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Galloway, a Canadian writer, heard Smajlović's story and wrote *The Cellist of Sarajevo*, but Galloway's book is a work of fiction. The real cellist's story was only the starting point for his book.

The Cellist of Sarajevo tells the stories of four people living in Sarajevo: Life is difficult and dangerous. There isn't enough food, water or medicine. People are killed crossing the road. Nobody can leave the city. The people of Sarajevo have to change their way of life. It is a very different life from life before the war.

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