

Suggested Bibliography on Iraq, Insurgency and Islam.

General Middle East

1. An encyclopedic look at the Middle Eastern culture continent by a distinguished scholar. An out-of-print classic – wide in its sweep:

Coon, Carleton S. Caravan: The Story of the Middle East. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 1951.

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2. Recent and excellent on 20th century Middle East political history:

Fromkin, David. Peace to End All Peace: The Fall of the Ottoman Empire and the Creation of the Modern Middle East. 2nd Ed. New York: Owl Books, 2001.

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Marr, Phebe. Modern History of Iraq, Westview Press, 2004.

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Segev, Tom. One Palestine, Complete. New York. Owl Books. 2001

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3. Dated, but a recognized classic on Arab politics:

Hudson, Michael C. Arab Politics: The Search for Legitimacy. New Ed Ed. Yale University Press, 2002.

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4. Anything by Bernard Lewis, to include his monumental work on Turkey. These are representative of his work:

Lewis, Bernard. *What Went Wrong*. Oxford University Press, New York and London 2002.

Lewis, Bernard. *The Middle East*. Reprint Ed. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1997.

Lewis Bernard. *The Shaping of the Modern Middle East*. Reprint Ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 1994.

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5. For the classic anti-western, anti-imperialist, anti-orientalist view the flawed, but classic work is:

Said, Edward. *Orientalism*. 1st Vintage Books Ed. New York: Vintage Books, 1979.

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As an example of what Said was complaining about:

Patai, Raphael. *The Arab Mind*. New York: Hatherleigh Press, 2002.

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6. Classic on the Middle East peace process:

Quandt, William B. *Peace Process: American Diplomacy and the Arab-Israeli Conflict since 1967*. Revised Edition. University of California Press, 2001.

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7. For an interesting view on Israeli strategy by an Israeli strategist and professor, I like the following somewhat obscure, but extremely well-reasoned and well-written books:

Yaniv, Avner. *Deterrence Without the Bomb: The Politics of Israeli Strategy*. New Brittain, Connecticut: Lexington Books, 1987.

Yaniv, Avner. *Dilemmas of Security: Politics, Strategy, and the Israeli Experience in Lebanon*. Oxford University Press, 1987.

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### Islam

1. If you want to understand the evolution of Islam in its many facets, this is the classic and magisterial work:

Hodgson, Marshall G. S. *The Venture of Islam, Volume 1: The Classical Age of Islam*. Reprint Ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1977.

Hodgson, Marshall G. S. *The Venture of Islam, Volume 2: The Expansion of Islam in the Middle Periods*. Reprint Ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1977.

Hodgson, Marshall G. S. *The Venture of Islam, Volume 3: The Gunpowder Empires and Modern Times*. Reprint Ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1977.

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2. Highly readable books on Arab and Islamic history written in retirement by the British commander of the Arab Legion.:

Glubb, Sir John Bagot. *The Life and Times of Muhammad*. New York. Cooper Square Press. 1998

(Other titles by Glubb include: The Great Arab Conquests, The Empire of the Arabs, The Course of Empire, Soldiers of Fortune, etc.)

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3. A classic work leading to actual understanding of internal structure and workings of Islam:

Levy, Reuben. The Social Structure of Islam. 2nd Ed. Cambridge University Press, 1971.

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4. The best general work on the phenomenon of Jihadism and its roots.

Keppel, Gilles. Jihad. Cambridge, Massachusetts. Belknap Press. 2002.

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#### Insurgency and Counterinsurgency

1. Bernard Fall was one of the most interesting students of this subject in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. I was his student at Ft. Bragg in the mid 60s.

Fall, Bernard B. "The Theory and Practice of Insurgency and Counterinsurgency." Naval War College Review, LI:1 (Winter 1998), (Reprint from April 1965 issue).

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2. Andrew Krepinevitch is a member of the "Revolution in Military Thinking" group. His writing has been formative for policy.

Krepinevich, Andrew. "The War in Iraq: The Nature of Insurgency Warfare."  
Washington, DC: Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, June 2, 2004.

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3. Colonel Roger Trinquier was probably the greatest French theoretician of counterinsurgency.

Trinquier, Roger. *Modern Warfare*. New York. Greenwood Publishing Group. Reprinted 2006 (Foreword by Eliot Cohen)

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4. An "apologetic" by the French officer who fought and won the war in the Medina of Algiers. General Aussaresses has been stripped of his rank and Legion d'Honneur since publication of this book. I was his student at Ft. Bragg as well.

Aussaresses, Paul. *The Battle of the Casbah..* New York. Enigma Books. 2006

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