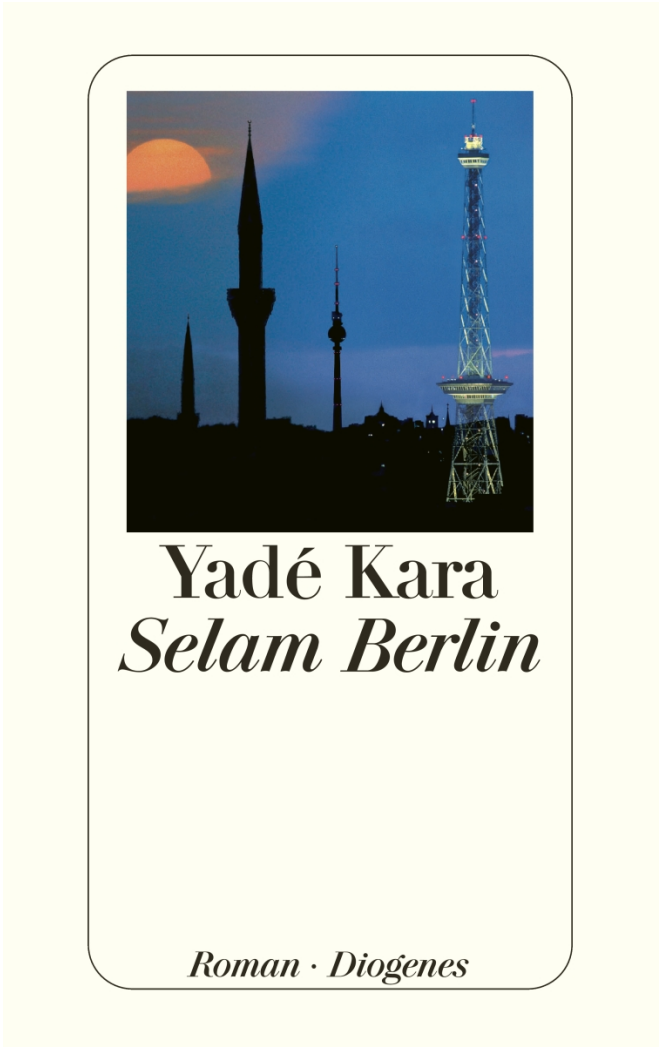
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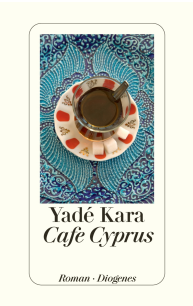
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The story of nineteen-year-old Hasan who commuted for years between the Bosporus and the Spree with his family. His father, a member of the '68 generation, has a travel agency in Berlin, while his mother lives with the children in Istanbul. And then, in November '89, the Berlin Wall falls and Hasan decides to turn his back on Istanbul. He wants to be there when the Berlin rocket goes up; but what none of them knows is that soon nothing will be the same for the Kazan family. Hasan looks for a home, a job and a love, but his old hometown of Berlin does not receive him with open arms. It is preoccupied with its own business, its avalanche of Eastern Germans, its own sell-out and its own new self-awareness that causes Hasan and his friends a good deal of trouble. What happens when Hasan's face is discovered by film-makers in a city that has itself become a film set, and how, after so many tragi-comical events, he is finally able to say calmly and confidently »Selam, Berlin!« – this is what the book is about.



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