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SASHA POLAKOW-SURANSKY

Go Back to Where You Came From

The Backlash Against Immigration & the Fate of Western Democracy

An indispensable account of the global rise of anti-immigration politics and the ruthlessly effective rebranding of Europe's new far right.

Terrorist attacks across Western Europe have provoked a wave of extreme, politicised Islamophobia. American politicians have made it virtually impossible for Syrian refugees to be resettled, Germany's once-open doors are closing fast and even a progressive beacon like Denmark is now seizing the assets of refugees at its border. This climate has already helped propel Donald Trump to the White House, endangered Angela Merkel's hopes of re-election in Germany and put Marine Le Pen within striking distance of the Élysée Palace.

Go Back to Where You Came From explains how we got here and why the new right has grown so strong in countries that have historically been defenders of human rights and models of tolerance.

By combining narrative history, on-the-ground reportage and interviews with the rising stars of the new right and the intellectuals who have enabled them, Polakow-Suransky shows how xenophobia went mainstream and the politicians embracing it rebranded themselves as defenders of western liberal values to reshape the political landscape.

Read this book to understand how the new right poses a graver threat to liberal democracy than do radical Islamic extremists or mass migration.

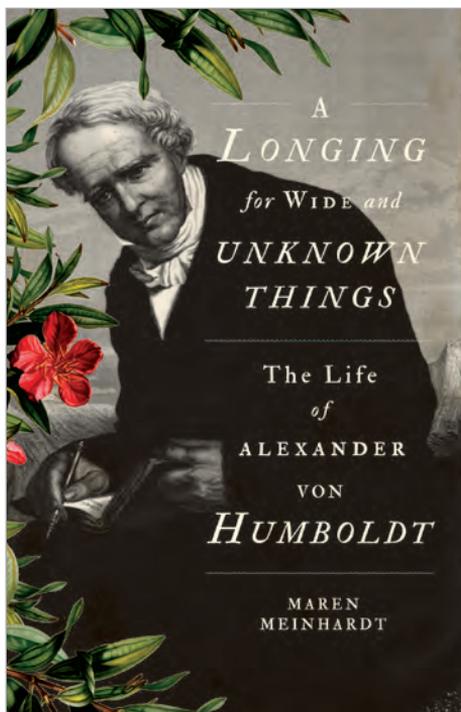
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Maren Meinhardt works at the *Times Literary Supplement*, where she is the editor for German Literature and Natural History. She studied Psychology and Literature at the London School of Economics and the University of Sussex. In the summer of 2014, she and her two daughters retraced Humboldt's footsteps in Ecuador. Her spare time is spent trying to locate wild and unexplored nature within easy travelling distance of London.

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Biology / History of Science

MAREN MEINHARDT

A Longing for Wide and Unknown Things

The Life of Alexander von Humboldt

A beautifully written biography of a giant of the nineteenth century, explorer of Latin America and founder of biogeography.

Alexander von Humboldt, whose marble features greet visitors to Berlin's Humboldt University, was the most admired scientist of his day. But the achievements for which he was most celebrated in his own lifetime were never quite perfect. When he climbed the Chimborazo, at the time believed to be the highest mountain in the world, he did not quite reach the top; he established the existence of the Casiquiare canal, between the great water systems of the Orinoco and the Amazon, but this had been well known to local people. *Cosmos*, the immense work meant to give a synthetic account of the natural world, was left unfinished. This was not accidental. Humboldt's pursuit of an all-encompassing, immersive approach to science was a way of finding limits: of nature and of the scientist's own self.

A Longing for Wide and Unknown Things portrays a scientific life lived in the era of German Romanticism — a time of radical change, in which new ways of living seemed possible. Humboldt's travels in South America were motivated both by scientific curiosity and by other desires that are less easily identified. As he himself admitted, he 'would have sailed to the remotest South Seas, even if it hadn't fulfilled any scientific purpose whatever'.

KIM A. WAGNER

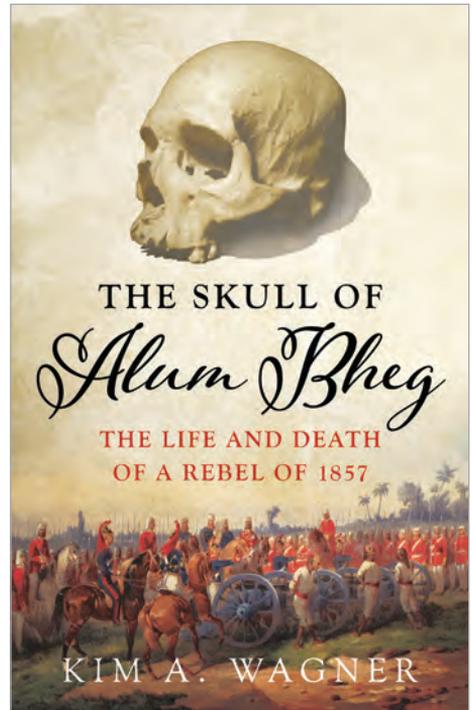
The Skull of Alum Bheg

The Life and Death of
a Rebel of 1857

An absorbing history charting the long afterlife of the 1857 'Indian Mutiny' and the Victorians' macabre fetish for collecting body parts.

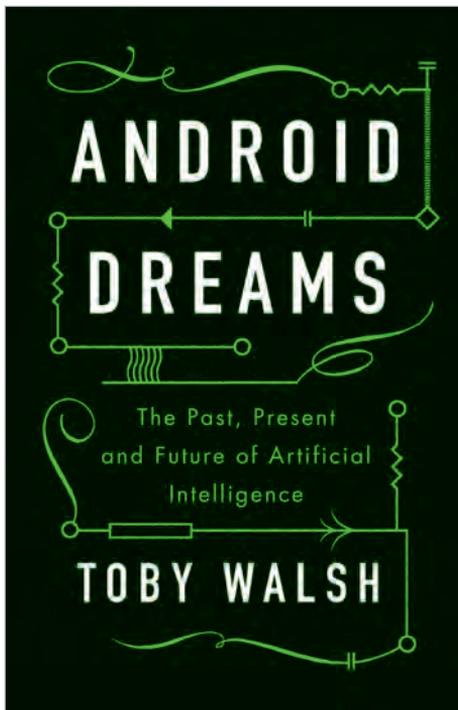
In 1963, a human skull was discovered in a pub in Kent in south-east England. A brief handwritten note stuck inside the cavity revealed it to be that of Alum Bheg, an Indian soldier in British service who was executed during the aftermath of the 1857 Uprising, or The Indian Mutiny as historians of an earlier era described it. Alum Bheg was blown from a cannon for having allegedly murdered British civilians, and his head was brought back as a grisly war-trophy by an Irish officer present at his execution.

The skull is a troublesome relic of both anti-colonial violence and the brutality and spectacle of British retribution. Kim Wagner presents an intimate and vivid account of life and death in British India in the throes of the largest rebellion of the nineteenth century. Fugitive rebels spent months, even years, hiding in the vastness of the Himalayas before they were eventually hunted down and punished by a vengeful colonial state. Examining the colonial practice of collecting and exhibiting human remains, this book offers a critical assessment of British imperialism that speaks to contemporary debates about the legacies of Empire and the myth of the 'Mutiny'.



Kim A. Wagner is Senior Lecturer in British Imperial History, Queen Mary, University of London. He has written three previous books on Thuggees and on the 1857 Uprising.

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Science / Current Affairs

TOBY WALSH

Android Dreams

The Past, Present and Future of Artificial Intelligence

Is the day coming when humans are redundant and robots control our destiny? Are we heading for a catastrophe of our own making?

The development of thinking machines is an adventure as bold and ambitious as any that humans have attempted. And the truth is that Artificial Intelligence is already an indispensable part of our daily lives. Without it, Google wouldn't find out whatever you need to know. Your smartphone would just be a phone. In countless ways AI has made the world what it is today.

But where will AI technologies take us in the future? We know they will continue to change society, but how? Will AI destroy our jobs? Could it even pose an existential threat? What should we be doing now to prepare for the future?

Android Dreams provides a fascinating survey of Artificial Intelligence for the general reader: where it came from, the state of the art today, and where it will take us tomorrow. It examines how AI will transform our societies, our economies and even ourselves, and what we can do about it. Its ten predictions about what AI will have achieved by 2050 are guaranteed to surprise you.

MIKE MARTIN

Why We Fight

The Cognitive Basis for War

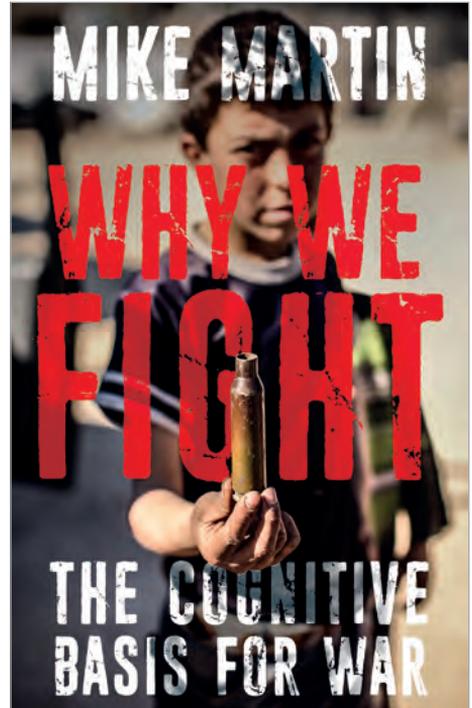
A unique look at how evolution has shaped humans to fight wars, even when those wars kill fighters before they reproduce.

Why are we willing to die for our countries? Does religion precipitate violence? Do pride, anger and vengeance lead to war? Can ideology persuade someone to blow themselves up?

This ground-breaking book explores how tens of thousands of years of evolution have shaped our brains to fight, and not to fight. Drawing on insights gleaned as a soldier and a scholar, and a biologist, Mike Martin explains how the lives and deaths of our ancestors have shaped our behaviour to propel us towards conflict, even as that option makes less and less sense.

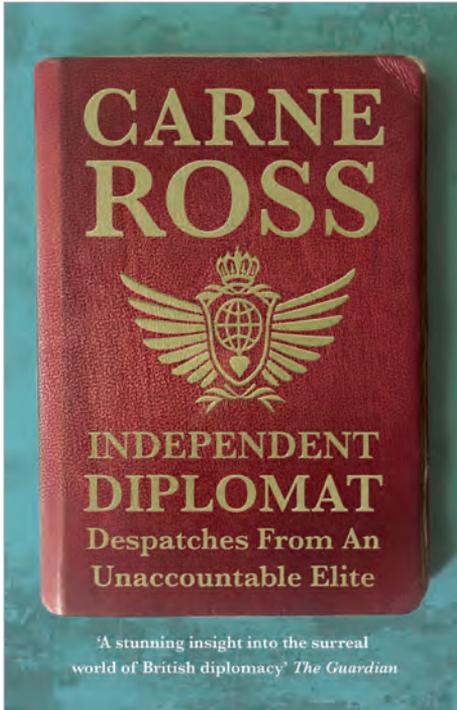
Why We Fight highlights the continuums between animal and human individual violence and explains how mankind has massively reduced the preponderance of warfare by creating larger and larger social groups. Together, these arguments form a compelling demonstration of humans' evolutionary predisposition to warfare, rooted in a prehistoric past when going to war actually increased your chances of survival.

Our contemporary world is marked by the disintegration of social groups, which inevitably increases the likelihood of conflict — yet, Martin concludes, humans may still ultimately outlive warfare altogether, consigning it to history.



Mike Martin is a former British Army officer who has worked, travelled and lived all over the world in order to try and understand conflict. His previous books include *A Brief History of Helmand*, and *An Intimate War: An Oral History of the Helmand Conflict*. His *Crossing the Congo: Over Land and Water in a Hard Place*, was shortlisted for the Edward Stanford Travel Writing Award 2016 in the category of Adventure Travel. Educated in biology and conflict, he is a War Studies Visiting Research Fellow at King's College London.

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Carne Ross is a trained negotiator and economist and the founder and director of Independent Diplomat. He has over fifteen years of diplomatic experience at the British Foreign Office and the United Nations, and is a widely published and broadcast commentator on world affairs.

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CARNE ROSS

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Independent Diplomat

Despatches From An
Unaccountable Elite

'In his stunning insight into the surreal world of British diplomacy, Carne Ross writes about [an] emerging multilateral world.' — *The Guardian*

'A rare and honest book about real-life diplomacy, reported from the coal-face.' — George Soros

Carne Ross offers a compelling new account — and vision — of the conduct of foreign policy and diplomacy from the inside. As diplomats arbitrate more and more of the world's business, we have little idea of what they are doing in our name, and even less control over it. This book aims to redress this imbalance.

Ross was a diplomat on the front line of many of today's most pressing issues, from Israel/Palestine, to Afghanistan and Iraq, over which he eventually resigned from the British Foreign Office. He contends that the institutions of contemporary diplomacy — foreign ministries, the UN or EU — often exclude those most affected by the discussions within.

As a diplomat he was encouraged and taught to see the world as one of states and interests, excluding more complex, sophisticated — and human — ways of understanding. Ross demonstrates how the reality of negotiation reveals very different forces at play.

Illustrated with vivid episodes from his career — from the UN Security Council in New York to Kabul — Ross offers a refreshing critique of what's wrong with contemporary diplomacy and how it might be put right.

SNIGDHA POONAM

Dreamers

How Young Indians are Changing their World and Yours

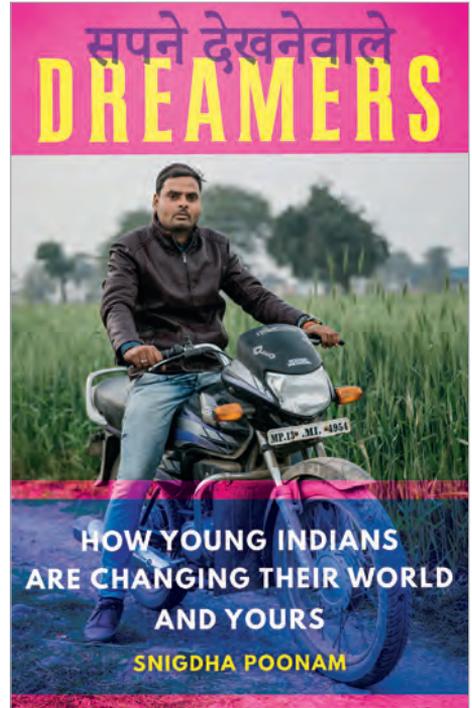
A marvellous account of the boundless ambition of small town India and the extraordinary lives of those who pursue their dreams.

More than half of India's population, some 600 million people, is under the age of twenty-five. It's a generation driven by one defining truth: that unless they seize the initiative and shape their own future, they will wait a long time for something good to happen in their lives.

Young men and women across India are using their imagination to create new options — economic, political, cultural — in the unlikeliest of spaces. Thanks to the internet and social media they are the most connected generation ever; they are using that access to change many things, from how they see the world to how the world sees them. Their vision is of an India at the centre of the world — with them at the apex, setting the rules.

Over several years Snigdha Poonam tracked a disparate group of young Indians — motivational speakers, radio DJs, models, internet entrepreneurs, event managers, and student politicians — across small town India as they pursued success and influence, united by the common belief that they were born for bigger and better things.

What do they want? How do they intend to get there? And how will their dreams change our lives — and the world?



Snigdha Poonam is a writer with the *Hindustan Times* in Delhi. Her work has appeared in the *Guardian*, the *New York Times* and *Granta*. Her article 'Lady Singham's Mission Against Love' was runner-up in the Bodley Head / *Financial Times* Essay Prize, 2015.

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Olivier van Beemen is a Dutch investigative journalist specialising in Africa. This is his first book.

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OLIVIER VAN BEEMEN

Heineken in Africa

A Multinational Unleashed

'We've never had very critical books written about Heineken, and we don't like it. It has proved challenging, and led to much soul-searching in the company.' – Jean-François van Boxmeer, CEO, Heineken

For Heineken, 'rising Africa' doesn't just represent a promising future. The continent has proved highly lucrative for decades, with profits almost 50 per cent higher than the global average. In some African countries, beer costs more than it does in Europe. According to the Dutch brewer, this is not only good news for shareholders, but also for the economic development of the countries in Africa where it operates. But is it?

After three years of research and hundreds of interviews, Olivier van Beemen concludes that Heineken's presence has hardly benefited the continent at all, and may in fact be rather harmful. He tells the story of how Heineken faced considerable competition from indigenous beer brewing, which it crushed. He shows how Heineken collaborates with dictators, authoritarian governments and a convicted war criminal; how it's using a mysterious Belgian operating company to avoid tax; and how the company is linked to human rights violations and high-level corruption.

An unmissable book for anyone interested in how the world's biggest companies operate in the developing world.

ROBERT GAUDI

African Kaiser

Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck and
the Great War in Africa, 1914-1918

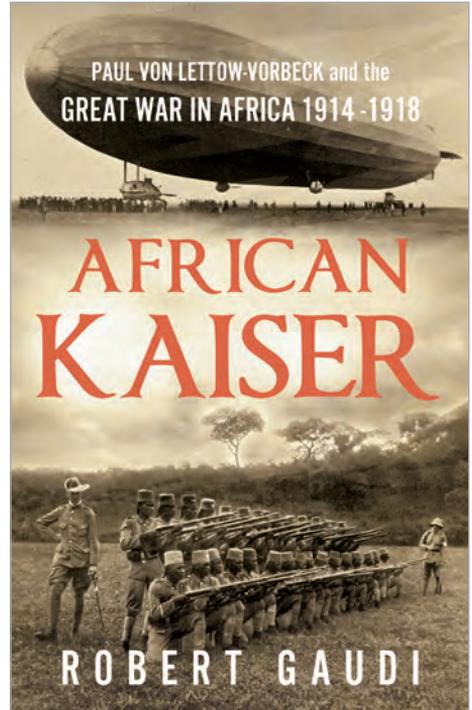
The incredible true story of World War I in Africa
and General Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck, the last
undefeated German commander.

At the beginning of the twentieth century, Africa was a hotbed of international trade, colonialism, and political gamesmanship. So when World War I broke out, European powers were forced to contend with one another not just in the trenches, but in the savannah of East Africa too.

It was in that unforgiving landscape that German General Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck and a small cadre of hardened German officers fought alongside their African allies as equals, creating the first truly integrated army of the modern age, the Schutztruppe Askaris.

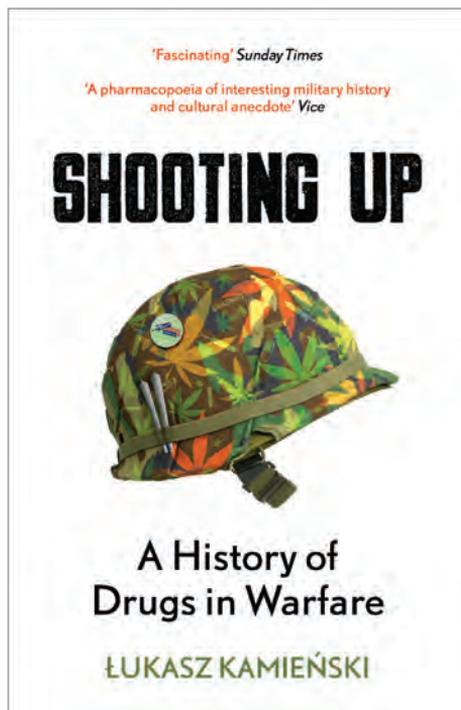
African Kaiser is the fascinating tale of a forgotten guerrilla campaign. It is the story of rhino charges and artillery duels with scavenged naval guns; of hunted German battleships hidden up unmapped river deltas; of a desperate army in the wilderness cut off from the world, living off hippo lard and sawgrass flowers — enduring starvation, malaria, and dysentery; and of the remarkable intercontinental voyage of Zeppelin L59, whose improbable 4,000 mile journey to the Equator and back made aviation history.

But mostly it is the story of von Lettow-Vorbeck — the only undefeated German commander in WWI and the last to surrender his arms, later to be shunned by the Nazis for opposing their regime.



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LUKASZ KAMIENSKI

New in paperback

Shooting Up

A History of Drugs in Warfare

'Fascinating, immensely detailed and surprisingly sober ... A rich and compendious book.'

— *The Sunday Times*

'An engaging read ... a pharmacopoeia of interesting military history, medical research & cultural anecdote.' — *Vice*

'A historical sweep from the Battle of Hastings to Waterloo or ancient Greece to Vietnam suggests that war has rarely been fought sober.' — *LRB*

Lukasz Kamiński is Assistant Professor at the Faculty of International and Political Studies, Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland.

From hallucinogenic mushrooms and LSD, to coca and cocaine; from Homeric warriors and the Assassins to the first Gulf War and today's global insurgents — drugs have sustained warriors in the field and have been used as weapons of warfare, either as non-lethal psychochemical weapons or as a means of subversion.

Lukasz Kamiński explores why and how drugs have been issued to soldiers to increase their battlefield performance, boost their courage and alleviate stress and fear — as well as for medical purposes. He also delves into the history of psychoactive substances that combatants 'self-prescribe', a practice which dates as far back as the Vikings. *Shooting Up* is a comprehensive and original history of the relationship between fighting men and intoxicants, from Antiquity till the present day, and looks at how drugs will determine the wars of the future in unforeseen and remarkable ways.

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WILLIAM HARRIS

Quicksilver War

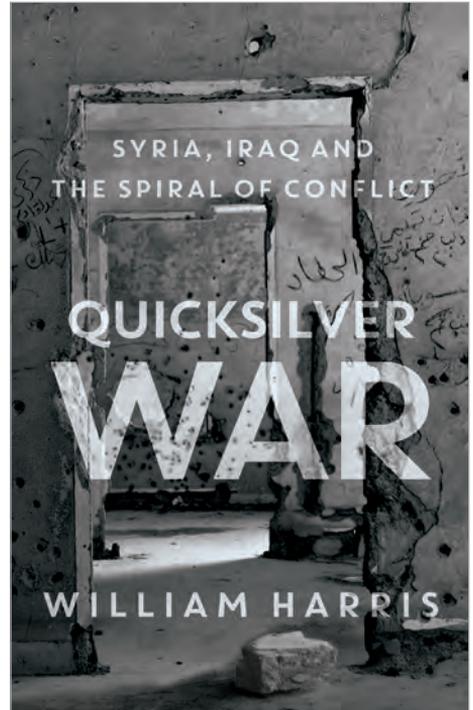
Syria, Iraq and the
Spiral of Conflict

A renowned historian of the Levant offers a panoramic account of the intertwined, borderless wars wracking Syria and Iraq.

Quicksilver War is a panoramic political history of the wars that coursed through Syria and Iraq in the wake of the 'Arab Spring' and eventually merged to become a regional catastrophe: a kaleidoscopic and constantly shifting conflict involving many different parties and phases.

William Harris distils the highly complex dynamics behind the conflict, starting with the brutalising Baathist regimes in Damascus and Baghdad. He charts the malignant consequences of incompetent US occupation of Iraq and Bashar al-Assad's self-righteous mismanagement of Syria, through the implosion of Syria, and the emergence of eastern and western theatres of war focused respectively on future control of Syria and the challenge of ISIS. Beyond the immediate arena of conflict, geopolitical riptides have also been set in motion, including Turkey's embroilment in the war and the shifting circumstances of the Kurds.

This sweeping history addresses urgent questions for our time. Will the world rubber-stamp and bankroll the Russian-led 'solution' in Syria, backed by Turkey and Iran? Is the 'Quicksilver War' about to reach an explosive finale? Or will ongoing political manoeuvring mutate into years of further violence?



William Harris is Professor of Politics at the University of Otago, New Zealand.

He works on the politics and history of the Levant states. His most recent books are *Lebanon: A History, 600-2011* and the fourth, completely revised edition of *The Levant: A Fractured Mosaic*.

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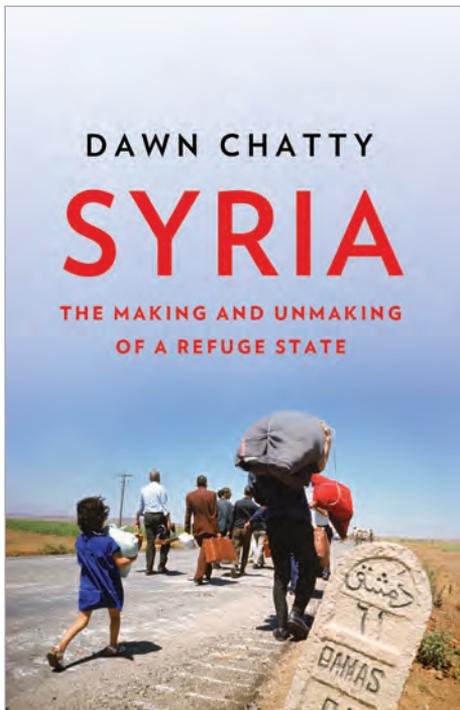
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Dawn Chatty is Emeritus Professor of Anthropology and Forced Migration and former Director of the Refugee Studies Centre, Department of International Development, Oxford University and the author of *Displacement and Dispossession in the Modern Middle East* and *From Camel to Truck*.

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DAWN CHATTY

Syria

The Making and Unmaking of a Refugee State

A leading expert offers the definitive account of Syria's long history of welcoming, and now exporting, refugees.

The dispossession and forced migration of nearly 50 per cent of Syria's population has produced the greatest refugee crisis since World War II. This new book places the current displacement within the context of the widespread migrations that have indelibly marked the region throughout the last 150 years. Syria itself has harboured millions from its neighbouring lands, and Syrian society has been shaped by these diasporas.

Dawn Chatty explores how modern Syria came to be a refuge state, focusing first on the major forced migrations into Syria of Circassians, Armenians, Kurds, Palestinians, and Iraqis. Drawing heavily on individual narratives and stories of integration, adaptation, and compromise, she shows that a local cosmopolitanism came to be seen as intrinsic to Syrian society. She examines the current outflow of people from Syria to neighbouring states as individuals and families seek survival with dignity, arguing that though the future remains uncertain, the resilience and strength of Syrian society both displaced internally within Syria and externally across borders bodes well for successful return and reintegration.

If there is any hope to be found in the Syrian civil war, it is in this history.

YASSIN AL-HAJ SALEH

The Impossible Revolution

Making Sense of
the Syrian Tragedy

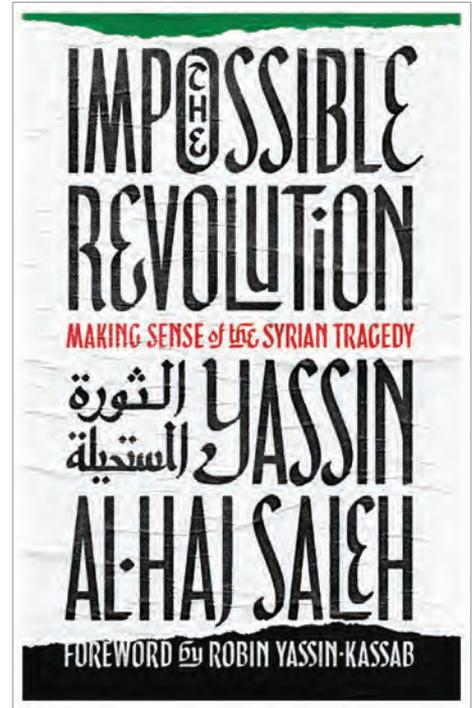
Foreword by Robin Yassin-Kassab

The intellectual voice of the Syrian revolution recounts the devastating impact of the Assads' tyrannical rule on his country and his family.

The Syrian civil war and the humanitarian catastrophe it has produced constitute the most urgent geopolitical crisis of the twenty-first century. For the last six years, we have been confronted with images of colossal human suffering and a moral dilemma that remains unresolved, with no end in sight.

Yassin al-Haj Saleh, the intellectual voice of the Syrian revolution, describes with precision and fervour the events that led to the uprising of 2011, the metamorphosis of the popular revolution into a regional war, and the 'three monsters' Saleh sees 'treading on Syria's corpse': the Assad regime and its allies, ISIS and other jihadists, and the West. Where conventional wisdom has it that Assad's army is now battling religious fanatics for control of the country, Saleh argues that the emancipatory, democratic mass movement that ignited the revolution still exists, though it is beset on all sides.

A leftist dissident who spent sixteen years as a political prisoner and now lives in exile, Saleh offers powerful and compelling critiques of the impact of the revolution and war on Syrian governance, identity and society. All those concerned with the conflict should take note.



Yassin al-Haj Saleh is widely regarded as Syria's foremost thinker and the intellectual guru of the Syrian uprising. Born in Raqqa, he spent sixteen years as a political prisoner in Syria (1980-1996) and has been living in exile in Turkey since 2013, still struggling for Syria and Samira, his abducted wife. He has written and edited five books in Arabic, but this is his first in English.

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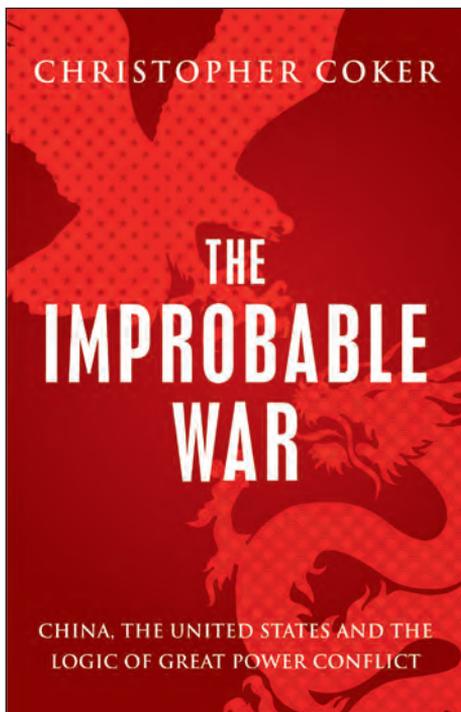
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Current Affairs / Middle East



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International Relations

CHRISTOPHER COKER

New edition

The Improbable War

China, the United States and the Logic of Great Power Conflict

'An insightful exposition of several cautionary points. ... The irrationality of war does not make war impossible.' — *Financial Times*

'A highly stimulating account by a major thinker on one of the most important geopolitical questions of our time.' — Rana Mitter, Professor, University of Oxford

This book explains why conflict between the US and China cannot be ruled out. In 1914 war between the Great Powers was considered unlikely, yet it happened, and the lessons we draw from its outbreak are usually mistaken. Among these errors is the tendency to over-estimate human rationality.

All major conflicts of the past 300 years have been about the norms and rules of the international system. In Xi Jinping's China and Donald Trump's US we find two powers whose values differ markedly, with China bidding to challenge the current order. The 'Thucydidean Trap' — when a conservative status quo power confronts a rising new one — may also play its part in precipitating hostilities. To avoid stumbling into an avoidable war both Beijing and Washington need a coherent strategy, which neither of them has.

The next global conflict may be played out in the new spheres of cyberspace and outer space, but like all previous wars it will have devastating consequences. Such a war between the United States and China looks less 'improbable' with every passing year.

PAUL LENDVAI

Orbán

Europe's New Strongman

'A convincing indictment of the most powerful political figure in the eastern EU ...

This is gloves-off political writing at its best.'

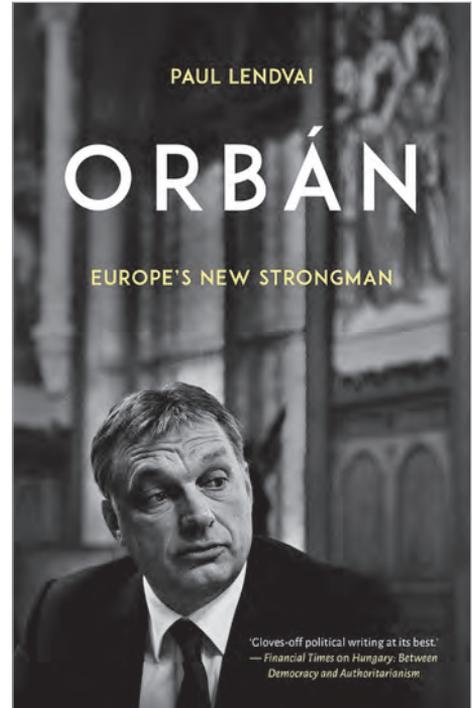
— *The Financial Times on Hungary* (2012)

A no-holds-barred biography of Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, who has become a pivotal figure in European politics since 2010, this is the first English-language study of the erstwhile anti-communist rebel turned populist autocrat.

Through a masterly and cynical manipulation of ethnic nationalism, generating fear of migrants and deep-rooted corruption, Orbán has exploited successive electoral victories to build a closely knit and super-rich oligarchy. He holds unfettered power in Hungary and is regarded as the single most powerful leader within the European Union.

Orbán's ambitions are far-reaching. Hailed by governments and far-right politicians as a symbol of a new anti-Brussels nationalism, his ruthless crackdown on refugees, his open break with normative values and his undisguised admiration for Presidents Putin and Trump mean he poses a formidable challenge to Angela Merkel and the survival of liberal democracy in a divided Europe.

Drawing on access to exclusive documents and numerous interviews, celebrated veteran journalist Paul Lendvai paints a compelling portrait of the most successful and, arguably, most dangerous politician in Hungarian history.



Paul Lendvai is a Hungarian-born Austrian journalist who worked as a correspondent for the *Financial Times* for more than two decades. He is the author of *Hungary: Between Democracy and Authoritarianism*; *Inside Austria: New Challenges, Old Demons*; and *Blacklisted: A Journalist's Life in Central Europe*.

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RUSSIA'S MUSLIM HEARTLANDS

ISLAM IN THE PUTIN ERA



DOMINIC RUBIN

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Sociology / Islamic Studies

DOMINIC RUBIN

Russia's Muslim Heartlands

Islam in the Putin Era

An empathetic account of a large and little understood population: Russia's 20 million Muslims.

Moscow has the largest Muslim population of any city in Europe. In 2015, some 2 million Muslim Muscovites celebrated the opening of the continent's biggest mosque. One quarter of the Soviet population was ethnically Muslim, and today their grandchildren, living in the lands between Bukhara, Kazan and the Caucasus, once again have access to their historical traditions. But they also suffer the effects of civil war, mass migration and political instability. At the highest levels, Islam has been swept up into Russia's broader search for identity, as the old question of eastern versus western takes on new force.

Dominic Rubin has spent the last three years interviewing Muslims across Russia, from Sufi shaykhs in Dagestan, new Muslim artists on the Volga and professionals in Kyrgyzstan to guest-workers commuting between Russia and Uzbekistan and Kremlin-sponsored muftis hammering out a new Russian Muslim ideology in Moscow. He discovers their family histories, their faith journeys and their hopes and fears, caught between roles as traditionalist allies in the new Eurasian Russia and as potential traitors in Moscow's war on terror. This story of Islam adapting in a paradoxical landscape, against all odds, brings alive the human reality behind the headlines.

ANTHONY RIMMINGTON

Stalin's Secret Weapon

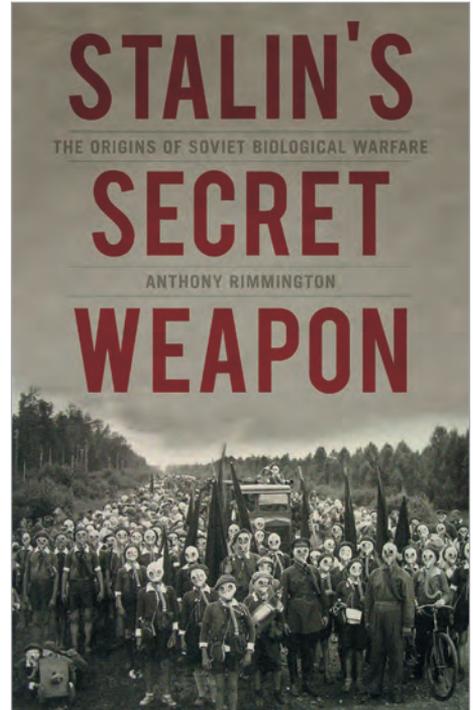
The Origins of Soviet Biological Warfare

A chilling reassessment of the Soviet Union's advances in biological warfare, and the West's inadvertent contributions.

Stalin's Secret Weapon is a gripping account of the early history of the globally significant Soviet biological weapons programme, including its key scientists, its secret experimental bases and the role of intelligence specialists, establishing beyond doubt that the infrastructure created by Stalin continues to form the core of Russia's current biological defence network.

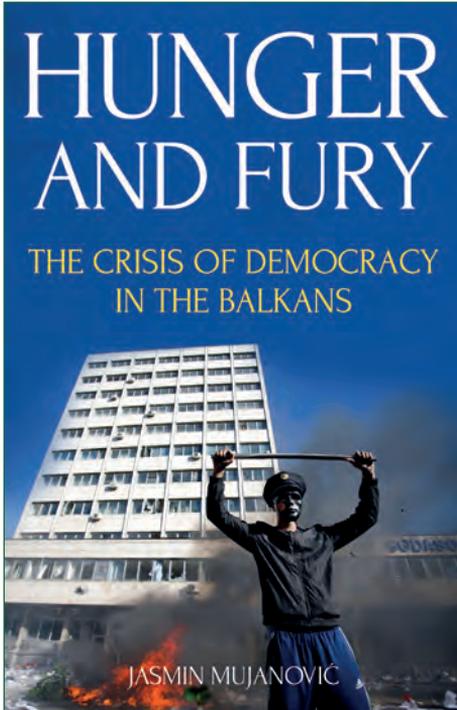
Anthony Rimmington has enjoyed privileged access to an array of newly available sources and materials, including declassified British Secret Intelligence Service reports. The evidence contained therein has led him to conclude that the programme, with its network of dedicated facilities and proving grounds, was far more extensive than previously considered, easily outstripping those of the major Western powers.

As Rimmington reveals, many of the USSR's leading infectious disease scientists, including those focused on pneumonic plague, were recruited by the Soviet military and intelligence services. At the dark heart of this bacteriological archipelago lay Stalin, and his involvement is everywhere to be seen, from the promotion of favoured researchers to the political repression and execution of the lead biological warfare specialist, Ivan Mikhailovich Velikanov.



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JASMIN MUJANOVIC

Hunger and Fury

The Crisis of Democracy in the Balkans

A cool analysis of authoritarian tendencies among the Balkans' entrenched elites and the hollowness of existing 'democratisation' approaches.

Less than two decades after the Yugoslav Wars ended, the edifice of parliamentary government in the Western Balkans is crumbling. This collapse sets into sharp relief the unreformed authoritarian tendencies of the region's entrenched elites, many of whom have held power since the early 1990s, and the hollowness of the West's 'democratisation' agenda.

There is a widely held assumption that institutional collapse will precipitate a new bout of ethnic conflict, but Mujanovic argues instead that the Balkans are on the cusp of a historic socio-political transformation. Drawing on a wide variety of sources, with a unique focus on local activist accounts, he argues that a period of genuine democratic transition is finally dawning, led by grassroots social movements, from Zagreb to Skopje. Rather than pursuing ethnic strife, these new Balkan revolutionaries are confronting the 'ethnic entrepreneurs' cemented in power by the West in its efforts to stabilise the region since the mid-1990s.

This compellingly argued book harnesses the explanatory power of the striking graffiti scrawled on the walls of the ransacked Bosnian presidency during violent anti-government protests in 2014: 'if you sow hunger, you will reap fury'.

JERONIM PEROVIC

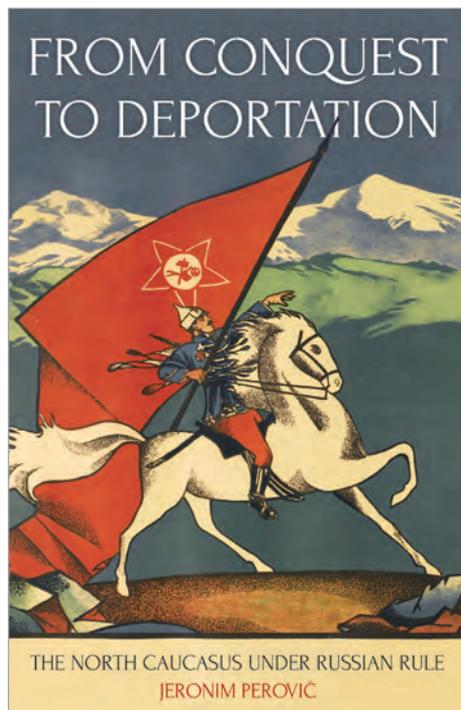
From Conquest to Deportation

The North Caucasus under Russian Rule

A synoptic history of Imperial and Soviet Russian conquest and colonisation of the North Caucasus.

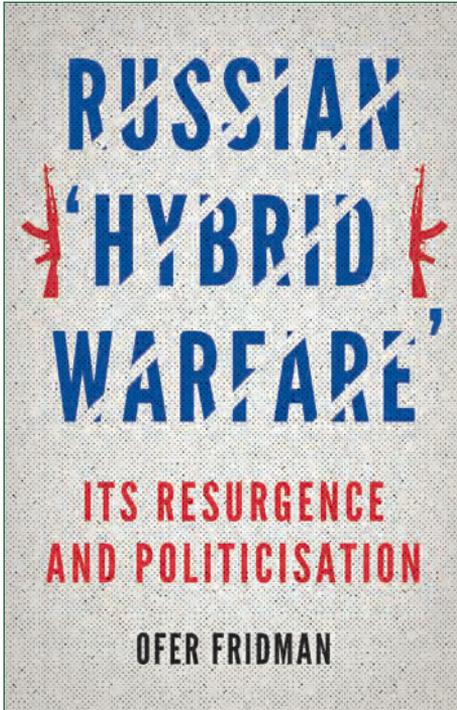
This book is about a region on the fringes of empire, which neither Tsarist Russia, nor the Soviet Union, nor in fact the Russian Federation, ever really managed to control. Starting with the nineteenth century, it analyses the state's various strategies to establish its rule over populations highly resilient to change imposed from outside, who frequently resorted to arms to resist interference in their religious practices and beliefs, traditional customs, and ways of life.

Jeronim Perovic offers a major contribution to our knowledge of the early Soviet era, a crucial yet overlooked period in this region's troubled history. During the 1920s and 1930s, the various peoples of this predominantly Muslim region came into contact for the first time with a modernising state, demanding not only unconditional loyalty but active participation in the project of 'socialist transformation'. Drawing on unpublished documents from Russian archives, Perovic investigates the changes wrought by Russian policy and explains why, from Moscow's perspective, these modernisation attempts failed, ultimately prompting the Stalinist leadership to forcefully exile the Chechens and other North Caucasians to Central Asia in 1943-4.



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OFER FRIDMAN

Russian 'Hybrid Warfare'

Its Resurgence and Politicisation

Fridman contends that today's 'obsession' with 'Hybrid Warfare' is more to do with politics than conceptual novelty, having been devised in the 1960s.

During the last decade, 'Hybrid Warfare' has become a novel yet controversial term in academic, political and professional military lexicons, intended to suggest some sort of mix between different military and non-military means and methods of confrontation. Enthusiastic discussion of the notion has been undermined by conceptual vagueness and political manipulation, particularly since the onset of the Ukrainian Crisis in early 2014, as ideas about Hybrid Warfare engulf Russia and the West, especially in the media.

Western defence and political specialists analysing Russian responses to the crisis have been quick to confirm that Hybrid Warfare is the Kremlin's main strategy in the twenty-first century. But many respected Russian strategists and political observers contend that it is the West that has been waging Hybrid War, *Gibridnaya Voyna*, since the end of the Cold War.

In this highly topical book, Ofer Fridman offers a clear delineation of the conceptual debates about Hybrid Warfare. What leads Russian experts to say that the West is conducting a *Gibridnaya Voyna* against Russia, and what do they mean by it? Why do Western observers claim that the Kremlin engages in Hybrid Warfare? And, beyond terminology, is this something genuinely new?

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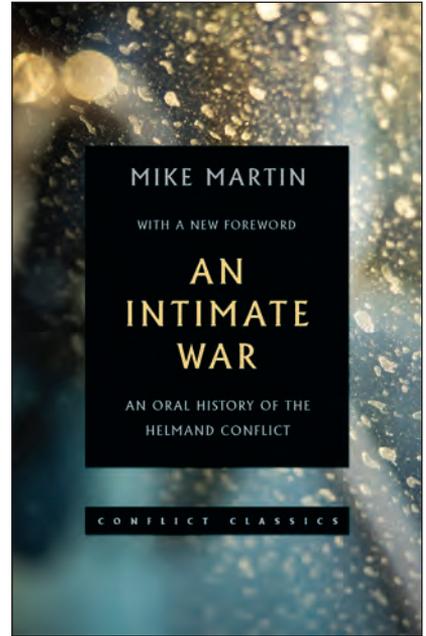
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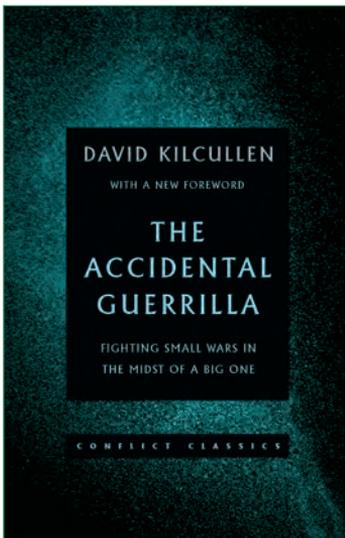
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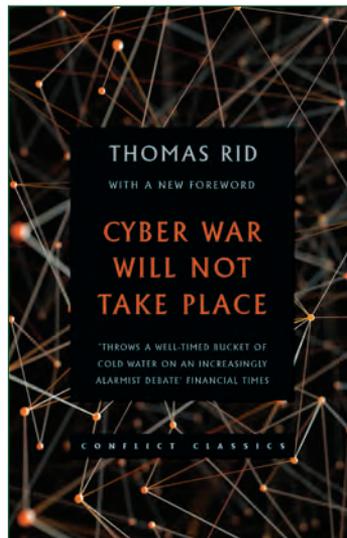


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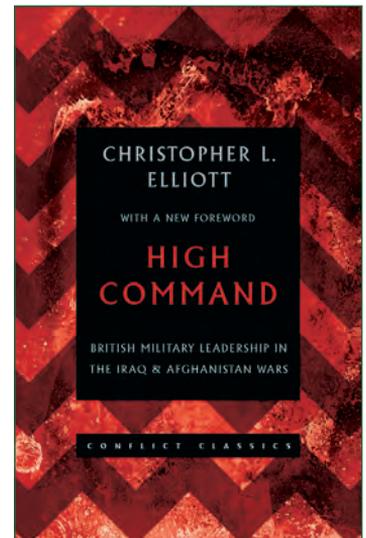
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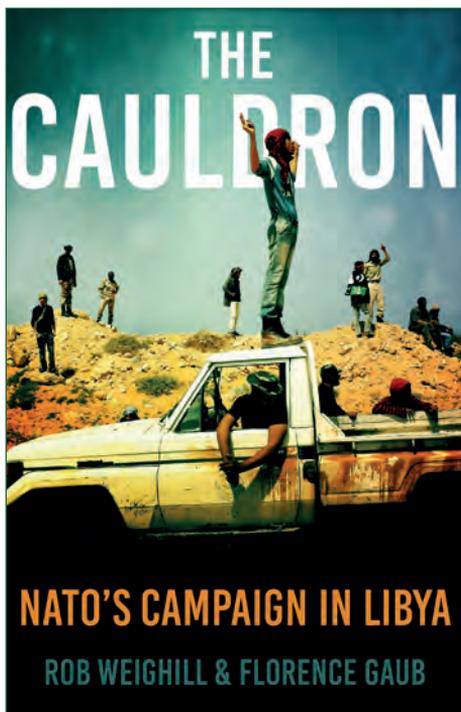
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ROB WEIGHILL & FLORENCE GAUB

The Cauldron

NATO's Campaign in Libya

Attacking conventional wisdom, Weighill and Gaub argue that NATO's intervention in Libya was soundly conceived and executed.

In March 2011, NATO launched a mission hitherto entirely unthinkable: to protect civilians against Libya's ferocious regime, solely from the air. NATO had never operated in North Africa, or without troops on the ground; it also had never had to move as quickly as it did that spring. It took seven months, 25,000 air sorties, 7,000 combat strike missions, 3,100 maritime hailings and nearly 400 boardings for Tripoli to fall.

This book tells for the first time the whole story of this international drama, spanning the hallways of the United Nations in New York, NATO Headquarters in Brussels and, crucially, the two operational epicentres: the Libyan battlefield, and Joint Force Command Naples, which was in charge of the mission.

Weighill and Gaub offer a comprehensive exploration of both the war's progression and the many challenges NATO faced, from its extremely rapid planning and limited understanding of Libya and its forces, to training shortfalls and the absence of post-conflict planning. There is a long-awaited account of the Libyan war: one that truly considers all the actors involved.

ULF LAESSING

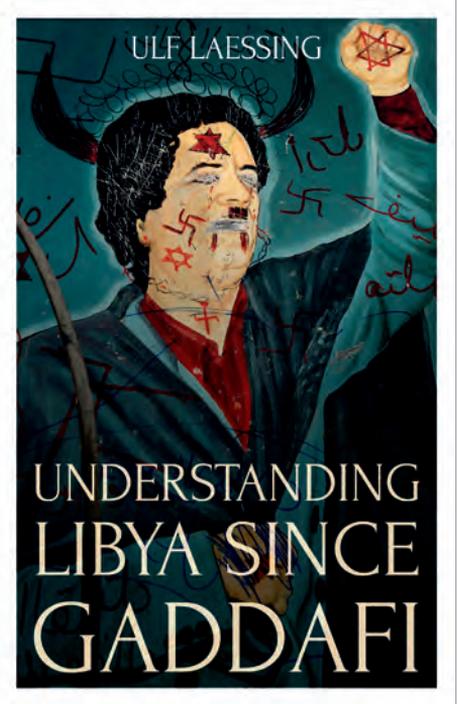
Understanding Libya Since Gaddafi

Laessing's fast-paced, on-the-ground narrative reveals what really happened in the run up to and aftermath of Gaddafi's ouster.

Why has Libya fallen apart since 2011? The world has largely given up trying to understand how the revolution that toppled Muammar Gaddafi has left the country a failed state and a major security headache for Europe. Gaddafi's police state has been replaced by yet another dictatorship, amidst a complex conflict of myriad armed groups, Islamists, tribes, towns and secularists. What happened?

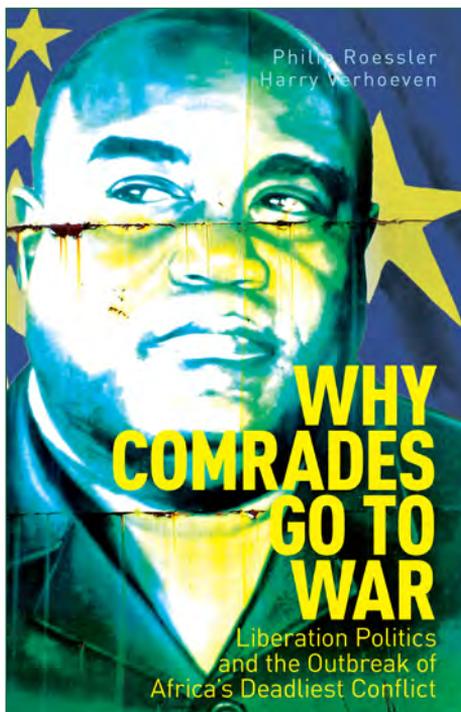
One of few foreign journalists to have lived in post-revolution Tripoli, Ulf Laessing has unique insight into the violent nature of post-Gaddafi politics. Confronting threats from media-hostile militias and jihadi kidnappings, in a world where diplomats retreat to their compounds and guns are drawn at government press conferences, Laessing has kept his ear to the ground and won the trust of many key players.

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PHILIP ROESSLER & HARRY VERHOEVEN

Why Comrades Go to War

Liberation Politics and the Outbreak
of Africa's Deadliest Conflict

'One of the most intelligent books on conflict in Africa that I have read. Based on an astoundingly comprehensive array of interviews with the key actors.' — William Reno, Northwestern University

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'A must-read for those wanting to navigate the labyrinths underpinning visible African events.' — Gérard Prunier, author of *From Genocide to Continental War*

Uniquely drawing on hundreds of interviews with protagonists, *Why Comrades Go To War* offers a novel theoretical and empirical account of Africa's Great War. It argues that the seeds of the conflict were sown in the revolutionary struggle against Mobutu — the way the revolution came together, the way it was organised, and, paradoxically, the very way it succeeded. The overthrow of Mobutu proved a Pyrrhic victory because the protagonists ignored the philosophy of Julius Nyerere, the father of Africa's liberation movements: they put the gun before the unglamorous but essential task of building the domestic and regional political institutions and organisational structures necessary to consolidate peace after revolution.

GREG MILLS, JEFFREY HERBST,
OLUSEGUN OBASANJO & DICKIE DAVIS

Making Africa Work

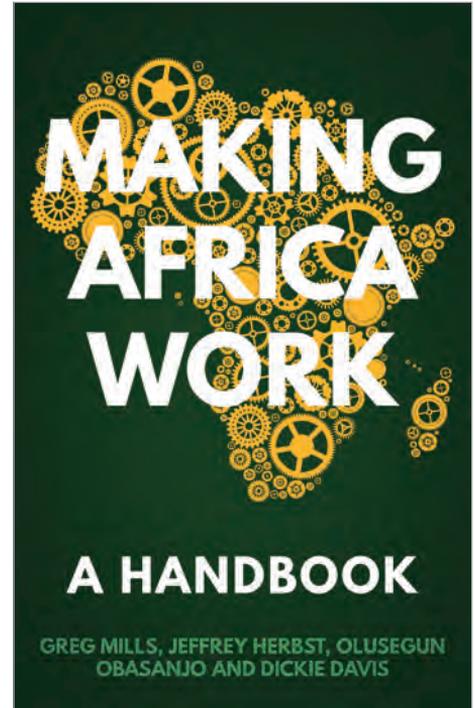
A Handbook

A trenchant analysis of the continent's economic faultlines and a handbook of best practices to redress them.

Over the next generation, Sub-Saharan Africa faces three big, inter-related challenges. Its population will double to 2 billion by 2045. By then, more than half of Africans will be living in cities. And this group of mostly young people will be connected with each other and the world through mobile devices.

Properly planned for and harnessed, this situation is a tremendously positive force for change. But without economic growth and jobs, it could prove a political and social catastrophe. With these population increases, old systems of patronage and of muddling through will no longer work. Instead, if leaders want to remain in power, they will have to find a more dynamic means of promoting growth.

A first-hand account of a rapidly changing region, *Making Africa Work* is a handbook for ensuring growth beyond commodities and creating jobs across the continent.



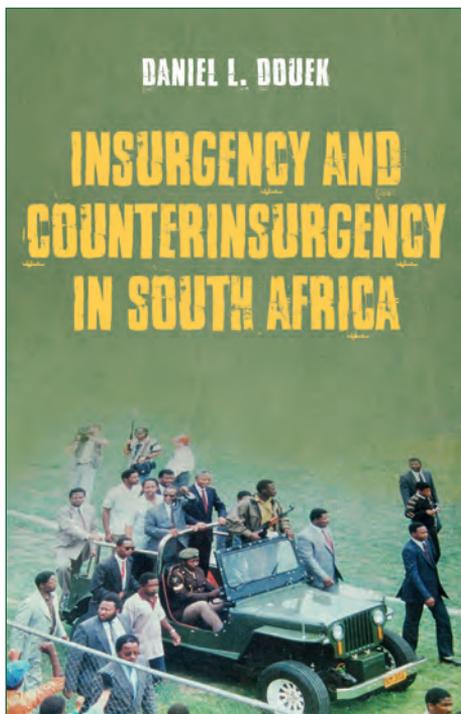
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DANIEL L. DOUEK

Insurgency and Counterinsurgency in South Africa

Probes the underbelly of early post-apartheid South Africa and the destabilisation and assassination campaign unleashed as white rule ended.

South Africa's transition to democracy took place against a backdrop of shadow war between the apartheid regime's counterinsurgency forces and the African National Congress' armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK). This book analyses in unprecedented detail the hidden history of MK's struggle and its contribution to South Africa's liberation, while exposing new dimensions of clandestine apartheid-era violence.

Drawing on interviews with former MK guerrillas, Daniel Douek traces the evolution of MK's operations across southern Africa from the 1960s, culminating in the 1990-4 negotiations between the ANC and the white-supremacist regime. As political violence escalated, the battle waged in the shadows became nothing less than a struggle to shape South Africa's future. Counterinsurgency forces recruited spies, deployed death squads, engaged in psychological warfare, and targeted ANC leaders, including MK chief Chris Hani.

Even once ANC elites had come to power, apartheid counterinsurgency operations continued to undermine South Africa's new democracy by marginalising MK guerrillas within the 'new' security forces, leaving legacies of violence and instability still felt today.

FINN FUGLESTAD

Slave Traders by Invitation

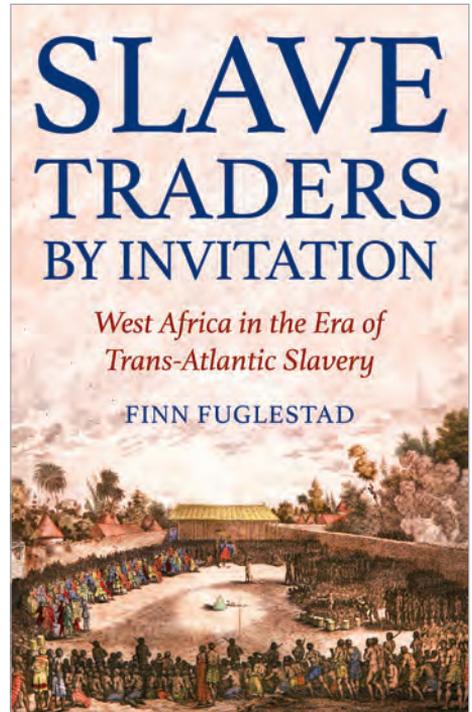
West Africa in the Era of
Trans-Atlantic Slavery

A frank reassessment of agency in the West African slave trade, exposing how local polities, not European interlopers, called the shots.

The Slave Coast, situated in what is now the West African state of Benin, was the epicentre of the Atlantic Slave Trade. But it was also an inhospitable, surf-ridden coastline, subject to crashing breakers and devoid of permanent human settlement. Nor was it easily accessible from the interior due to a lagoon which ran parallel to the coast. The local inhabitants were not only sheltered against incursions from the sea, but were also locked off from it.

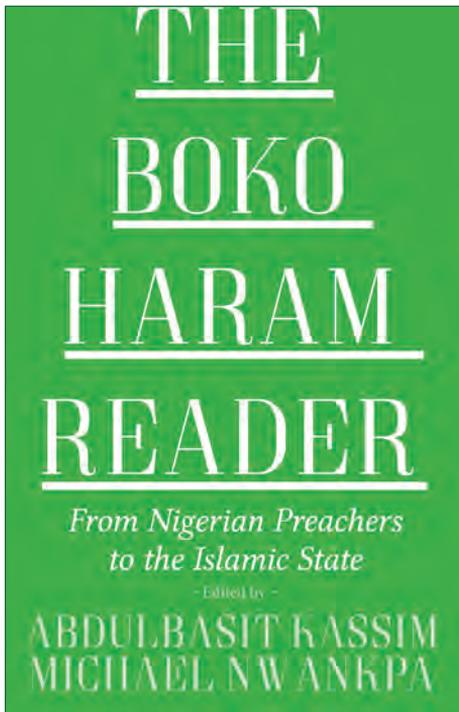
Yet, paradoxically, it was this coastline that witnessed a thriving long-term commercial relationship between Europeans and Africans, based on the trans-Atlantic slave trade. How did it come about? How was it all organised? And how did the locals react to the opportunities these new trading relations offered them?

The Kingdom of Dahomey is usually cited as the Slave Coast's archetypical slave raiding and slave trading polity. An inland realm, it was a latecomer to the slave trade, and simply incorporated a pre-existing system by dint of military prowess, which ultimately was to prove radically counterproductive. Fuglestad's book seeks to explain the Dahomean 'anomaly' and its impact on the Slave Coast's societies and polities.



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The Boko Haram Reader

From Nigerian Preachers to
the Islamic State

Introduction by Professor David Cook

An indispensable treasure trove of documentary evidence accounting for the rise of Boko Haram and the internal splits that emerged along the way.

Since it erupted onto the world stage in 2009, people have asked, what is Boko Haram, and what does it stand for? Is there a coherent vision or set of beliefs behind it? Despite the growing literature about the group, few if any attempts have been made to answer these questions, even though Boko Haram is but the latest in a long line of millenarian Muslim reform groups to emerge in Northern Nigeria over the last two centuries.

The Boko Haram Reader offers an unprecedented collection of essential texts, documents, videos, audio, and *nashids* (martial hymns), translated into English from Hausa, Arabic and Kanuri, tracing the group's origins, history, and evolution. Its editors, two Nigerian scholars, reveal how Boko Haram's leaders manipulate Islamic theology for the legitimisation, radicalisation, indoctrination and dissemination of their ideas across West Africa.

Mandatory reading for anyone wishing to grasp the underpinnings of Boko Haram's insurgency, particularly how the group strives to delegitimise its rivals and establish its beliefs as a dominant strand of Islamic thought in West Africa's religious marketplace.

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CHARLES R. LISTER

The Syrian Jihad

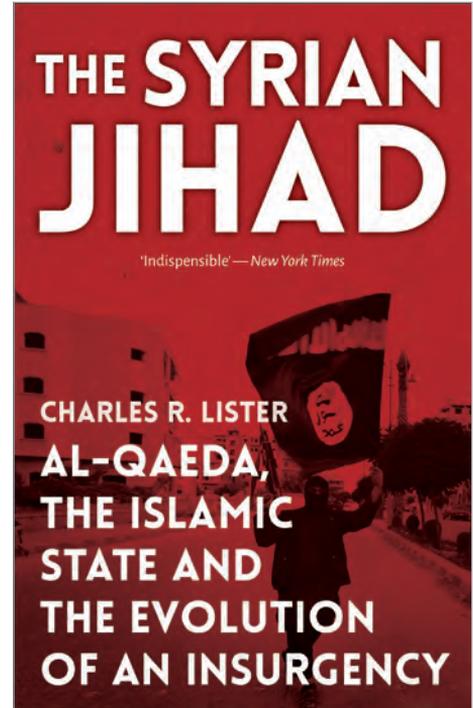
Al-Qaeda, the Islamic State and
the Evolution of an Insurgency

'Lister's knowledge of the various groups is impressive ... An indispensable guide to the different jihadi factions.' — *New York Times*

'Lister's magisterial work is not just granular in its level of detail but combines interviews with insurgents [with] a writing style Tom Clancy would be proud of.' — *Huffington Post*

The eruption of the anti-Assad revolution in Syria has had many unintended consequences, among which is the opportunity it offered Sunni jihadists to establish a foothold in the heart of the Middle East. That Syria's ongoing civil war is so brutal and protracted has only compounded the situation, as have developments in Iraq and Lebanon. Ranging across the battlefields and international borders have been dozens of jihadi Islamist fighting groups, some of which coalesced into significant factions such as Jabhat al-Nusra and the Islamic State.

This book assesses and explains the emergence since 2011 of Sunni jihadist organisations in Syria's fledgling insurgency, charts their evolution and situates them within the global Islamist project. Unprecedented numbers of foreign fighters have joined such groups, who will almost certainly continue to host them. External factors are scrutinised, including the strategic and tactical lessons learned from other jihadist conflict zones, the complex interplay between Al-Qaeda and the Islamic State and how it has influenced the jihadist sphere in Syria. Tensions between and conflict within such groups also feature in this indispensable volume.



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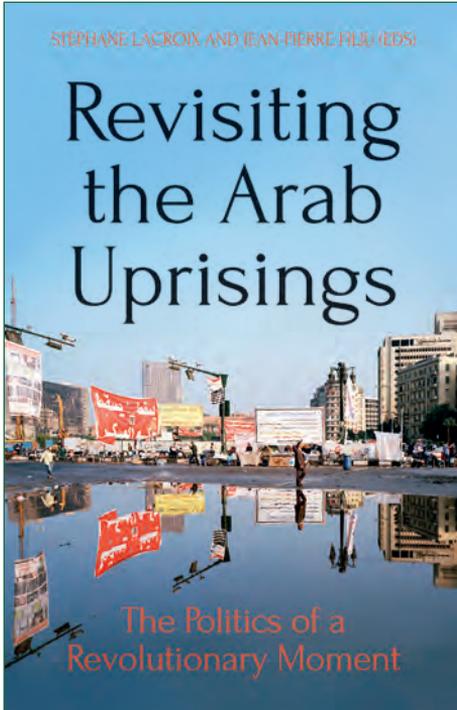
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Middle East / Politics

STÉPHANE LACROIX & JEAN-PIERRE FILIU (EDS)

Revisiting the Arab Uprisings

The Politics of a Revolutionary Moment

Drawing on an A-list of Middle East experts, this book assesses the relative merits of the thwarted paths to democracy in the 'Arab Spring' states.

Since 2013, the Middle East has experienced a double trend of chaos and civil war, on the one hand, and the return of authoritarianism, on the other. That convergence has eclipsed the political transitions that occurred in the countries whose regimes were toppled in 2011, as if they were merely footnotes to a narrative that naturally led from an 'Arab Spring' to an 'Arab Winter'.

This volume aims at rehabilitating those transitions, by considering them as expressions of a 'revolutionary moment' whose outcome was never pre-determined, but depended on the choices of a large range of actors. It brings together leading scholars of Arab politics to adopt a comparative approach to a few crucial aspects of those transitions: constitutional debates, the question of transitional justice, the evolution of civil-military relations, and the role of specific actors, both domestic and international.

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The Hijaz

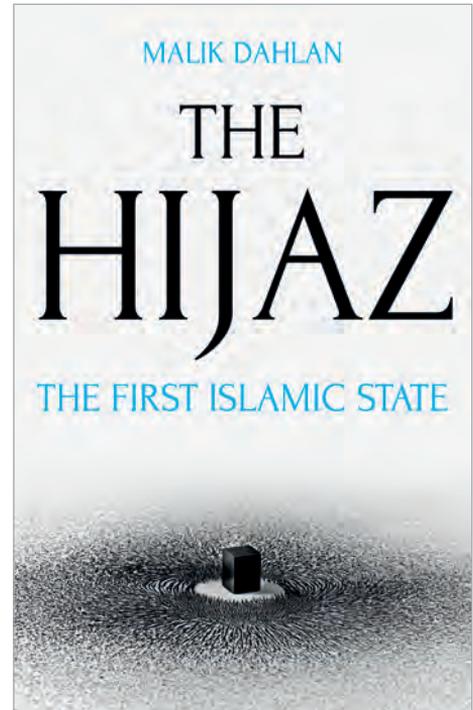
The First Islamic State

Dahlan offers an alternative vision of Islamic governance through the history and promise of the Hijaz, the first state of Islam.

The Hijaz, in the west of present-day Saudi Arabia, was the first Islamic state in Mecca and Medina. This new interpretative history offers a fresh vision of Islamic governance and law as a positive force for political reform in the Middle East and beyond.

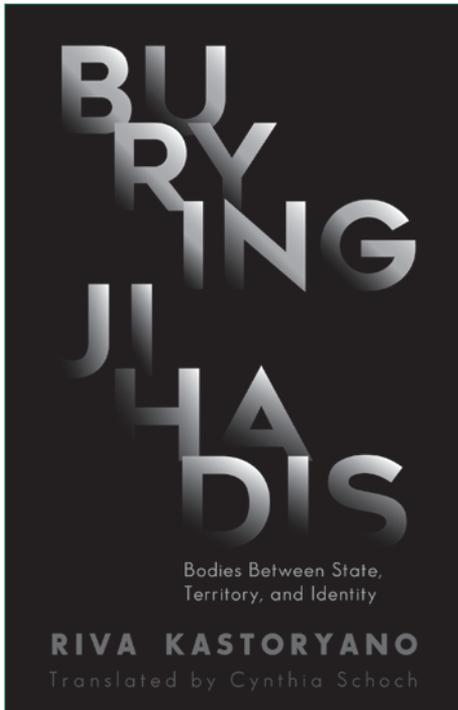
Applying key Islamic principles of public good to contemporary life, Malik Dahlan challenges two dominant narratives. He reclaims the development of Islamic statecraft as the wellspring of collective identity and statesmanship in the Arab world, simultaneously influenced and disrupted by Westphalian statehood models and Enlightenment notions of self-determination. He equally rejects the appropriation of Islamic governance and the Caliphate concept by both the post-modern, non-territorial Al-Qaeda and the neo-medievalist ISIS.

Celebrating the history and untapped potential of a region where Arab leaders built the ideological foundations of an emerging polity, *The Hijaz* is a compelling alternative analysis of governance in the Arabian Peninsula and the global Islamic community, and of its interaction with the wider world.



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Burying Jihadis

Bodies Between State,
Territory, and Identity

Translated by Cynthia Schoch

New thinking on the practical and ethical quandaries of dealing with Islamist-inspired suicide attackers' corpses.

What should states do with the bodies of suicide bombers and other jihadists who die while perpetrating terrorist attacks? This original and unsettling book explores the host of ethical and political questions raised by this dilemma, from (non-)legitimation of the 'enemy' and their cause to the non-territorial identity of individuals who identified in life with a global community of believers.

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This fascinating book reveals how states' approaches to a seemingly practical issue are closely shaped by territory, culture, globalisation and identity.

MOHAMED ZAYANI (ED.)

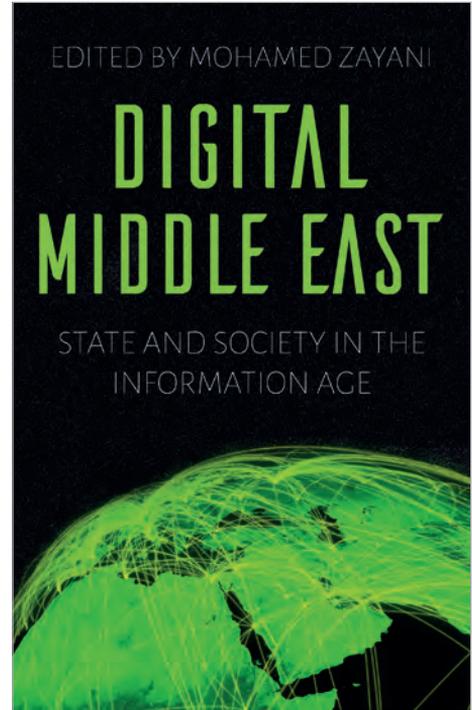
Digital Middle East

State and Society in the Information Age

Assesses government and civil society responses to the digital revolution in the Middle East.

In recent years, the Middle East's information and communication landscape has changed dramatically. Increasingly, states, businesses, and citizens are capitalising on the opportunities offered by new technologies, the fast pace of digitisation, and enhanced connectivity. These changes are far from turning Middle Eastern nations into network societies, but their impact is significant. The growing adoption of a wide variety of technologies in everyday life has given rise to complex dynamics that beg for a better understanding.

Digital Middle East sheds a critical light on the continuing changes closely intertwined with the adoption of information and communication technologies in the region. Drawing on case studies from throughout the Middle East, the contributors explore how these digital transformations are playing out in the social, cultural, political, and economic spheres, exposing the various disjunctions and discordances that have marked the advent of the digital Middle East.



Mohamed Zayani is Professor of Critical Theory at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar, where he directs the Media and Politics Program.

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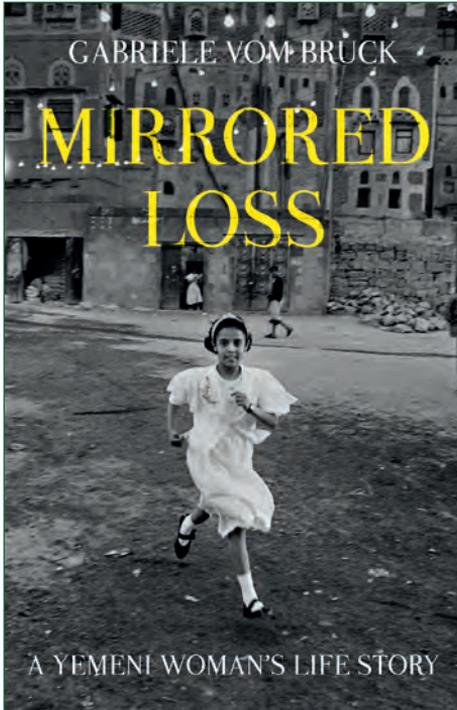
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Gabriele vom Bruck is Senior Lecturer in the Social Anthropology of the Middle East at SOAS, University of London. She is the author of *Islam, Memory and Morality in Yemen*.

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GABRIELE VOM BRUCK

Mirrored Loss

A Yemeni Woman's Life Story

Offers readers a rare insight into the lives of the Yemeni elite and their personal and political vicissitudes after the 1948 coup.

Mirrored Loss tells the story of Amat al-Latif al-Wazir, only daughter of 'Abdullah al-Wazir, the leader of Yemen's constitutional movement of the mid-twentieth century for democratisation of the autocratic imamate. Her relationship with her adored father, who was accused of treason, takes centre stage in this biographical narrative.

Amat enjoyed a privileged childhood in a high-ranking family at the heart of Yemeni politics; yet the failed revolt of 1948 was the family's downfall, leaving her and other close relatives exposed to social indignities and privation. She then spent many years in exile, where she suffered a personal calamity that compounded the earlier catastrophe.

Through one family's story, Gabriele vom Bruck explores how violence translates into tragedy in the personal realm, and how individual lives and larger cultural and political worlds intersect in Yemen. Her narrative makes these tragic events compellingly tangible, especially at the level of gendered subjectivity—female Yemenis have been either unknown to or deemed insignificant by most male historians of this period. *Mirrored Loss* is a significant step in righting that omission.

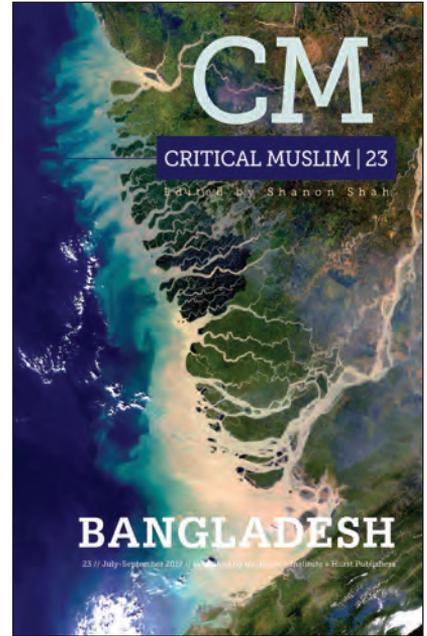
SHANON SHAH (ED.)

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Bangladesh

This issue of *Critical Muslim* focuses on Bangladesh, with articles exploring its history, culture, politics and future trajectories. There will be essays on female victims of the War of Independence, progressive Bangladeshi Muslim intellectuals, women in politics, the rise of extremist groups, the impact of climate change on the country, stories of those who struggle on the margins, the role of artists in times of panic, and the joys of singing and dancing in Bengali. Plus the best of contemporary Bangladeshi short fiction and poetry.

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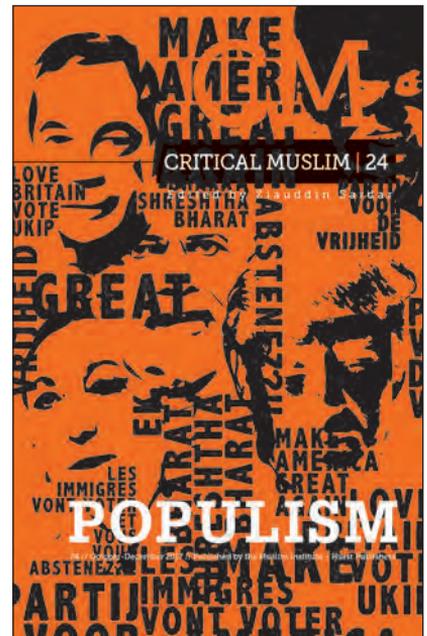
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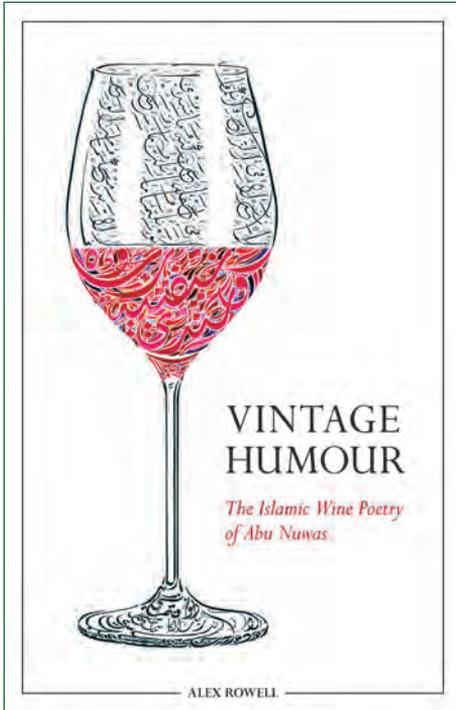
The rise of populism in the US and Europe is the focus of this issue of *Critical Muslim*. It will explore issues and trends that led to Brexit and the emergence of President Trump. There will be essays on American populism, the emergence of far right movements in France, the Netherlands and Scandinavia, the impact of rising Islamophobia on Muslim communities in the US and Europe, the characteristics of charismatic leaders, the skills of demagoguery, fake and not-so-fake news, populist Muslim preachers, and the representation of 'white trash' in films. Plus reviews, fiction, poetry and our list of top ten demagogues.



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ALEX ROWELL

Vintage Humour

The Islamic Wine Poetry of Abu Nuwas

A rhyming English translation of the ninth-century *khamriyyat* (wine poems) of Abu Nuwas.

Abu Nuwas, the pre-eminent bacchic bard of the classical Arabic canon, was loved and reviled in equal measure for his lyrical celebration of Abbasid Baghdad's dissolute nightlife, his cutting satires of religion and the clergy, and the extraordinary range and virtuosity of his literary talent.

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Keshab

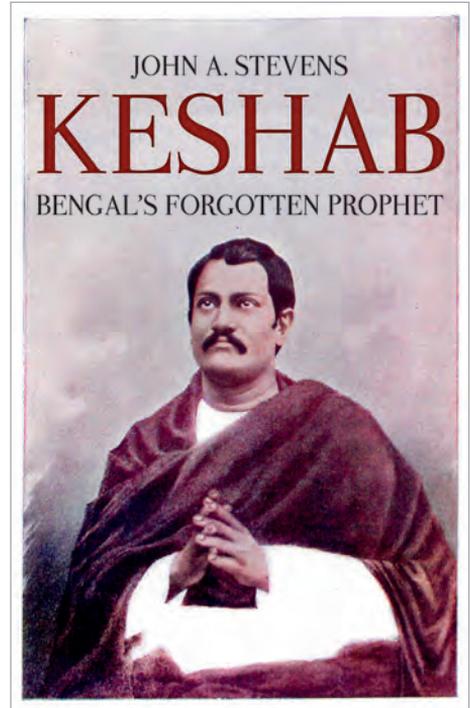
Bengal's Forgotten Prophet

A new biography of the Bengali philosopher
and social reformer who sought to incorporate
Christian theology within Hindu thought.

Keshab Chandra Sen (1838-84) was one of the most powerful and controversial figures in nineteenth-century Bengal. A religious leader and social reformer, his universalist interpretation of Hinduism found mass appeal in India, and generated considerable interest in Britain. His ideas on British imperial rule, religion and spirituality, global history, universalism and modernity were all influential, and his visit to England made him a celebrity. Many Britons regarded him as a prophet of world-historical significance.

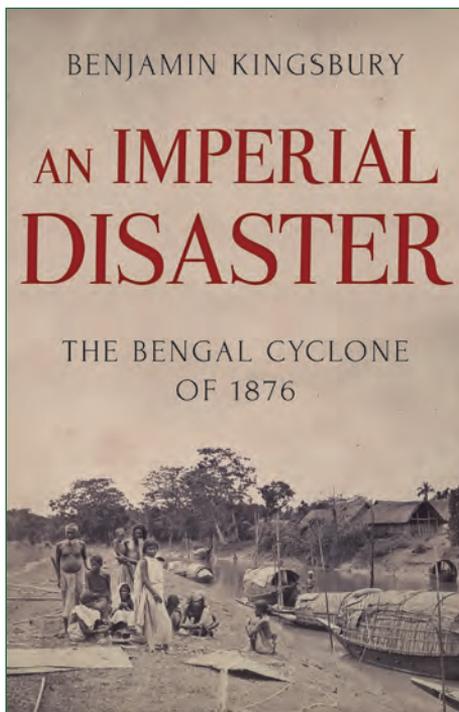
Keshab was the subject of extreme adulation and vehement criticism. Accounts tell of large crowds prostrating themselves before him, believing him to be an avatar. Yet he died with relatively few followers, his reputation in both India and Britain largely ruined. As a representative of India, Keshab became emblematic of broad concerns regarding Hinduism and Christianity, science and faith, India and the British Empire.

This innovative study explores the transnational historical forces that shaped Keshab's life and work. It offers an alternative religious history of empire, characterised by intercultural dialogue and religious syncretism. A fascinating and often tragic portrait of Keshab's experience of the imperial world, and the ways in which he carried meaning for his contemporaries.



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BENJAMIN KINGSBURY

An Imperial Disaster

The Bengal Cyclone of 1876

The first history of one of the nineteenth century's greatest natural calamities, its political context and its impact on colonial India.

The storm came on the night of 31 October. It was a full moon, and the tides were at their peak; the great rivers of eastern Bengal were full of monsoon rain. In the early hours the inhabitants of the coast and islands were overtaken by an immense wave from the Bay of Bengal — a wall of water that reached a height of 40 feet in some places. The wave swept away everything in its path, drowning around 215,000 people. At least another 100,000 died in the cholera epidemic and famine that followed. It was the worst calamity of its kind in recorded history.

Such events are often described as 'natural disasters'. Kingsbury turns that interpretation on its head, showing that the cyclone of 1876 was not simply a 'natural' event, but one shaped by all-too-human patterns of exploitation and inequality — by divisions within Bengali society, and the enormous disparities of political and economic power that characterised British rule on the subcontinent.

With Bangladesh facing rising sea levels and stronger, more frequent storms, there is every reason to revisit this terrible calamity. *An Imperial Disaster* is troubling but essential reading: history for an age of climate change.

JOSEPH ALLCHIN

Many Rivers, One Sea

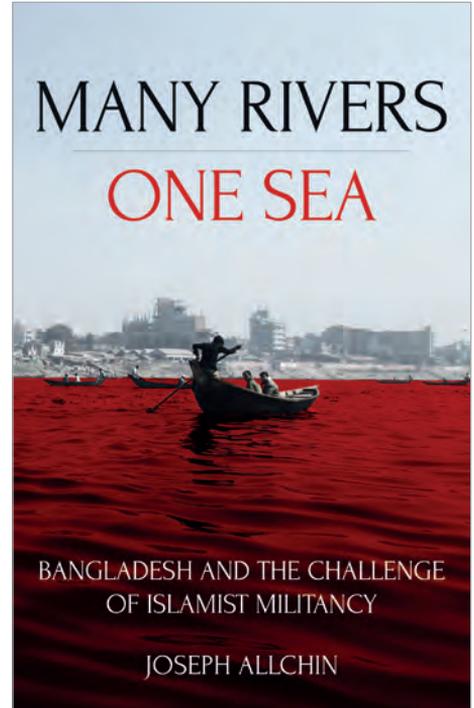
Bangladesh and the Challenge of Islamist Militancy

Blending reportage and analysis, Allchin investigates the Bangladeshi body politic to discern how Islamist radicals hope to reshape their country.

A perennial frontier for Islamic orthodoxy, Bangladesh is witnessing an alarming rise in Islamist-inspired assassinations and terrorist attacks. In July 2016, the world's attention fell upon a café in a leafy Dhaka neighbourhood as the barbarity of a distant 'Caliphate' was visited on this corner of South Asia. Twenty-nine died in the assault on the Holey Bakery, affixing an unbidden nightmare to the image of a supposedly tolerant Muslim nation.

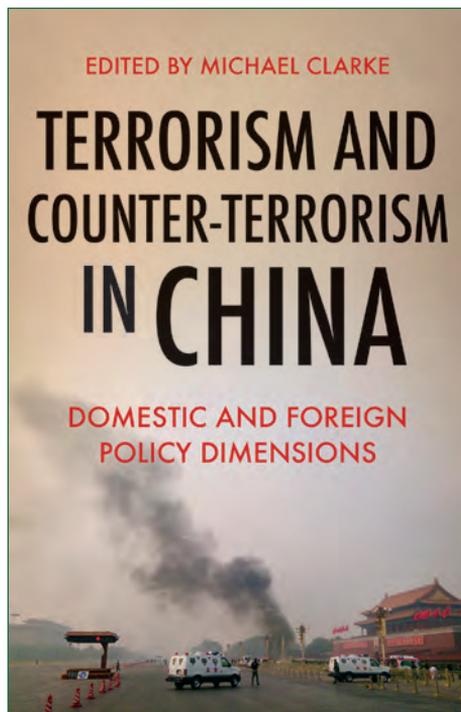
Joseph Allchin probes Bangladesh's recent and distant past as he investigates how it has become the latest front in world extremism. Delving into the local and global differences between political actors, he exposes the determining influence still exercised on most allegiances by the long aftermath of the country's independence struggle, and scrutinises the careers of two long-term rivals: current prime minister Sheikh Hasina, and Khaleda Zia, who held the office in 1991-6 and 2001-6.

This unerring investigation examines the relationship between radical Islam and the Bangladeshi political class, exposing the forces driving the conditions for extremism that bedevil the country's present and future.



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MICHAEL CLARKE (ED.)

Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism in China

Domestic and Foreign
Policy Dimensions

China, hitherto barely affected by terrorism, now confronts a phenomenon all too familiar to other nations.

China's problem with terrorism has historically been considered an outgrowth of Beijing's efforts to integrate the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region into the People's Republic of China. Since the end of the Cold War, however, this internal dynamic has converged with an evolving external environment, stimulating the development of linkages between Uyghur separatism and terrorism and broader terrorist movements in Central Asia, South Asia and the Middle East.

This book brings together some of the leading experts on Chinese terrorism, offering the first systematic, scholarly assessment of the country's approaches to this threat. Four areas of investigation are looked at: the scope and nature of terrorism in China and its connection with developments in other regions; the development of legislative measures to combat terrorism; the institutional evolution of China's counter-terrorism bureaucracy; and Beijing's counter-terrorism cooperation with international partners.

GARREN MULLOY

Defenders of Japan

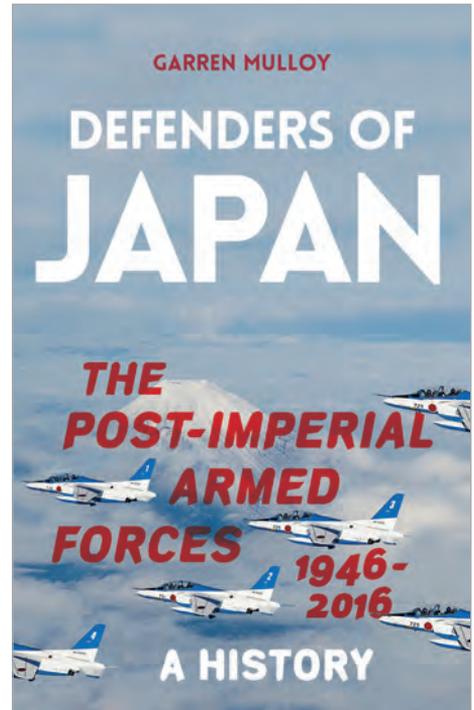
The Post-Imperial Armed Forces
1946-2016, A History

Japan's navy is three times the size of France's and Britain's combined, yet most people think it a defenceless nation. This book unravels that paradox.

Japan's post-war armed forces are a paradox, both embarrassing remnants of the past and valuable repositories of experience. This book charts the development of the Japan Self-Defence Forces (JSDF) from 1954 as both unorthodox military institutions and servants of a civil society that decries militarism.

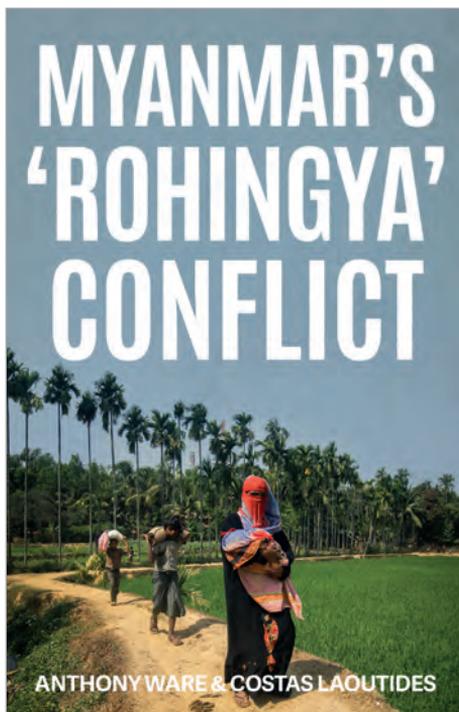
Investigating JSDF contributions to Japanese and global security, the evolution of such contributions during and after the Cold War, and their possible reconfiguration for Japan's security needs ahead, Garren Mulloy offers insight into the Forces' past, present and future. He explores the characteristics and contradictions of Japanese policy, including novel approaches in response to an increasingly assertive China, the latent threat of North Korea and contributory pressure from the US. Though the American alliance remains the core of Japanese security, new partnerships and international overtures will also shape the Forces' place in Prime Minister Abe's new vision of 'proactive contributions to peace'.

Defenders of Japan deconstructs how the JSDF have adapted and will continue to adapt within domestic norms, caught between unresolved legacies of Japan's imperial past and a dynamically shifting balance of future global power.



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ANTHONY WARE & COSTAS LAOUTIDES

Myanmar's 'Rohingya' Conflict

As the long predicted crackdown on Myanmar's Rohingya Muslims gathers pace, this book offers a nuanced and frank history of their claims to citizenship.

The plight of Myanmar's Rohingya Muslims has made international news in recent years. Reports of genocide, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity are commonplace. The Rohingyas have been denied citizenship and are widely discriminated against. Hundreds of thousands have been internally displaced by violence, or have sought refuge in neighbouring or friendly Muslim countries. This conflict has become a litmus test for change in this country in transition, and current assessments are far from positive. Whitewashing by the military, and a refusal by Aung San Suu Kyi's government to even use the name 'Rohingya', adds to international scepticism.

Exploring this long-running tripartite conflict between the Rohingya, Rakhine and Burman ethnic groups, this book offers a new analysis of the complexities of the conflict: the fears and motivations driving it and the competition to control historical representations and collective memory. By questioning these competing narratives, offering detailed sociopolitical analysis and examining the international dimensions of the conflict, this book offers new insights into what is preventing a peaceful resolution to this intractable conflict.

Anthony Ware is Senior Lecturer in Development Studies at Deakin University, Melbourne, and Director of the Australia Myanmar Institute. He specialises in international development in conflict situations, and sociopolitical dynamics of community-led development.

Costas Laoutides is Senior Lecturer in International Relations at Deakin University, Melbourne. He specialises in separatist conflicts, particularly relationships between negotiated settlements and modes of political accommodation.

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DERYCK SCARR

Gulliver's Other Islands

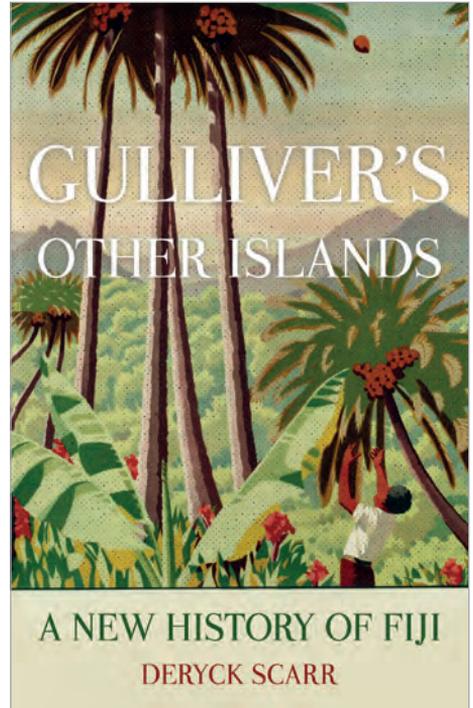
A New History of Fiji

Scarr is the doyen of writers on Fiji. This magisterial new history of the islands does not disappoint.

Fiji, or 'Viti', lies among intricate Southwestern Pacific reefs with upwards of 300 habitable islands and many islets. This book reveals the long history of this overlooked island nation since voyagers first settled there 4,000 years ago.

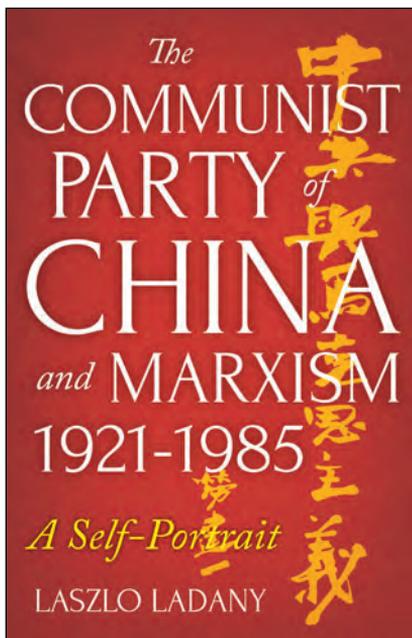
The oral tradition of *meke* (action songs) preserves the culture of deified ancestors controlling the environment, represented by chiefs who were also regarded as gods — until Christianity was established in the mid-nineteenth century. Deryck Scarr charts the impact of European planters and traders on the island, first in forcing independent Fiji's cession to a reluctant Britain in the mid-1870s, and then in the expansion of indentured Indian labour.

This Indian presence was felt following independence in 1970, which the indigenous population opposed for fear of passing from British to Indian rule — when the perception of Indian dominance led to coups in 1987 and 1997, economic loss and heavy Indian emigration ensued. Yet nothing has defeated the resilience of Fiji's people, not even a fourth military takeover in 2006. *Gulliver's Other Islands* explores the complex human dynamics of this archipelago, placed by geography and history at a unique cultural intersection.



Deryck Scarr of the Emeritus Faculty at ANU in Canberra is the author of books on Seychelles, the Mascareignes, and Pacific Islands. He first worked in Suva's extensive archives in 1962-3 and has spent a good deal of time in Fiji since then.

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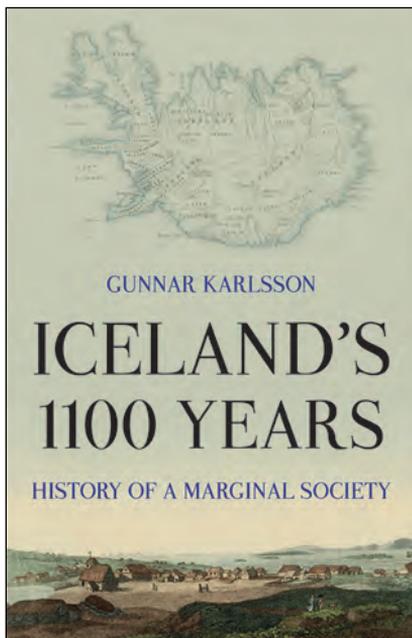
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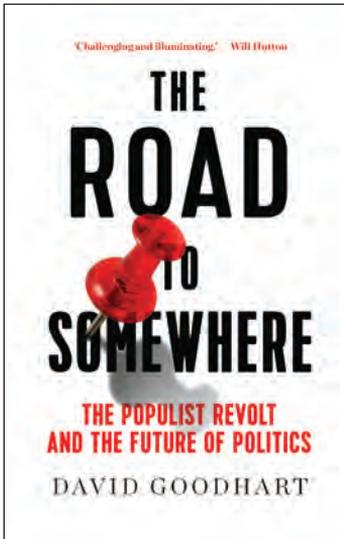
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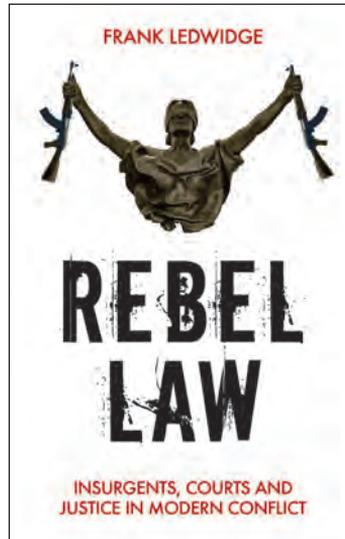
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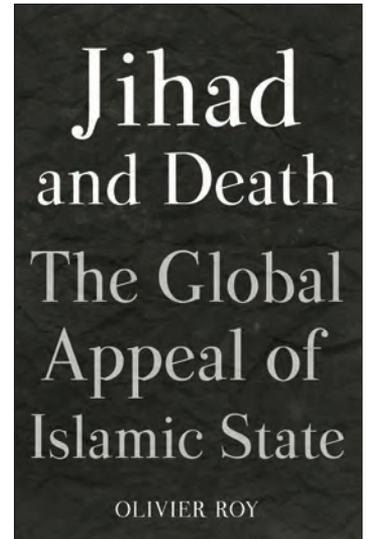
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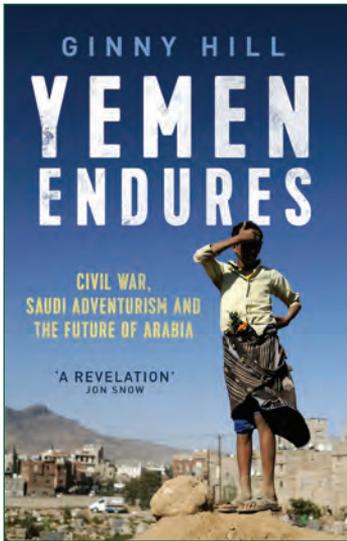
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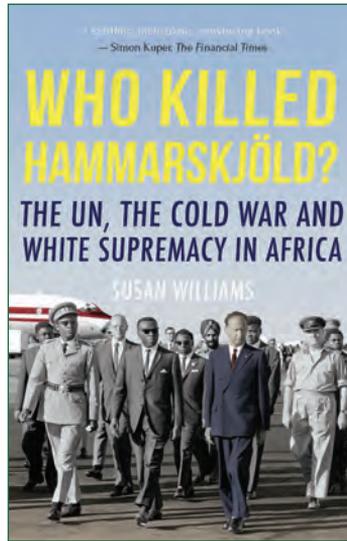
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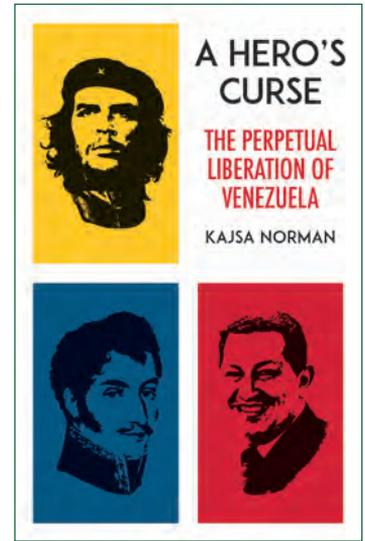
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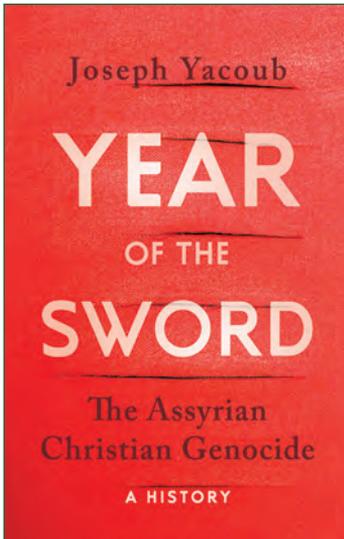
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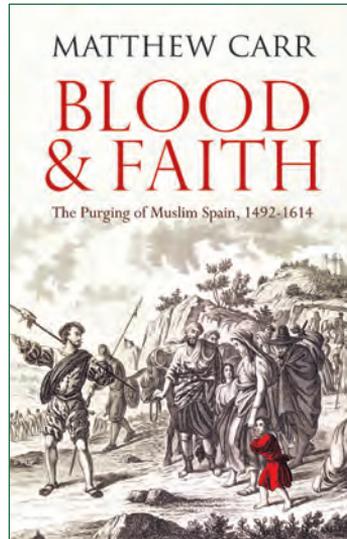
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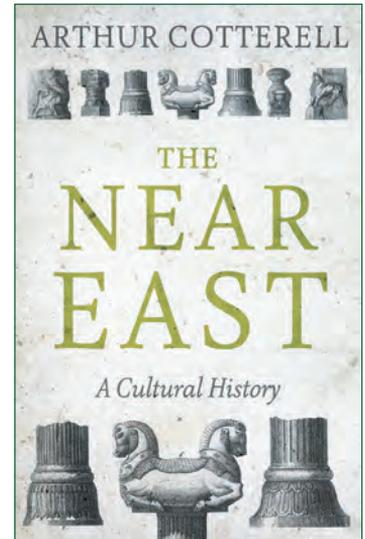
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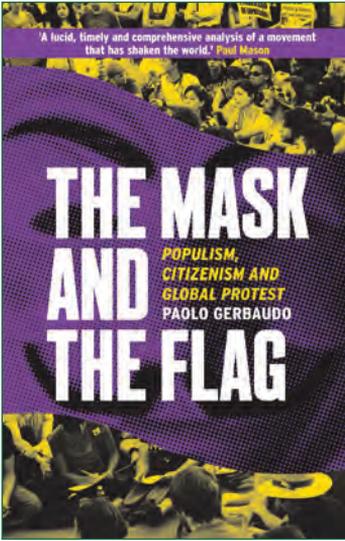
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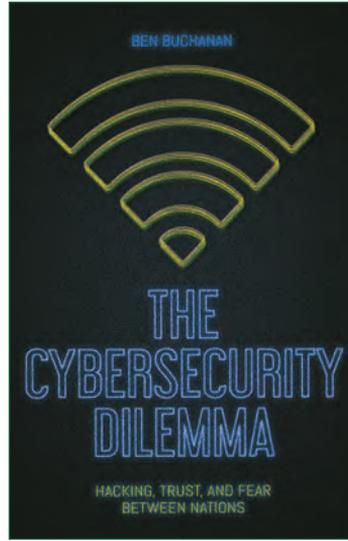
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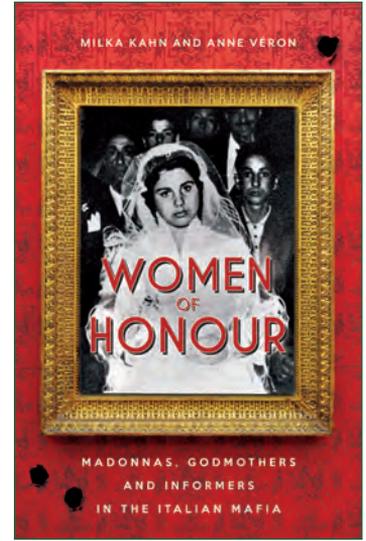
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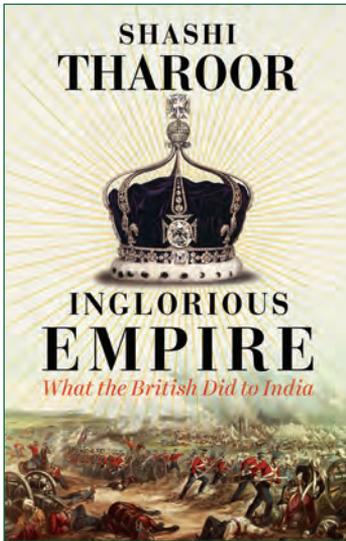
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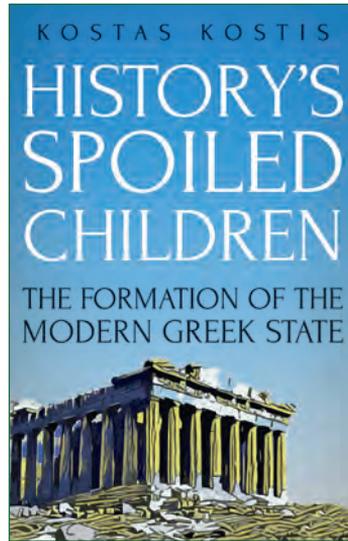
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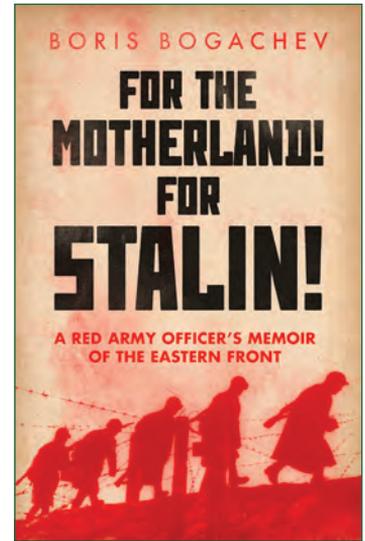
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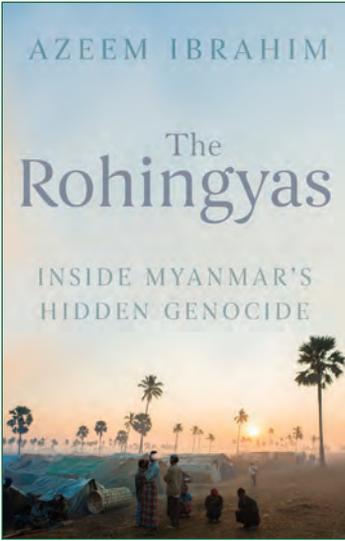
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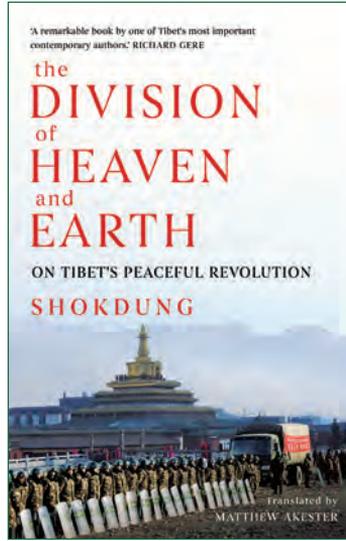
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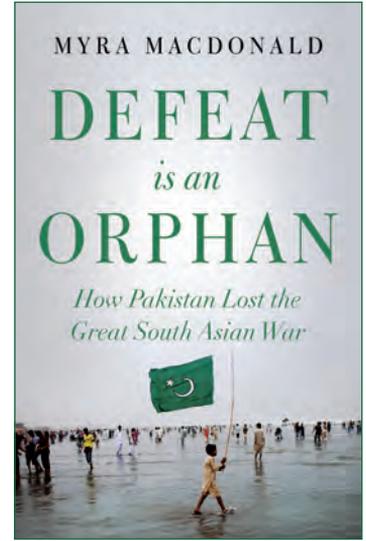
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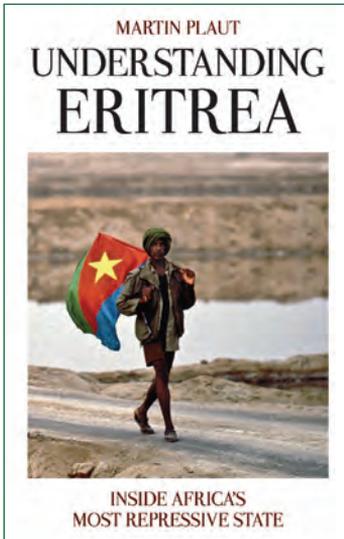
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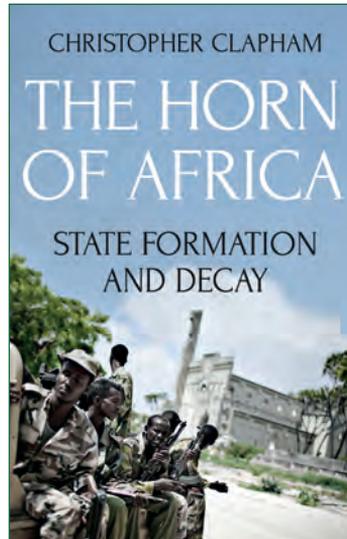
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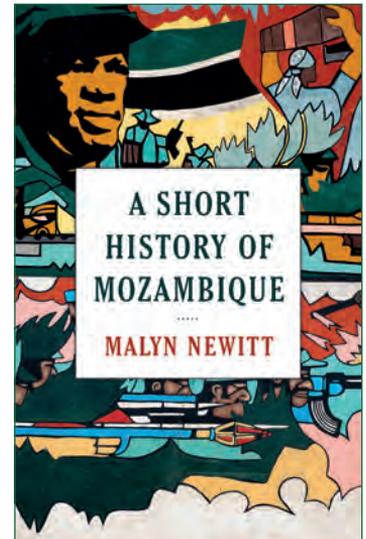
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