

The underlined authors are a subset of these books selected to provide a good background on Middle Eastern problems for those with limited reading time. An additional comment enclosed in brackets beneath the synopsis displays the reason this book was chosen.

Beneath each title, I have included a brief synopsis on each book. These titles are all currently available through Amazon.com if you are unable to find them at your local bookseller.

Books

	Author	Title	Published
1	<u>Abou El Fadl, Khaled M.</u>	<u>The Great Theft: Wrestling Islam from the Extremists</u> El Fadl contrasts the Islamic puritans views with those of moderate Islam and attempts to provide a rallying point for those Muslims who wish to retrieve Islam from the folks who will lead it to destruction. He is a professor at UCLA and a well trained Muslim jurist. I believe he ignores too much Islamic history and interprets the Koran almost into non-existence. [The author is a highly qualified Islamic jurist and one of the few writing in favor of a moderate Islam.]	2005
2	Baer, Robert	<u>See No Evil</u> Former CIA field officer presents observations from 20 years of clandestine Middle East operations. He describes the decline of the Directorate of Operations and our lack of intelligence assets in the Middle East. A substantial indictment of the management bureaucracy at the CIA.	2002
3	Bell, J. Bowyer	<u>Murders on the Nile, The World Trade Center and Global Terror</u> There are two countries that are the intellectual foci for the development of radical Islam during the 20th century. This book provides a good history of that dreadful event in Egypt – the traditional center of Islamic intellectual activity. Dore Gold's book covers the other country – Saudi Arabia.	2003
4	Bennett, William J.	<u>Why We Fight, Moral Clarity & the War on Terrorism</u> If anyone is confused about why we are in our current wars, Bennet does a fair job of laying out the issues and provides a ringing endorsement of America's position.	2003
5	Bergen, Peter L.	<u>Holy War, Inc.: Inside the Secret World of Osama bin Laden</u> The author interviewed Osama bin Laden in 1997 and has followed him intensely since. He identifies some of the appeal bin Laden has for the Muslim masses around the world.	2001
6	Berntsen, Gary & Ralph Pezzullo	<u>Jawbreaker: The Attack on bin-Laden and al-Qaeda</u>	2005

		<p>Gary Berntsen was the CIA's team lead during our assistance to the Northern Alliance as they defeated the Taliban and occupied Kabul. He pushed the pursuit of bin Laden very hard through Tora Bora and to his intense frustration was not given the 700 man Ranger blocking force he felt was needed. Although they killed many al Qaeda fighters, bin Laden was able to escape across the border into Pakistan. He had previously been the CIA's team lead for the investigation of the bombing of our Kenyan embassy. The book is fast paced and reads like a thriller even though the CIA redacted major sections - he claims unnecessarily. Perhaps future printings will restore many of the deletions.</p>	
7	Bhatia, Shyam & Daniel McGrory	<p><u>Brighter Than The Baghdad Sun</u></p> <p>Written before 9/11 and our invasion of Iraq it contains the very imperfect knowledge we then had of Saddam Hussein's many attempts to produce an atomic bomb.</p>	2000
8	Bodansky, Yossef	<p><u>The Secret History of the Iraq War</u></p> <p>Bodansky's remarkable connections and many claims make his works very interesting. The lack of nameable sources and independent verification always means that his material has to be carefully questioned. This book covers Saddam's support for terrorist organizations, his chemical and biological weapons programs, his plan to attack Israel with Syria and Iran, Russia's attempted coup against Saddam, Saddam's final days on the run, and a description of the early resistance to the American occupation of Iraq.</p>	2004
9	<u>Bostom. Andrew G. (Ed.)</u>	<p><u>The Legacy of Jihad: Islamic Holy War and the Fate of Non-Muslims</u></p> <p>The definitive book on Jihad. Contains Qu'ranic references, hadiths, Islamic and non-Islamic judicial and philosophical commentary about this "sixth pillar" of Islam. Provides a historical overview of this method of expanding the power of Islam including the booty raiding and slave taking to reward the faithful. Excellent background to understanding the present wars.</p> <p>[Simply the best book on Jihad. It is a long read but many of the middle chapters by jurists and philosophers are largely repetitive and can be omitted. For a much shorter book try Robert Spencer's "Onward Muslim Soldiers."]</p>	2005
10	Brooks, Geraldine	<p><u>Nine Parts of Desire. The Hidden World of Islamic Women</u></p> <p>Ms. Brooks uses a reporter's style to provide a country by country picture of the status of women across the Middle East.</p>	1995
11	Caner, Ergun Mehmet & Emir Fethi Caner	<p><u>Unveiling Islam</u></p> <p>The Caner brothers are very religious Christian converts from Islam. They have however produced an excellent and sympathetic description of their former religion. They leave no doubt that this is a religion for war however not a religion of peace. Oriented to helping Christians approach Muslims in ways that will not create offense with the ultimate hope of conversion. Includes Qu'ranic confirmation of New and Old Testaments veracity.</p>	2002
12	Carafano, James Jay & Paul Rosenzweig	<p><u>Winning the Long War: Lessons from the Cold War for Defeating Terrorism and Preserving Freedom</u></p>	2006

		The Cold war was the only protracted conflict that our young country has ever engaged in. It requires a different strategy than a quick intense war and we are now faced with another against Islamic terrorism. It is very hard to predict how long this war will take but it may well last longer than anyone currently alive. Carafano & Rosenzweig discuss the balance between offense and defense, domestic security, economic growth and taxation, world trade, and the essential battle of ideas.	
13	Center for the Study of Political Islam	<u>Mohammed and the Unbelievers: A Political Life</u> A translation of the Sira (Mohammad's biography) focusing only on the political aspects of his teaching and not on Muslim ritual. This is an ideal emphasis for the non-Muslim who wishes to study Islam's interaction with other beliefs as revealed by Mohammad. It also greatly simplifies the Sira bringing it down to 168 pages.	2006
14	Center for the Study of Political Islam	<u>The Political Traditions of Mohammed: The Hadith for Unbelievers</u> A translation of primarily the political Hadiths of Islam. Repletions and the chain of people testifying about Mohammed's statements are omitted. This brings a voluminous compilation of al-Bukhari and Muslin down to a modest 178 pages. This is the 2nd volume in The Islamic Trilogy. Anyone who reads Bukhari and still believes the roots of Islam describe a religion suitable for human beings has rocks for brains.	2006
15	Clarke, Richard A.	<u>Against All Enemies: Inside America's War on Terror</u> A key man's inside impressions of the war on terror through 4 Presidents. Although Clarke's memories of some events differ for other participants he has written a lively book that displays some of the difficulty in pursuing terrorists given only shaky intelligence or logical constructs based on only a few data points.	2004
16	Coram, Robert	<u>Boyd: The Fighter Pilot Who Changed the Art of War</u> Everyone has heard of Sun Tsu and Clausewitz, but very few have heard of American John Boyd the man who changed our warfighting strategy for every branch but his own. The Air Force became so enamored of their toys that they often ignored the strategic environment. Boyd and his disciples managed to push through the F-16 development, however, his major corrections/improvements on Clausewitz are honored more by the Marine Corps than the Air Force. Whenever the Army or Marine Corp describe their warfighting strategies they are using terms from Boyd.	2002
17	Coughlin, Jack; Casey Kuhlman & Donald A. Davis	<u>Shooter: The Autobiography of the Top-Ranked Marine Sniper</u> Sgt. Coughlin is one of the Marine Corps' top snipers with over 60 confirmed kills. This is a highly personal acciynt of his 20 year carreer up through the initial invasion of Iraq. Contains recomended modifications to sniper training and utilization based on the tactic employed in Iraq.	2005
18	Darwish, Nonie	<u>Now They Call Me Infidel: Why I Renounced Jihad for America, Israel, and the War on Terror</u>	2006

		Spending her first 30 years as an Egyptian military shahid's daughter who was lectured in school to hate Jews and Christians, gives Nonie Darwish a unique viewpoint to examine the post WWII deterioration of the Arab culture. Her current life as an intensely patriotic American Christian who speaks frequently about peace between Jews and Arabs, allows her to comment on the cultural differences with unusual precision. Her comments on the disastrous effect of polygamy on Arab culture are extremely compelling.	
19	Dolan, David	<u>Israel in Crisis</u> The author is a Christian who relates the conflict in the Middle East and particularly Jerusalem to the bible. Fast reading but I'm not into bible prophecy.	2001
20	<u>Emerson, Steven</u>	<u>American Jihad, The terrorists living among us</u> Many years before 9/11 Steve Emerson became aware of the violence preaching Islamacists living among us. He has studied them intensely an is probably the American best informed about the terrorists that seek to destroy our way of life while living in America. He is near the top of the al Qaeda hit list. [Emerson is by far the best informed American about the terrorist who live in our country.]	2002
21	Evans, Mike	<u>The Final Move Beyond Iraq</u> "Can we lose the war on terrorism? We can, indeed, if we lose the battle for Iraq" says the author and he explains why. He also says we must "strike Iran in the next 12 months, or the next President may be presiding over a nuclear 9/11." His appendices contain President Ahmadinejad's letter to President Bush, his letter to the American People, interviews with Benjamin Netanyahu, James Woolsey, Hugh Shelton, Charles Nash, Moshe Ya'alon, Alan Dershowitz and Mort Zuckerman.	2007
22	Fallaci, Oriana	<u>The Force Of Reason</u> The late Ms. Fallaci continues her arguments presented in her runaway best-seller "The Rage and the Pride" where she bluntly accused the West of cowardice in the face of Arab barbarism. In this book she takes on her many critics with vivid if unique English (she does her own translations from the Italian).	2004
23	Fallaci, Oriana	<u>The Rage and the Pride</u> Written in a sleepless fit of rage immediately after 9/11 Ms. Fallaci tells why she thinks America is the last hope for Western civilization that her native Italy was so prominent in bringing to full flower. She tells why she retains a strong allegiance to Italy even while she lives in New York. She complains bitterly about the cicadas (as she calls them) who are failing to defend the greatest civilization the world has ever known. She includes a number of autobiographical sketches.	2004
24	Fick, Nathaniel	<u>One Bullet Away: The Making of a Marine Officer</u> Fick provides a superb description of the life of a platoon leader in combat. He describes the training of a Marine officer and his advance to the elite Recon troops. He was deployed both to Afghanistan where he saw little combat and Iraq through the first month where he saw plenty.	2005
25	Foss, Michael	<u>People of the First Crusade</u>	1997

		An wonderful history of the first Crusade. After over 400 years of being on the defensive, the Christians of Western Europe took the battle with Islam into the traditional holy land. Pope Urban II may well have promoted the Crusade as a means of occupying the incredibly destructive Normans who were a plague in Western Europe. Lots of first hand accounts graphically tell of the bitter fighting with the incredible cruelty on both sides.	
26	Fregosi, Paul	<u>Jihad in The West</u> Describes nearly 1500 years of spreading Islam by warfare. A seldom described but crucial element in understanding the current worldwide violence associated with Islam. Not as thorough as Bostom's book but a much easier read. Also provides a discussion of the motives behind Muslim propaganda.	1998
27	<u>Gabriel, Brigitte</u>	<u>Because They Hate</u> Ms. Gabriel tells a riveting story of her early life in South Lebanon and her amazement upon encountering her first non-Arab culture. Has the only description of the extermination of Christians in S. Lebanon of which I am aware. She concisely describes and analyzes the cultural levers that permit the Islamic fundamentalists to commandeer an Islamic culture and argues strongly for measures to counter these violent people. Highly recommended. [Her excellent autobiography that describes the attitudes and problems of a Christian growing up in an Arab culture.]	2006
28	Gerges, Fawaz A.	<u>Journey of the Jihadist: Inside Muslim Militancy</u> An easy to read description of interviews with a number of Salifi / Wahabbi Muslims particularly the Egyptian Islamacist Kamal el-Said Habib. Shows some of the twists and turns of their thinking and the divisions among them. Should finish off the theory that these are some crazies perverting a great peaceful religion. These fundamentalists obtain support and sympathy because they tend to follow Mohammad's original version of Islam, discarding the intervening 13 centuries of scholarship. He reports is the warped version of history promoted by the Jihadists so some caution is advised.	2007
29	<u>Glubb, John Bagot (Glubb Pasha)</u>	<u>The Life and Times of Muhammad</u> Sir John Glubb spent 59 years in the desert before oil changed Bedouin life. His world in those years was very similar to Mohammed's 13 centuries before. He brings an understanding view to Mohammed while not omitting his warts. [Simply the classic biography of Mohammad. With emotions about Islam now running high we are not likely to get another biography as even handed.]	1998
30	Gold, Dore	<u>Hatred's Kingdom, How Saudi Arabia Supports the New Global Terrorism</u> The history of how radical Islam became dominant in Saudi Arabia and how the Al Saud family has supported the Wahabi's. Essential companion to Murders on the Nile.	2003
31	Hammond, Grant T.	<u>The Mind of War: John Boyd and American Security</u>	2001

		A well-written introduction to the life and thought of John Boyd, the most influential American military thinker of modern times. This successor to Sun-tsu and Clausewitz is little known outside military circles, but is deeply appreciated by the Marine Corps and the many people who sat through his famous "briefings" (including Dick Cheney). Describes his tenure at the air forces "top gun" school where he became known as "40 second Boyd" for his quick aerial combat victories over all comers.	
32	<u>Hirsi Ali, Ayaan</u>	<u>The Caged Virgin</u> Born in 1969 as a Somalian Muslim, Hirsi Ali escaped to the Netherlands when she was sold into an arranged marriage. There, she became an activist for womens rights and a strong voice opposing genital mutilation. She was a Dutch parliamentarian and required special guards as she is under death threats from the Muslim fundamentalists. Her partner in the Dutch film "Submission" -- Theo van Gogh was murdered by these folk. She announced her resignation from Parliament on 16 May 2006 and is moving to the U.S. to work for The American Enterprise Institute. [She describes the position of Muslim and ex-Muslim women in Europe.]	2004
33	Hirsi Ali, Ayaan	<u>Infidel</u> An autobiography of the first 37 years of Ayaan Hirsi Ali's life (to mid 2006) this book crowds in a host of lessons about Islam. She was born in Somalia, lived in Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia, Kenya and Holland, and since 2006 is resident in the United States. Ayaan was brought up in a Muslim family and became a devoted adherent of that creed. After being married to a man she didn't care for, she escaped on the way to his home in Canada and got asylum in the Netherlands. Ayaan pursued her education through the Masters degree at Leiden. The depiction of her gradual disenchantment with Islam is very well described. She worked for the Labor Party and made a short film called <i>Submission, Part 1</i> with Theo van Gogh who was later murdered for it's depiction of the mistreatment of women in Islam. Her outspokenness earned her worldwide death threats and constant protection by the Dutch police. She was elected to the Dutch parliament and served until 2006 when she started work with the American Enterprise Institute in Washington. She gives ample evidence for her characterization of Islam as a very backward religion	2007
34	Horowitz, David	<u>Unholy Alliance: Radical Islam and the American Left</u> Former Leftist David Horowitz describes the Left's first principle: America is evil and anything or anyone opposed to America is good. He tracks this attitude through the whole 20th century down to it's current manifestation in support for our current mortal enemies. He writes with commendable clarity and this book should answer any question about the illogic of the American Left's current position.	2004
35	Jonas, George	<u>Vengeance: The True story of an Israeli Counter-Terrorist Team</u> This may be a non-fiction account of a team recruited by the Mosad to track down and kill the terrorists responsible for planning and supporting the 1972 murder of the Israeli athletes in Munich. It reads very much like a spy novel but its ultimate truth may not be known. They did get most of their targets and the deaths have been verified.	1984
36	Kagan, Frederick W.	<u>Finding the Target: The Transformation of American Military Policy</u>	2006

		Frederick Kagan describes the recent history of military policy planning since the Viet Nam war. He quotes many of the top contributors and shows how a very powerful volunteer military force was conceived. He also describes how a failure to adequately plan the political ends of a war has hurt us severely in Afghanistan and Iraq. He has only a few specific suggestions but most importantly he shows how our focus on our own capabilities rather than our foes potential has caused us to lose sight of the political goals for which a war is initiated.	
37	Katz, Samuel	<u>Battleground: Fact & Fantasy in Palestine</u> A classic treatment of Jihad in the Jewish National Homeland. Provides a great deal of basic background for the war against Israel that current propaganda is trying to obscure. For example an Arab League leader admitted: "everyone knows, Palestine does not exist." Also the only recognized Arab leaders in the world of 1919 declared the plan to establish a Jewish National Home as "moderate and proper" when the plan included all of the land currently claimed by the "Palestinians" as well as Jordan.	1973
38	Ledeen, Michael	<u>Freedom Betrayed</u> Ledeen's analysis of how the political changes in the USA during the 70s and 80s allowed the defeat of the Communists. US assistance to prevent a communist takeover in Portugal, and then the by-and-large peaceful right-wing revolutions in Spain, Phillipines, and Chile staged the end of Communist expansion. He offers an antidote to the weakness signaled by the neo-isolationism of the 90s and a plan to regain the initiative toward liberal democracy.	1996
39	Ledeen, Michael A.	<u>The War Against the Terror Masters</u> Ledeen discusses how the Sunni and Shi'ite Islamicists work together, Wahhabi Saudis finance radicals worldwide, and the extensive infiltration of radicals into the US. He discusses the 3 offers by the Sudanese to nail bin Laden. He describes how the Carter Reagan, Bush and Clinton regimes had allowed our security measures to atrophy. He is particularly critical of Clintons inaction under the stepped up terrorist activity of the 90s. He says "Peace could not be achieved without dealing with Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Saudi Arabia."	2002
40	Lewis, Bernard	<u>What Went Wrong, Western Impact & M.E Response</u> The West's greatest historian of the Middle East discusses how Islamic civilization fell from a position of leadership six centuries ago to it's present status as a poor, weak and ignorant backwater. He never does produce a satisfactory answer. Definitely not his best book although it does a fair job of identifying things that are not factors in Islam's decline.	1984
41	<u>Lewis, Bernard</u>	<u>The Middle East, A Brief History of the last 2000 years</u> Noted Middle East historian Bernard Lewis rapidly covers the last 2000 years of this area's history with background in pre-Islamic Arabia, Sasanid Persia, and Byzantium. He emphasizes the cultural, social, and economic changes while keeping the political narrative to a minimum. Contains a wealth of information. [A quick overview of the last 2000 years in the Middle East by the top historian of the region.]	1995
42	Lewis, Bernard	<u>The Crisis of Islam, Holy War and Unholy Terror</u>	2003

		Lewis lays out the history of East - West relations since the time of the Prophet Mohammad. He discusses the causes of Arab hate for Western culture and democracy and provides almost no hope that the Wahabbis or the Iranian Shias will ever become less belligerent.	
43	Lewis, Bernard	<u>Islam and the West</u> Eleven essays dealing with various issues in Islamic-Western relations. Among many topics he discusses the resurgence of Islamic fundamentalism and why few Islamic countries have any tradition of religious coexistence. He also strongly works over Edward Said.	1993
44	Manji, Irshad	<u>The Trouble with Islam</u> A female Muslim growing up in Vancouver B.C. found the instruction at her local mosque both irritated and perplexed her. As a broadcast journalist she has become an outspoken advocate for womens rights in Islam. For her Islam is "on very thin ice." Her call for a modern Islam is an easy read and the problems she discusses real.	2003
45	Marshal, Paul	<u>Their Blood Cries Out</u> Today more than 200 million Christians around the world suffer imprisonment, abuse and even death because of their faith. Yet most Americans never hear their stories. Paul Marshall reveals the reality of this present-day persecution, revealing what we can do to help.	1997
46	Minitier, Richard	<u>Shadow War: The Untold Story of How Bush is Winning the War on Terror</u> Shadow War is the report of how President Bush is bringing retribution to the enemy, and keeping America safe. Minitier includes information on bin Ladens whereabouts, the 3,000 al Qaeda operatives killed by March 11, 2004, a plot to kill Bush in 2002, how we captured the "al Qaeda admiral" and stopped his fleet, and Iran's financing in Iraq and Afghanistan.	2004
47	Minitier, Richard	<u>Disinformation: 22 Media Myths That Undermine the War on Terror</u> Minitier punctures beliefs held by both right and left that are not supported by facts. He disposes of missing suitcase nukes, shows the marginal effectiveness of racial profiling, disposes of the "Saddam had no WMD" claims, shows the error in "al Qaeda and Saddam didn't have significant relations", kills "bin Laden was trained and funded by the CIA", and the egregious Halliburton claims. Minitier is a well informed investigative reporter on the Middle East and he cuts through the rhetoric to bring a few more facts to the debate (despite what the Hate America crowd want to believe).	2005
48	Myloirie, Laurie	<u>Study of Revenge, 1st WTC Attack & Saddam's War vs America</u> Myloirie connects the dots and asserts that Ramzi Yousef was an Iraqi agent of Saddam's and was instrumental in organizing the 1993 attempt to destroy the WTC. Clinton advisers dispute this point (without factual backing), but an agent from the FBI's NY office agrees with her. We may never know the truth in this shadowy world of intelligence constructions.	2001
49	Patai, Raphael	<u>The Arab Mind</u> David Pryce-Jones A Closed Circle is the essential book on this subject but Raphael Patai covers additional aspects of Arab thinking that substantially supplement Pryce-Jones.	1983
50	Peters, Joan	<u>From Time Immemorial</u>	1984

		<p>This is the classic treatment of the Israel land question. Peters started her research convinced that Israel had been carved out of land held by Arabs From Time Immemorial. Her research showed a much more complex picture of land ownership. Mostly about the last 150 years.</p> <p>[Who has a right to the land occupied by Israel?]</p>	
51	Peters, Ralph	<p><u>Beyond Baghdad: Postmodern War and Peace</u></p> <p>A superb writer on military strategy, Peters describes the conquest of Iraq and it's implications for military theory. He believes the war was important, but differs with Rumsfeld on manpower levels and some strategy. He describes the failure of Islamic societies across the Middle East and the problems they pose for the West, He cautions that we need to pay close attention to those Islamic areas outside the Middle East and make sure they do not broaden the failure. Peters brings a lifetime of practical experience to his topic and writes clearly and well.</p>	2003
52	Peters, Ralph	<p><u>New Glory: Expanding America's Global Supremacy</u></p> <p>Former military intelligence agent with experience in 60 countries argues for a more assertive foreign policy. As those who read his columns can attest he is always pithy and quotable.</p>	2005
53	<u>Pryce-Jones, David</u>	<p><u>The Closed Circle. An Interpretation of the Arabs</u></p> <p>This book does the best job of driving an appreciation of the honor-shame nexus and Arab power relationships into the Western mind of any book I know. To understand the pathologies of the Middle East you must understand this book.</p> <p>[A critical book for anyone seeking to work with Arabs or understand the Arab mind.]</p>	2002
54	Rizk, Salom	<p><u>Syrian Yankee</u></p> <p>A heart-warming autobiographical story of an orphaned boy born in Syria who goes through many torturous adventures in his war-torn country in order to get to America. A real Horatio Alger story.</p>	1943
55	Spencer, Robert	<p><u>Islam Unveiled: Disturbing Questions About the World's Fastest Growing Faith</u></p> <p>Spencer demonstrates that Islam is indeed a religion of war and bloodshed & that it is intent upon world domination. This is confirmed throughout many sections of the Quran and Hadith, the two main literary sources of Islam.</p>	2002
56	Spencer, Robert	<p><u>Onward Muslim Soldiers: How Jihad Still Threatens America and the West</u></p> <p>Spencer shows the place of Islamic theology in the use of Jihad to propagate and defend the faith. He uses the Sgt, Hassan Akbar case and our initial refusal to appreciate it's theological background as a starting point to discuss Jihad and Dihimmitude. His discussion of the 20th century Muslim ideologues and their impact on the revival of these classical pathologies is exemplary. Spencer was one of the first modern authors to write carefully on Dihimmitude and Jihad.</p>	2003
57	Spencer, Robert	<p><u>The Truth About Mohammad</u></p> <p>Excellent short biography of Mohammad emphasizing those features that have been controversial and problematic to Islam and the West.</p>	2006
58	Steyn, Mark	<p><u>America Alone</u></p>	2006

With his usual vivid style Steyn explains the demographic trends and cultural malaise that have put Europe on the road to becoming Islamic. Muslims in Europe are often more radical and dangerous than those on the Middle East and Steyn explains why the failure to accept our role as the current superpower is setting the world up for a new and more terrible Dark Ages. So far America is resisting the European demographic trend but its ability to support the retention of Western civilization alone is doubtful. He pulls together some wonderful quotes from a lot of sources to give color an literary character to his thesis. He does not treat the many actual steps Europe has already made toward their future Dihimmi status as does Bat Ye-or in Eurabia.

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| 59 | Timmerman, Kenneth R. | <p><u>Preachers of Hate: Islam & the War on America</u></p> <p>Timmerman has traveled the areas of the Middle East where the hatred for Israel and the United States is at it's most virulent, He exhibits the hate statements in local state controlled broadcasts, echoes among the populace, and contrasts this with the picture of a benign "Arab street" portrayed by the Western press. He shows how the face shown in Western languages differs dramatically from the comments for local consumption. The disaffection in the M.E. is a good deal worse than is portrayed in the Western press particularly in Europe where they are too busy hating America to look seriously at what has been happening next door.</p> | 2003 |
| 60 | Trifkovic, Serge | <p><u>The Sword of the Prophet: History, Theology, Impact on the World</u></p> <p>Tifkovic describes the history of Islam and shows it to have fairly consistently been a religion of war. He contends that the history of Islam tends to support the contention that Jihad is more about war than about inner struggles. He shows that this view is strongly supported by the Koran. One of his suggestions is that we treat Muslims as we treated Communists during the Cold War. In speaking about the loss of religion and confidence by many residents of western countries Trifkovic writes "If that loss is not reversed, the game is over anyway - proving yet again that where God retreats, Allah advances."</p> | 2002 |
| 61 | Viorst, Milton | <p><u>In the Shadow of the Prophet: The Struggle for the Soul of Islam</u></p> <p>Viorst trys to answer the question: "Is Islam responsible for the economic and cultural stagnation of the Arab world?" He examines the history of Islam, the development of Shari'a and both past and current developments in a Egypt, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Jordan and Iran to develop an answer. He finds it is difficult to extract the religious influence from the repressive political environment as the two have a strong synergism. The West considers the mid-8th century to be the golden age of Islam. However, Muslims consider a 30 year period in the mid 600's to be their golden age when they were breaking out of Arabia to conquer a big piece of the Christian world. Written before 9/11.</p> | 2001 |
| 62 | Warraq, Ibn | <p><u>Why I Am Not a Muslim</u></p> <p>An excellent review of Islam and Mohammad by a former Muslim. He delves extensively into the texts of Islam and shows why he considers both "Islamic Civilization" and "Islamic Philosophy" to be contradictions in terms. Highly critical of Islam he provides extensive reasons for his position.</p> | 1995 |
| 63 | Williams, Buzz | <p><u>Spare Parts: A Marine Reservist's Journey from Campus to Combat in 38 Days</u></p> | 2004 |

- Memoir of Williams years as a Marine Corps reservist and his activation for the 1st Gulf war. Tells of his early attraction to the Corps and his choice of the Reserves as a way to balance his attraction to the Corps with his desire for a college education. Consistent psychoanalysis will mar the narrative for some and enhance it for others. He really does get inside the head of at least one specific marine. He say combat only 38 days after being called up out of the reserves.
- 64 Williams, Paul L. **The Day of Islam: The Annihilation of America and the Western World**
Starting with the almost forgotten testimony of Jamal Ahmed al-Fadl (a Sudanese helper of bin Laden), Williams pulls together a variety of sources to spell out the danger that al Qaeda poses to the Western world. That danger includes a planned 7 city nuclear attack on the United States with Adnan el-Shukrijumah as team leader. Canada's exceptionally weak response to terror leaves a tremendous pool of terrorists on our Northern border if we don't already have enough in the United States for almost any operation short of outright warfare. He prints a translation of al Qaeda's fatwa granting permission to kill 10 million Americans using nuclear weapons. He also provides summaries of terrorists the U.S. Justice Department has successfully prosecuted since 9/11.
- 65 Winn, Craig **Prophet of Doom** 2004
A comprehensive treatment (963 pages including appendices) of the earliest written Islamic scriptures. He weaves multiple Islamic translations of the Quran, the Sira, and the Hadiths together in both chronological and topical treatments. He covers his topic in very great detail to show the pervasiveness of vicious material at the core of the original understanding of this major political-religion. He can be criticized when he contrasts Islam with the Torah and with the New Testament since he uses specific interpretations of these works. However, I find his critique specifically about Islam to be consistent with my knowledge.
- 66 Ye'or, Bat **Eurabia: The Euro-Arab Axis** 2005
Bat Ye'or advances the thesis that Europe is acceding to Arab influence and may well fall under Arab domination in the future. European elites have been working hard for 35 years to create an atmosphere particularly tolerant of Arab culture and in the process have adopted much of the policies proposed by the Arab countries including a hostility to Israel and the United States. I found it fairly tough reading as she provides a wealth of detail about the many trans-Mediterranean conferences. She particularly emphasizes the role Euro-Arab Dialog and the extensive budgets and work this organization has expended to promote Arab culture and goals in Europe. In some respects European elites are already acting like dihimmis. This book and Mark Steyn's "America Alone" complement each other as Steyn covers the demographic aspect.
- 67 Zinsmeister, Karl **Boots on the Ground, A Month with the 82nd Airborne in the Battle for Iraq** 2003
A patriotic American who spent a month embedded with the 82nd tells of his experience and his impressions of the Iraq war in the early phases after the invasion. Veterans who were in the units described verify his accuracy, Many reviewers have faulted his writing and conservative views but I found it charming.

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	Director	Title	Published
1	Davis, Gregory M., & Bryan Daly	<p><u>Islam: What the West Needs to Know</u> A low key and scholarly presentation of Mohammad's revelation and actions with respect to unbelievers. It adds piece after piece of the whole Islamic history to finally leave one with the impression that this is truly a blockbuster that must be seen by every American. The featured speakers: Robert Spencer, Walid Shoebat. Bat Ye'or, Serge Trifkovoc. Abdullah Al-Araby</p>	2007
2	Gilbert, Joel	<p><u>Farewell Israel, Bush, Iran, and the Revolt of Islam</u> It contains the most historically accurate depiction of the legal and political side of Islam that I have seen in video form. By not employing taqiyya as Muslims are wont to do when talking with Westerners, it carefully shows Islamic thinking with respect to Jews, Christians and other infidels. It shows the special tradeoffs of dihimmi status and the peace that is available under Dar al-Islam.</p> <p>Every American and everyone else in Dar al Harb needs to see this film to appreciate the seriousness and duration of the battles we are now fighting.</p>	2007
3	Kopping, Wayne	<p><u>Obsession: Radical Islam's War Against the West</u> This is a film about the threat of Radical Islam to Western civilization. Using unique footage from Arab television, it reveals an 'insiders's view' of the hatred the Radicals are teaching, their incitement of global jihad, and their goal of world domination. The film also traces the parallels between the Nazi movement of World War II, the Radicals of today, and the Western world's response to both threats.</p>	2007

- I have selected only 9 books (authors in **bold** type) to summarize the problems we face with resurgent Jihadic Islam. As excellent as these books are, I realize that they do not provide the balance and weight to give you a good appreciation of the complex and dangerous entity we refer to as the Middle East. All of the other books on the list contributed something to my personal understanding of the problems. I hope you will also have the time to delve further into this fascinating area.