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of the nineteen 9/11 hijackers. In this immensely important book, journalist Robert Lacey draws on years of access to every circle of Saudi royalty and power, including two decades of research on the family of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS), as you learn about the not-so-obvious facts of the kingdom’s history, politics, customs, and society.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia through the Eyes of a Woman Ania Butera 2021-11-03 Ania Butera provides a unique account of the past and future of Saudi Arabia as told by Saudi women. The story that emerges is one where modernization is not synonymous with Westernization but instead comes from the search for an identity based on the rich history of the kingdom.

Faith at War: Yaroslav Trofimov 2015-09-09 An eye-opening political travelogue that reveals the Muslim world as never before Drawing on five years of work on the ground, in Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan, trofimov brings to life the stories that made England – from Ethelred the Unready to Richard the Lionheart, the Venerable Bede to Piers the Ploughman. The greatest stories are visceral stories, where the characters breathe and live. Where there’s a war, there’s a story.

The New Threat: Inside Al-Qaeda’s Global Empire Jason Rezaian 2015-09-10 The New Threat offers insight into the rise of ISIS and other groups, such as Boko Haram, which together command significant military power, with the goal of creating a caliphate that encompasses all of the lands once ruled by the Islamic caliphs. In this unprecedented account, trofimov provides a unique view of how the new jihadist regime is organized, operating, and fighting. Trofimov uncovers how the group is able to wage a series of frightening attacks, from the Paris and Brussels bombings to the mass shootings in Orlando and Pulse, as well as the incursion in Yemen that led to the United States’ decision to call in the military. He also details the group’s funding sources, which are not just foreign but also local and domestic, and the group’s recruitment efforts, which are drawing in more and more young men. Most importantly, he tells the story of how the group is changing the ways that it operates, from the way it plans its attacks to how it trains its operatives. Trofimov’s book is the first to provide a comprehensive account of the group’s global reach and how it is adapting to the changing political landscape, including the rise of President Donald Trump and the ongoing war in Syria. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the most pressing issues of our time.

The Longest War: Dispatches from America’s Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq Jason Rezaian 2015-08-01 At a critical moment in world history, The Longest War provides the definitive account of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, a conflict that has claimed hundreds of thousands of lives and cost trillions of dollars. In this book, journalist Jason Rezaian provides a comprehensive and in-depth analysis of the events leading up to the current conflict, as well as the strategies employed by the United States and its allies. Rezaian’s writing is clear and concise, making it accessible to readers of all political persuasions. The book is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the complex political landscape of the Middle East and the ongoing conflict in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The Forgotten Religions: How the West Has Erased the World’s Religious Traditions and Why We Should Care William Shawcross 2014-09-25 The Forgotten Religions is a thought-provoking and timely book that examines how the West has erased the world’s religious traditions and why we should care. Through a combination of history, anthropology, and cultural analysis, the author explores how Western values and attitudes have shaped the treatment of religious minorities and how this has resulted in the marginalization and even suppression of many religious practices and beliefs. The book provides a comprehensive overview of the historical context of religious discrimination and the ways in which it has been perpetuated through institutional and social mechanisms. It also offers a critical analysis of the impact of globalization on religious diversity and suggests ways in which we can work towards a more inclusive and respectful society. Overall, The Forgotten Religions is an essential read for anyone interested in understanding the complex relationship between religion and society and the implications of religious exclusivism on global politics and culture.

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The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: The World's Most Secretive Nation Susanne Koelbl 2014-05-23 The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is one of the world's most secretive countries. Now, Susanne Koelbl, a prize-winning reporter and seasoned Middle East elder statesman, courted by world leaders, including President Barack Obama and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, but not from the perspective of the United States or Israel, but from the perspective of the Saudi Arabian Royal Family. Koelbl provides a unique and insightful look into the inner workings of the kingdom and its leaders, shedding light on the kingdom's politics, economy, and society. The book is a must-read for anyone interested in understanding the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its role in the Middle East and the world.
impact of violent extremism on the sector, with the legal repercussions that have followed— especially in the USA; the recent history of extremist groups to penetrate; the prospects for a less politicized Islamic charity sector when the so-called “war on terror” eventually loses its salience.

MBS Ben Hubbard 2021-04-13 A NEW YORK TIMES EDITORS’ CHOICE • A gripping, behind-the-scenes portrait of the rise of Saudi Arabia’s secretive and mercurial new ruler “Revelatory . . . a vivid portrait of how MBS has altered the kingdom during his half-decade of rule.” —The Washington Post Finalist for the PEN/Jacqueline Bogard Book Award • ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR: Financial Times, Foreign Affairs, Kirkus Reviews MBS is the untold story of how a mysterious young prince emerged from Saudi Arabia’s sprawling royal family to overhaul the economy and society of the richest country in the Middle East—and gather as much power as possible into his own hands. Since his father, King Salman, ascended to the throne in 2015, Mohammed bin Salman has leveraged his influence to restructure the kingdom’s economy, lose its strict Islamic social codes, and confront its enemies around the region, especially Iran. That vision won him fans at home and on Wall Street, in Silicon Valley, in Hollywood, and at the White House, where President Trump embraced the prince as a key player in his own vision for the Middle East. But over time, the sheen of the visionary young reformer has become tarnished, leaving many struggling to determine whether MBS is in fact a rising dictator whose inexperience and rash decisions are destabilizing the world’s most volatile region. Based on years of reporting and hundreds of interviews, MBS reveals the machinations behind the interviews. MBS shows how the kingdom’s stability is unraveling in the wake of a catastrophic military intervention in Yemen, the bizarre detention of princes and businessmen in the Riyadh Ritz-Carlton, and the shifting Saudi relationships with Israel and the United States. And finally, it sheds new light on the greatest scandal of the young autocrat’s rise: the brutal killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi by Saudi agents in Istanbul, a crime that shook Saudi Arabia’s relationship with Washington and left the world wondering whether MBS could get away with murder. MBS is a riveting, eye-opening account of how the prince has wielded vast powers to reshape his kingdom and the world around him. Praise for MBS “Saudi Arabia is testing the extremes of tradition and innovation, of half-baked visions and intensifying repression. Ben Hubbard’s authoritative reporting on the inner sanctums of its society offers a perfect synthesis of journalism and area expertise: the best description we have at the moment of why things happen as they do in the kingdom.”—Robert D. Kaplan, author of The Return of Marco Polo’s World

Legal and Political Reforms in Saudi Arabia Joseph A. Kechichian 2013 The frantic relationship between the United States and Saudi Arabia has long been a central concern in Washington. In the aftermath of 9/11 and amongst ongoing wars, the United States confronts an acute dilemma: how to cooperate with Riyadh against terrorism whilst confronting acute anti-Americanism? Using information gathered from extensive interviews with a plethora of officials, this book aims to analyze Saudi’s democratic reforms. It addresses the significant deficiency of information on such diverse matters as the judiciary and ongoing national dialogues, but also provides an alternative understanding of what motivates Saudi policy makers. How these reforms may impact on future Saudi decision-making will surely generate a slew of policy concerns for the United States and this study offers a few clarifications and solutions. This book will be of interest to anyone seeking a new perspective on the motivation behind legal and political reforms in Saudi Arabia, and the effects of these reforms beyond the Middle East.

Inside the Kingdom Robert Lacey 2010-09-28 Following on his 1982 classic, The Kingdom, British journalist and bestselling author Robert Lacey offers penetrating insights into the complex country of Saudi Arabia. Taking the reader from the dramatic seizure of the Grand Mosque in Jeddah in 1979 to the deepening U.S.-Saudi relations during the Persian Gulf War and the increasing alienation of such radical fundamentalists as Osama bin Laden, Lacey presents an unvarnished picture of a country where repression is endemic and religion rules all. Through conversations with a broad range of Saudis, from high princes and ambassadors to men and women on the street, Inside the Kingdom is a story of a people trying to reconcile the religious separatism of the past with the rapidly changing world in which they are increasingly intertwined.

Vision or Mirage David Rubindell 2020-09-17 ‘Clear-eyed and illuminating.’ Henry Kissinger, former Secretary of State and National Security Advisor ‘A rich, superbly researched, balanced history of the modern Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.’ General David Petraeus, former Commander U.S. Central Command and Director of the Central Intelligence Agency ‘Destined to be the best single volume on the Kingdom.’ Ambassador Chris Freeman, former U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and Assistant Secretary of Defense ‘Should be prescribed reading for a new generation of political leaders.’ Sir Richard Dearlove, former Chief of H.M. Secret Intelligence Service (MIS) and Master of Pembridge College, Cambridge. Something extraordinary is happening in Saudi Arabia. A traditional, tribal society once known for its lack of tolerance is rapidly implementing significant economic and social reforms. An army of foreign consultants is rewriting the social contract, King Salman has cracked down hard on corruption, and his dynamic though inexperienced son, the Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, is promoting a more tolerant Islam. But is all this a new vision for Saudi Arabia or merely a mirage likely to dissolve into Iranian-style revolution? David Rubindell— one of America’s foremost experts on Saudi Arabia— explains how the country has been stable for so long, why it is less so today, and what is most likely to happen in the future. The book is based on the author’s close contacts and intimate knowledge of the country where he spent 15 years living and working as a diplomat. Vision or Mirage demystifies one of the most powerful, but least understood, states in the Middle East and is essential reading for anyone interested in the power dynamics and politics of the Arab World.

The Siege of Mecca Yaroslav Trofimov 2008-09-09 In The Siege of Mecca, acclaimed journalist Yaroslav Trofimov pulls back the curtain on a thrilling, pivotal, and overlooked episode of modern history, examining its repercussions on the Middle East and the world. On November 20, 1979, worldwide attention was focused on Tehran, where the Iranian hostage crisis was entering its third week. That same morning, gunmen stormed the world by seizing the Grand Mosque in Mecca, creating a siege that trapped 100,000 people and lasted two weeks, inflaming Muslim rage against the United States and causing hundreds of deaths. But in the days before CNN and Al Jazeera, the press barely took notice. Trofimov interviews for the first time scores of direct participants in the siege, and draws upon hundreds of newly declassified documents. With the pacing, detail, and suspense of a real-life thriller, The Siege of Mecca reveals the long-lasting aftereffects of the uprising and its influence on the world today.

Armies of Arabia Zoltan Barany 2021 Armies of Arabia is the first book to comprehensively analyze the armed forces of the Gulf monarchies. Zoltan Barany explains the conspicuous ineffectiveness of Gulf militaries with a combination of political-structural and sociocultural factors. Following a brief exposition on their historical evolution, he explores the region’s six armies of the region comparatively, through the lenses of military politics, sociology, economics, and diplomacy. The book’s themes come together in the last chapter that critically evaluates the Saudi and Emirati armed forces’ record in the on-going war in Yemen.

The New Continentalism Kent E. Calder 2012-04-24 In this groundbreaking book Kent E. Calder argues that a new transnational configuration is emerging in Asia, driven by economic growth, rising energy demand, and the erosion of longstanding geopolitical divisions. What Calder calls the New Silk Road—with a strengthening multi-faceted relationship between East Asia and the Middle East at its core—could eventually emerge as one of the world’s most important multilateral configurations. Straddling the border between comparative politics and international relations theory, this important book will stimulate debate and discussion in both fields.

Saudi Arabia Shariah Zuhur 2011-10-31 • Provides a comprehensive bibliography full of suggestions for further reading and materials to bolster research. • Includes a prossy section that defines and describes important terms and concepts

The History of Saudi Arabia, 2nd Edition Wayne H. Bowen 2014-12-02 With its huge oil reserves and notoriety regarding human rights issues, Saudi Arabia has long been a country in the global spotlight. This book traces the long history of this desert nation, from the times before the creation of Saudi Arabia, to the political activities of the modern Saudi state, to recent developments in Arab and Muslim culture, enabling readers to grasp the country’s key importance in 21st-century global politics. Educator and author Wayne H. Bowen provides a comprehensive and accessible overview of Saudi Arabia’s history that makes clear this nation’s political and economic significance as well as its vital role in the history and development of Islam. The second edition includes the most notable events from the past 10 years, such as King Abdullah’s economic reforms after the 2011 Arab Spring protests and the passing of a law allowing women to vote. Organized chronologically, the revised edition contains updated appendices, an expanded bibliography featuring electronic resources, and new photographs and maps. 2nd Edition 2022-12-15 For twenty years, the Taliban was the number one enemy of Western forces in Afghanistan. But it was an enemy that they knew little about, and about whose founder and leader, Mullah Omar, they knew even less. Armed with only a fuzzy black-and-white photo of the man, investigative journalist Bettina Dam decided to track down the reclusive Taliban chief a decade back. But in the course of what became a decade-long mission to learn more about Omar, Bettina Dam misinformed the global forces fighting it were, and made a startling discovery about the elusive Omar’s whereabouts. The outcome of a five-year-long pursuit, Looking for the Enemy is a woman journalist’s epic story that takes the reader deep into the dangerous and war-torn mountains and valleys of Afghanistan as it throws up several unknowns about an organization that is now once again at the helm in one of the world’s most fragile states.

The Kingdom Robert Lacey 2013 Follows the line of the Saudi succession from its nineteenth-century origins to the present and chronicles the nation’s ruling families’ progression to an oil superpower.