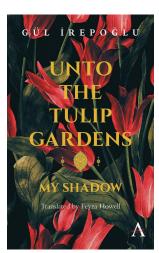


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Dr Gul Irepoglu is an architect, art historian and novelist, mostly writing historical novels based on stories of the Ottoman Court, the harem and Istanbul.

Feyza Howell is a highly sought after literary translator, and enjoys working with her friend Gul Irepoglu. This is the second Irepoglu novel she has translated, and the third Irepoglu book in total.

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