

Middle East History Reading List

William L. Cleveland, A History of the Modern Middle East

Amos Elon, The Israelis: Founders and Sons

James Barr, Setting the Desert on Fire: T.E. Lawrence and the Secret War in Arabia, 1916-1918

Beker, Avi, The Chosen: The History of an Idea, and the Anatomy of an Obsession

John L. Esposito, Islam: The Straight Path

M. Farmanfarmaian, Blood and Oil

Thomas L. Friedman, From Beirut to Jerusalem

David Fromkin, A Peace to End All Peace: Creating the Modern Middle East, 1914-1922

James L. Gelvin, The Modern Middle East: A History

Arthur Goldschmidt, Jr. A Concise History of the Middle East, 8th edition

Philip K. Hitti, The Arabs: A Short History

P.M. Holt (ed.), Cambridge History of Islam, vol. 2B: Islamic Society and Civilization

Albert Hourani, A History of the Arab Peoples, 2nd edition

Tarif Khalidi (trans.) The Qur'an

Ibn Khaldun, The Muqaddimah: An Introduction to History

Mehran Kamrava, The Modern Middle East: A Political History Since the First World War

Bernard Lewis, What Went Wrong: The Clash Between Islam and Modernity in the Middle East

The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror
Islam in History: Ideas, People, and Events in the Middle East
Middle East: A Brief History of the Last 200 Years
The Assassins: A Radical Sect in Islam
From Babel to Dragomans: Interpreting the Middle East

Islam and the West

A Middle East Mosaic: Fragments of Life, Letters and History (primary sources)

The Shaping of the Modern Middle East

The Middle East

Melani McAlister, Epic Encounters: Culture, Media, and U.S. Interests in the Middle East Since 1945

Benny Morris, 1948: A History of the First Arab-Israeli War

Michael B. Oren, Power, Faith, and Fantasy: America in the Middle East, 1776 to the Present

Howard M. Sachar, A History of Israel

Abdullah Saeed, Islamic Thought: An Introduction

Avi Schlaim, War and Peace in the Middle East: A Concise History

Tom Segev, 1967: Israel, the War, and the Year that Transformed the Middle East

Mark Tessler, A History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, 2nd edition

S. Ilan Troen, Imagining Zion: Dreams, Designs, and Realities in a Century of Jewish Settlement

Andrew Wheatcroft, Infidels