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## REGULARS

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### **Travel Diary: Four Seasons Florence** | 18

Florence is the capital city of Tuscany, and today considered the Jewel of the Renaissance. In fact, when the Kingdom of Italy colonized Libya in 1911, a synthesis of Italian art and North African culture fused into an exposition of style on both sides of the Mediterranean

### **Books: In the Country of Men** | 68

In the Country of Men is the debut novel from Libyan author HISHAM MATAR who follows the plight of a nine-year old boy living in Tripoli in the aftermath of Gaddafi's Revolution. The novel has been translated into 22 languages and is the recipient of the Royal Society of Literature Prize.

## COLUMNS

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### **Interview: Malcolm X** | 17

Time Magazine named "The Autobiography of Malcolm X" one of the 10 most influential books of the 20th century. The African American/Muslim Minister/Civil Rights Activist from the 1960's was the first American ever to dare to publically exercise the freedom of religion against the protean expectations of society. His assassination in 1965 brought 30,000 Muslim, Caucasian, and African American mourners to Harlem.

### **Arts and Letters: The Puppet** | 48

This mythic tale of political greed and corruption traces the rise, flourishing and demise of a Saharan oasis community, and portrays the complications and innate challenge of good men trying to lead a corrupt society. Contributor ANGELA GALA finds the writer in their shared and dedicated search for meaning.

### **Law: The Barbary War III** | 52

Professor GARRETT EPPS of the University of Baltimore School of Law questions whether Congressional Authorization is in fact or theory a precursor (or consequence) of the Declaration of War.