

In the Service of the Sultan

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In the Service of the Sultan by Ian R. Gardiner is Middle East While the Americans were fighting in Vietnam, a struggle of even greater strategic significance was taking place in the Middle East: the Sultanate of Oman guards the entrance to the Arabian Gulf, and thus controls the movement of oil from that region. In the 1960s and 70s, the Communists tried to seize this artery and, had they succeeded, the consequences for the West and for the Middle East would have been disastrous - and yet, few people have ever heard of this geo-political drama at the height of the Cold War. In the Service of the Sultan tells, first-hand, the largely unknown story of a small number of British officers who led Muslim soldiers in this hard-fought anti-insurgency war which has shaped today's Gulf. After outlining the historical, geographical and political background, the book describes military action in a stark and mountainous environment, including operations with irregular forces and the SAS as well as action in the air and at sea. The book gives a gripping, moving, funny account of all these and paints a powerful and illuminating picture of the realities of war. It will appeal to all who are interested in the Cold War and relationships between the Western and the Arab worlds. Politics, history, irregular warfare, religion, international affairs: all are ingredients in this absorbing, informative read. In the light of the current insurgencies in Iraq and Afghanistan, it is also timely to be reminded how a rare victory was won over Communist guerrillas.

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[Κωνσταντινούπολη. Μια Ιστορία Τριών Πόλεων](#)

By : **Bettany Hughes**

Η Κωνσταντινούπολη ήταν ανέκαθεν ένας τόπος όπου οι ιστορίες συγκρούονται με την Ιστορία, όπου το αφήγημα είναι τόσο δυνατό όσο το καθαρό ιστορικό γεγονός. Από το Κοράνιο μέχρι τον Σαίξπηρ, η πόλη με τα τρία ονόματα -Βυζάντιο, Κωνσταντινούπολη, Ιστανμπούλ-, αντηχεί ως ιδέα και ως τόπος και ξεπερνά τα σύνορά της, πραγματικά και φανταστικά. Η πύλη ανάμεσα στην Ανατολή και στη Δύση, τον Βορρά και τον Νότο, έχει λειτουργήσει ως πρωτεύουσα της Ύστερης Ρωμαϊκής Αυτοκρατορίας, της Βυζαντινής, της Λατινικής και της Οθωμανικής. Για ένα μεγάλο χρονικό διάστημα της ύπαρξής της το κοσμοπολίτικο αυτό μέρος ήταν γνωστό απλώς ως Η Πολιτεία, αλλά, όπως αποκαλύπτει η Μπέτανι Χιουζ, δεν αποτελεί μόνο μια πολιτεία αλλά μια παγκόσμια ιστορία. Στο επικό αυτό βιβλίο, η Χιουζ μάς οδηγεί σ' ένα μαγευτικό ιστορικό ταξίδι από τη νεολιθική εποχή στο παρόν, μέσω των πολλών ενσαρκώσεων μιας από τις μεγαλύτερες πόλεις, εξερευνώντας τρόπους με τους οποίους η επιρροή της διαμόρφωσε τον ευρύτερο κόσμο. Η Χιουζ

μελετά αυτό που απαιτείται για να γίνει μια πολιτεία και αφηγείται την ιστορία όχι μόνο αυτοκρατόρων, βεζιρηδων, χαλίφηδων και σουλτάνων, αλλά των φτωχών και όσων δεν έχουν φωνή, γυναικών και αντρών των οποίων οι προσδοκίες και τα όνειρα επανεφηύραν την Κωνσταντινούπολη. Βασισμένο σε λεπτομερή έρευνα και στοιχεία που συλλέχθηκαν επί μια δεκαετία καθώς και νέα αρχαιολογικά ευρήματα, πρόκειται για ένα συναρπαστικό πορτρέτο μιας σπουδαίας πόλης.

Mirror of the Arab World: Lebanon in Conflict

By : **Sandra Mackey**

How the recent history of Lebanon provides insight into the many trials currently facing the larger Arab community. It is crucial to the interests of the West to grasp the complexities of the Arab world. In this clear, concise volume, Sandra Mackey provides a unique view of this tortured and tortuous region through the lens of Lebanon. A small, fractured country at the gateway of the Arab east, Lebanon signals the challenges that the Arab world poses to itself and to the West. As Mackey vividly demonstrates, the Lebanese have experienced every issue currently roiling the Middle East: borders contrived by others, a weak state housing weak institutions, a Palestinian presence, civil war, resistance to societal and political change, Sunni/Shia sectarianism, occupation, militant Islam as a political ideology, conflict over the common identity essential to turning a fragile state into a viable nation, a troubled democratic tradition, and war perpetrated by forces inside and outside its borders. Lessons learned from these conflicts will ease understanding and resolution elsewhere.

Enemies and Neighbours

By : **Ian Black**

SUNDAY TIMES AND GUARDIAN BOOKS OF THE YEAR 2017 'Comprehensive and compelling ... A nuanced, landmark study that has deservedly won plaudits from both Palestinian and Israeli historians' Justin Marozzi, The Times A century after Britain's Balfour Declaration promised a Jewish 'national home' in Palestine, veteran Guardian journalist Ian Black has produced a major new history of one of the most polarising conflicts of the modern age. Drawing on a wide range of sources - from declassified documents to oral testimonies and his own decades of reporting - Enemies and Neighbours brings much-needed perspective and balance to the long and unresolved struggle between Arabs and Jews in the Holy Land. Beginning in the final years of Ottoman rule and the British Mandate period, when Zionist immigration transformed Palestine in the face of mounting Arab opposition, the book re-examines the origins of what was a doomed relationship from the start. It sheds fresh light on critical events such as the Arab rebellion of the 1930s; Israel's independence and the Palestinian catastrophe (Nakba in Arabic) of 1948; the watershed of the 1967 war; two Intifadas ; the Oslo Accords and Israel's shift to the right. It traces how - after five decades of occupation, ever-expanding Jewish settlements and the construction of the West Bank 'separation wall' - hopes for a two-state solution have all but disappeared, and explores what the future might hold. Yet Black also goes beyond the most newsworthy events - wars, violence and peace initiatives - to capture the reality of everyday life on the ground in Jerusalem and Hebron, Tel Aviv, Ramallah, Haifa and Gaza, for both sides of an unequal struggle. Lucid, timely and gripping, Enemies and Neighbours illuminates a bitter conflict that shows no sign of ending - which is why it is so essential that we understand it.

The Palestine-Israeli Conflict

By : **Dan Cohn-Sherbok & Dawoud El-Alami**

With coverage of all the recent events, the new edition of this best-selling book gives a thorough and accessible account of the history behind the Palestine-Israeli conflict, its roots, and the possibilities for the future. The book is divided into two parts: the first by an American rabbi and professor of Judaism, and the second by a Palestinian lecturer on Islam. The result is a real insight into the

situation, with each author giving full vent to the emotions behind the two sides of the debate. New material outlines recent developments, while an updated conclusion consists of a direct debate between the two authors, which raises many issues, yet offers real solutions to which future peace talks may aspire.

Chaos und Glaubenskrieg

By : **Patrick Cockburn**

Kein westlicher Reporter hat von den kriegerischen Ereignissen im arabischen Raum und im Nahen Osten so intensiv berichtet wie der aus Irland stammende Korrespondent des englischen Independent, Patrick Cockburn. Aus nächster Nähe dokumentiert er Glaubenskriege und Chaos im Irak, in Libyen, in Syrien und im Kalifat des Islamischen Staates. In diesem Buch sind erstmals gesammelte Reportagen von Patrick Cockburn aus den Brennpunkten der Weltpolitik in deutscher Sprache versammelt. Er berichtet von den dramatischen Folgen des 1990 verhängten Embargos gegen den Irak, indem er dessen Opfer porträtiert. Er erzählt vom Aufstand der Sunniten gegen die amerikanischen Truppen im Irak, indem er deren Protagonisten interviewt. Und er begleitet die BewohnerInnen Syriens auf dem Weg in die Katastrophe, genauso wie jene Menschen, die unter der Herrschaft des IS-Kalifats leben müssen. Cockburns Reportagen sind auch eine Anklage an die westlichen Kriegstreiber und die lokalen Warlords, die eine ganze Weltregion ins Chaos gestürzt haben.

The Ottoman Endgame

By : **Sean McMeekin**

'An outstanding history ... one of the best writers on the First World War' Simon Sebag Montefiore Shortlisted for the Duke of Westminster Medal for Military Literature The Ottoman Endgame is the first, and definitive, single-volume history of the Ottoman empire's agonising war for survival. Beginning with Italy's invasion of Ottoman Tripoli in September 1911, the Empire was in a permanent state of emergency, with hardly a frontier not under direct threat. Assailed by enemies on all sides, the Empire-which had for generations been assumed to be a rotten shell-proved to be strikingly resilient, beating off major attacks at Gallipoli and in Mesopotamia before finally being brought down in the general ruin of the Central Powers in 1918. As the Europeans planned to partition all its lands between them and with even Istanbul seemingly helpless in the face of the triumphant Entente, an absolutely unexpected entity emerged: modern Turkey. Under the startling genius of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, a powerful new state emerged from the Empire's fragments. This is the first time an author has woven the entire epic together from start to finish - and it will cause many readers to fundamentally re-evaluate their understanding of the conflict. The consequences, well into the 21st century, could not have been more momentous - with countries as various as Serbia, Greece, Libya, Armenia, Iraq and Syria still living with them.

Zionism, Post-Zionism & the Arab Problem

By : **Yosef Mazur**

Dr. Mazurs book is a must read! It will serve to uplift the young of our generation and strengthen their confidence and trust in the righteousness of the Zionist way Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Moshe (Bogie) Yaalon Vice Prime Minister & Minister of Strategic Affairs Belongs in the permanent collection of core books owned by every person who loves Zion and cares about the welfare of the State of Israel Zvi Hauser, Cabinet Secretary, Govt of Israel Definition of the problem is half the solution. Dr. Mazurs complete and comprehensive display of the core issues allows the reader to fully understand the Arab-Israeli conflict from the Zionist perspective and understand that world peace will not come from further Israeli concessions Prof. Gabi Avital, former Chief Scientist, Israel Ministry of Education Chairman, Professors for a Safe Israel With immense patience and the precision of a

surgeon, Dr. Mazur allows the facts to speak for themselves which makes a refutation of Israels right to exist practically impossible Prof. Dan Meirstein, President, Ariel University Center Dr. Mazurs book is the answer for anyone who wants to know the truth rather than the lies and distortions constantly hurled at the Jewish people and the Zionist enterprise Dr. Yossi Achimeir, Director, Jabotinsky Institute "Dr. Mazur has revealed the secrets and dangers of post-Zionism and his stunning conclusions will contribute to the life-or-death discourse of our nation." Prof. Rafi Israeli, The Hebrew University

History of Egypt From 330 B.C. To the Present Time, Volume 10 (of 12)

By : **S. Rappoport**

Ukrainian-British historian Angelo Solomon Rappoport describes the history of Egypt from ancient times to the 1800s in this book published in London in 1904.

Tarihimizden Yaşanmış Öyküler

By : **Yavuz Bahadıroğlu**

Tarihimiz şanlı zaferlerle doludur. Biz tarihimizle övünürüz. Çünkü tarihimiz gerçekten övünülecek bir tarihtir. Bu kitapta, tarihin şanlı sayfalarından seçilmiş örnekler bulacaksınız. Tarihimizden yaşanmış öyküleri zevkle okuyacak ve gerçekten şeref dolu bir tarihe sahip olduğumuzu anlayacaksınız. Tarih ibrettir. Tarih ölçüdür. Tarih yalnızca bilgi değil, geleceğin aynasıdır. Tarihi iyi bilen, geleceğinden emin olur.

The Lebanon (Mount Souria); a history and a diary. Vol. II.

By : **David Urquhart**

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