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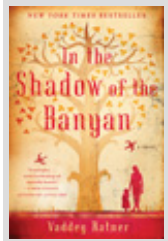
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Vaddey Ratner

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DAUGHTER OF SILENCE

Manuela Fingueret

Translated from the Spanish by Darrell B. Lockhart

A caste of murderers. The Nazis gassed, starved, humiliated. Here they insult, torture, rape. Caste of murderers....Am I here or there?

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MATESHIP WITH BIRDS

Carrie Tiffany

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Angélica Gorodischer



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Rachel Joyce

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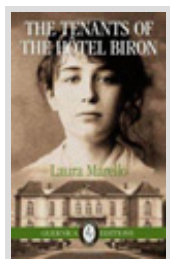
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B. A. Shapiro

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THE TENANTS OF THE HÔTEL BIRON

Laura Mareello

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Uzma Aslam Khan



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