



The Bastard of Istanbul by Elif Shafak

A wet afternoon in Istanbul and a nineteen year old, unmarried girl walks into a doctor's surgery and asks for an abortion. The consequence of this act will change her life and the lives of those around her for ever. 19 years later moody teenager Asya is living with her extended family in Istanbul. Due to a strange family curse all the men die young and Asya's household is made up of eccentric and mysteriously gifted women. Full of vivid characters and a plot that twists and turns this novel also confronts the political turmoil of Turkey's past.