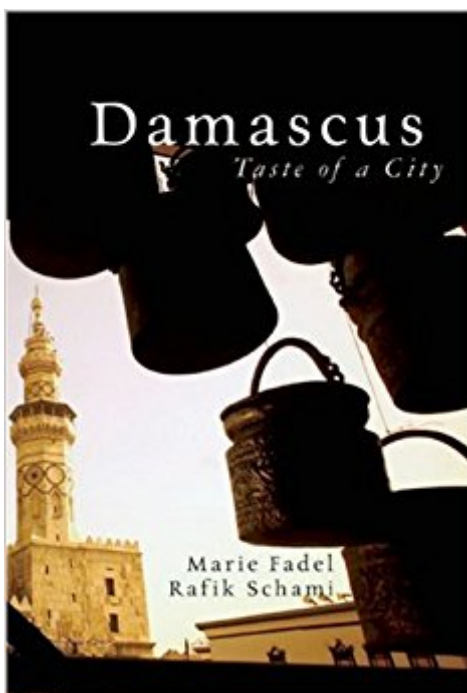


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Rafik Schami was born in Damascus in 1946, came to Germany in 1971 and studied chemistry in Heidelberg. Today he is one of Germany's bestselling novelists, his works having been translated

into over 20 languages and received numerous international awards.

A beautifully crafted story with authentic Damascene recipes woven into the script. Especially with so much lost in the upheaval in Syria these past few years, this book takes you back to authentic Damascus.

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