

Reading List

Recommended Must Readings

- Stephen Humphreys *Between Memory and Desire: The Middle East in a Troubled Age****
- Avi Shlaim *The Iron Wall: Israel and the Arab World****
- David Fromkin *A Peace to End All Peace: The Fall of the Ottoman Empire and the Creation of the Modern Middle East****
- John Esposito *Unholy War: Terror in the Name of Islam****
- Peter Bergen *The Longest War: The Enduring Conflict between America and al-Qaeda****
- Margaret Nydell *Understanding Arabs***

Survey History of the Middle East

Colbert Held – *Middle East Patterns: Places, Peoples, and Politics** (Good Survey of the Region)

Albert Hourani – *A History of the Arab Peoples* (Classic)

Avi Shlaim – *War and Peace in the Middle East*** (General Audience and Short)

James Bill – *The Eagle and the Lion**** (Best Book on US-Iranian Experience)

History of the Near East Series by Longman Press* (Excellent Set for Reference and Spot Reading)

Hugh Kennedy – *The Prophet and the Age of the Caliphates: The Islamic Near East from the 6th to the 11th Century*

P.M. Holt – *The Age of the Crusades: The Near East from the 11th Century to 1517*

Jane Hathaway and Karl Barbir – *Arab Lands under Ottoman Rule: 1516-1800*

Malcolm Yapp – *The Making of the Modern Near East: 1792-1923*

M.E. Yapp – *The Near East since the First World War: A History to 1995*

David Morgan – *Medieval Persia: 1040-1797*

Military History: Iraq

Iraq 1941 (Osprey Books)* (*How to run a 'go light' invasion of Iraq*)

Keith Kyle – *Suez*** (*Best Book on the Suez Crisis 1956*)

Thomas E. Ricks (*These are the best two books on the Iraq War by far.*)

*Fiasco: The American Military Adventure in Iraq 2003 to 2005***

*The Gamble: General Petraeus and the American Military Adventure in Iraq***

Religion on Philosophy

John Esposito – *What Everyone Needs to Know about Islam**** (*Good for General Audience*)

Abu Hamid al-Ghazzali – *Rescuer from Error: A Spiritual Autobiography of a Great Teacher** (*Serious student and preacher material*)

Stephen Schwartz – *The Other Islam: Sufism and the Road to Global Harmony*** (*Interesting*)

Majid al-Fahkry – *A History of Islamic Philosophy** (*Heavy duty theology and philosophy*)

John Esposito – *Islam: The Straight Path* (3rd Edition)** (*General but informed audience*)

F.E. Peters – *The Children of Abraham: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam a New Edition*** (*Interesting*)