

Contents

Introduction	3
1. Cracked Clay Under the Mounds	17
2. A Pyre of Papyrus	29
3. When Books Were Dog Cheap	47
4. An Ark to Save Learning	65
5. Spoil of the Conqueror	79
6. How to Disobey Kafka	93
7. The Twice-Burned Library	107
8. The Paper Brigade	119
9. To Be Burned Unread	141
10. Sarajevo Mon Amour	153
11. Flames of Empire	169
12. An Obsession with Archives	183
13. The Digital Deluge	197
14. Paradise Lost?	217
15. Coda: Why We Will Always Need Libraries and Archives	225
<i>Acknowledgements</i>	235
<i>Picture Credits</i>	239
<i>Notes</i>	241
<i>Bibliography</i>	263
<i>Index</i>	291