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Israel's Mossad is thought by many to be one of the most powerful intelligence agencies in the world. In *Man in the Shadows*, Efraim Halevy--a Mossad officer since 1961 and its chief between 1998 and 2002--provides an unprecedented portrait of the Middle East crisis. Having served as the secret envoy of prime ministers Rabin, Shamir, Netanyahu, Barak, and Sharon, Halevy was privy to many of the top-level negotiations that determined the progress of the region's struggle for peace during the years when the threat of Islamic terror became increasingly powerful. Informed by his extraordinary access, he writes candidly about the workings of the Mossad, the prime ministers he served under, and the other major players on the international stage: Yasir Arafat, Saddam Hussein, Hafiz al-Assad, Mu'amar Gadhafi, Bill Clinton, George H. W. Bush, and George W. Bush. From the vantage point of a chief in charge of a large organization, he frankly describes the difficulty of running an intelligence agency in a time when heads of state are immersed, as never before, in using intelligence to protect their nations while, at the same time, acting to protect themselves politically. Most important, he writes fiercely and without hesitation about how the world might achieve peace in the face of the growing threat from Islamic terrorist organizations.

In this gripping inside look, Halevy opens his private dossier on events past and present: the assassination attempt by the Mossad on the life of Khaled Mashal, now the leader of Khammas; the negotiations surrounding the Israeli-Jordan Peace Accord and its importance for the stability of the region; figures in the CIA, like Jim Angleton and George Tenet, with whom he worked (Halevy even shares his feelings about Tenet's abrupt resignation). He tells the truth about what the Mossad really knew before 9/11. He writes candidly about assessing the threat of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in the region and beyond, and what this spells for the future of international stability and survival. He touches on the increasing visibility of the CIA in the Middle East and openly shares his misgivings about both the report of the 9/11 Commission and the Middle East road map to peace that was pressed on all sides of the conflict by the U.S. government. He looks at the terrorist attacks in Madrid and London and their far-reaching effects, and states the unthinkable: We have yet to see the worst of what the radical Islamic terrorists are capable of.

Sure to be one of the year's most talked-about books, this fierce and intelligent account of will be a must-read for those looking to hear from a man who wielded his influence, in the shadows, to save the Middle East and the world from a never-ending cycle of violence and destruction.

## Man in the Shadows: Inside the Middle East Crisis with a Man Who Led the Mossad Details

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### Asher Gabbay says

What should one expect when picking up a book with a subtitle that reads: "Inside the Middle East Crisis with a Man Who Led the Mossad"? Surely this is going to be a real-life rendering of a Tom Clancy novel, or at the very least, a John Le Carre one? Well, not exactly. Efraim Halevy, who was at the helm of Israel's notorious and legendary secret service organization for five years, is not your typical cloak-and-dagger type. Far from it. I happened to have met him personally on a couple of occasions many years ago, and if anything, he reminded me of Sir Humphrey in the TV show "Yes Minister": the quintessential British civil servant, with impeccable manners and the Queen's English.[return][return]"Man in the Shadows" is more of a political memoir than an account of the Mossad's activities. Halevy played a dominant role as the secret envoy of several Israeli prime ministers (Shamir, Peres, Rabin, Netanyahu, Barak and Sharon) and as such was privy to many negotiations th

at shaped the region's politics in the 1990s. He writes of these experiences in a low-key and level-headed manner; rarely does he lapse into the emotional zone and when he does so it usually, and suprisingly, concerns Shimon Peres and/or the Israeli foreign services. Although not stated in so many words, it is clear that Halevy has little sympathy for Peres. He speaks fondly of other prime ministers he served under, but for Peres he has nothing but scorn and distrust. As for the foreign office diplomats, he makes them out to look like total amateurs.[return][return]A lot of attention is given to Jordan and to its late king, Hussein. This is understandable given Halevy's special relationship with the Hashemite kingdom and the late monarch. His involvement in bringing about the peace agreement between Jordan and Israel was substantial. His account of the Khaled Mashal incident - a botched attempt by the Mossad to kill a Hamas leader in Amman that brought about a serious crisis

between the two countries - is probably the most fascinating chapter in the book. Halevy is well aware of this "Jordan bias" of his and admits to it; nevertheless, he remains of the opinion that Jordan plays a pivotal role in the Middle East, well and above what most observers will admit to.[return][return]Halevy also devotes many pages to how he views the intelligence community and its interaction with its political masters. I found these parts of the book to be more interesting than the historical accounts (especially as there are no new revelations anyway). Halevy laments the decline of the special standing of the intelligence community, especially in the US, in the aftermath of the 9/11 structural shake-ups. He believes that in the current war of the civilised world against global terrorism - a war he calls "World War 3" - the West cannot win if it does not accord its intelligence organs the proper standing and freedom of operation they deserve.

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### J says

The book focuses as much on the intelligence business as it does on actual Middle East events. Also gets a bit self-congratulatory when he focuses on his role in negotiations and on his way of doing business. Still, pretty interesting to see some of the background info on public events.

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### ???? ???? says



view of a former director of Mossad. His firsthand, personal involvement in and perspective on the Middle East conflict makes the incredible stories in the book believable and exciting to read.

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### Dr. Ziad Abuelrub says

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### Owen says

Halevy is not a great writer. He was a high-ranking Mossad agent. Writing is not what he spent his life doing. He's also the only high-ranking Mossad agent I've read, so he will tell you things other people simply cannot have known. A quick read, well worth your time, if you are interested in a dispassionate depiction of the past few decades of the most famous conflict in history.

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### Guy Grobler says

Unlike many other top ranking Israeli security officials, Efraim Halevy has stayed out of Politics in his career "after life". I wasn't sure what to expect, but at least I know that the book wouldn't be full of political rhetoric in an attempt to gain votes.

The book is actually fantastic, Halevy served in the Mossad for over 30 years, was its head for 5 years and was there to witness (and negotiate on behalf of the Israeli government) during the peace making period in the 90s. As such he offers some fantastic angles on Peace making, and the many (too many) devils that are in the details, crises points and successful points. He also gives insight into the many modern day security problems that our world faces, were there's room for improvement and what potential compromises might be made for peace to break through. The book was written in 2005 but even today is very relevant and some of the predictions given seem to have indeed come to life. Highly recommend you read it.

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### Adam Crafter says

If you'd like to read a slice of history, with real events and real 'spies', You'll love this book.

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### Ahmed Al-Harban says

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### **Whennen says**

Good book, good analysis and different viewpoint than one usually sees. Tells history from the viewpoint of a Mossad agent, I liked it.

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### **Karim says**

I did not know

What is Know Your Enemy on the cover translated version

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With my objection on some of the points raised

But the book distinctive

And introduces you to the concept of national security clearly and ways of maintaining it

And how to run the political kitchen

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