

Summer Books.

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We are going scuba diving this summer. So my partner and I companionably browse fish porn: *Fistularia commersoni*, the cornetfish, in Ewald Lieske and Robert Myers's *Coral Reef Fishes* (2002, Princeton University Press) never fails to excite. Orhan Pamuk's *My Name is Red* (2001, Faber & Faber) and *Istanbul: Memories of a City* (2005, Faber & Faber) turn our minds from the Glory That Was Greece to the Sublime Porte – and no bad thing. Twice I have picked up Javier Marias's *Your Face Tomorrow 1* (2005, Chatto & Windus) and twice, bored senseless, I have put it down. Doubtless I shall try again for I am a fan.