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## PROJECT

### Red Birds of Our Soul (novel)

Like most novelists, it's very difficult for me, if not impossible, to talk about a novel while I am writing it. Writing fiction for me is the process of discovering a world, not describing a world that I already know. Right now, my proposed project exists in fragments, in scribbled notes, character sketches, and long lists of things that need to be researched. I think a novel is described after it has been written, not when it's an idea in a writer's head.

I intend to work on an ambitious project, a novel that takes place simultaneously in about ten different locales; at this stage it's a literary political thriller. I do hope to share excerpts from it with other Fellows during my Fellowship period. I'll also continue to write my nonfiction pieces and hope to share those with the other Fellows as well.

#### Recommended Reading

Hanif, Mohammed. *The Baloch Who is Not Missing & Others Who Are* (nonfiction pamphlet). Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, 2013.

- *Our Lady of Alice Bhatti* (novel). London: Jonathan Cape, 2011.

- *A Case of Exploding Mangoes* (novel). London: Jonathan Cape, 2008.

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### "Red Birds": Readings from a new novel

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PUBLICATIONS FROM THE FELLOWS' LIBRARY

Hanif, Mohammed (London,2018)

Red birds

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Hanif, Mohammed (München,2012)

Alice Bhattis Himmelfahrt : Roman

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Eine Kiste explodierender Mangos : Roman

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