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ABOUT ISTROS BOOKS

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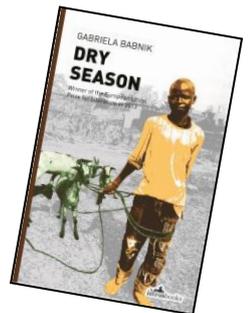


ISTROS BOOKS are the English-language publisher for **five books** that have recently **won** the annual **European Union Prizes for Literature**

In March 2015, Istros published, in English: **EXILE** by Turkish author Çiler İlhan < **Winner of the European Union Prize for Literature 2011**

In October 2015, Istros are publishing, the English language edition:

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Meet SUSAN CURTIS-KOJAKOVIC, Director of Istros Books Ltd ...

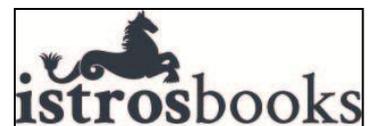
Susan Curtis-Kojakovic set up Istros Books (publishers and booksellers) in 2011. Since then, she and her colleagues have sourced, translated and publish the first English-language editions of exciting works by acclaimed authors from South Eastern Europe and The Balkans.

Susan says: “Istros Books is the only UK publisher specialising in contemporary literature from SE Europe. We provide a vital link between the literary output of these countries and English-speaking readers who might otherwise miss out on some literary gems. We translate and publish an eclectic mix titles representing the very best in contemporary writing (fiction and non-fiction) from the region.”

Cultural events: With contacts throughout the London embassies and tourism offices of SE European countries, Istros organise and coordinate numerous arts/cultural-exchange events in the UK for authors, book reviewers, booksellers and book-lovers. Istros gratefully acknowledge the generous arts funding support they receive.

Susan Curtis-Kojakovic was born and educated in the UK. She holds a Master’s Degree in Education (with linguistics), teaching qualifications and a degree in English and Art. As well as posts in publishing and teaching in the UK and abroad) Susan worked for three years with refugees from the tragic Bosnian war. Susan is also a published author and translator. She lives in London with her Croatian husband. Together they look forward to celebrating five successful years of Istros Books in 2016! **SUSAN CURTIS-KOJAKOVIC is available for interviews**

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