The lost souls of Libya

A writer’s search for the truth about his missing father reveals the horrors of Gaddafi’s rule, says Duncan White

The return

Gaddafi organised a literary festival and arrested all who attended

On 5 March 2012, with Gaddafi’s army encircling Tripoli and his death-fueled regime on the verge of collapse, the last remnants of his old guard were arrested in Abu Salim, a prison in Tripoli. The arrests followed a dramatic fall from grace for Gaddafi, who had been a political force in North Africa for decades. The fall was caused by the uprising that began in late 2011, which ultimately led to the death of Gaddafi and the end of his regime.

The prison in Abu Salim was known for its harsh conditions and poor treatment of prisoners. The arrest of the old guard in Abu Salim was a significant blow to Gaddafi’s regime and marked the beginning of the end for the dictator.

The fall of the House of Wilde

The fall of the House of Wilde is a biographical novel by Emer O’Sullivan. The novel tells the story of the Wilde family, which was one of the most prominent literary families in Victorian and Edwardian Britain. The novel explores the lives of Oscar Wilde and his family, including his parents, William and Jane Wilde, and his siblings, Willie and Constance.

The novel draws on primary sources, including letters, diaries, and newspapers, to create a vivid picture of the Wilde family’s lives. It also incorporates historical events, such as the trial of Oscar Wilde for homosexuality, to create a richly layered narrative.

The novel is praised for its attention to detail and its exploration of the lives of the Wilde family. It has been praised by critics for its conversational brilliance and for its ability to bring these historical figures to life.

Can Oscar Wilde’s fate be traced back to his early family life, asks Matthew Adams

At home with the Wildes

The novel is the result of extensive research and analysis, and it has been praised for its scholarship and its engaging style. It has been described as a compelling and insightful exploration of the Wilde family and their place in history.