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To American observers, the Arab world often seems little more than a distant battleground characterized by religious zealotry and political chaos. Years of tone-deaf US policies have left the region powerless to control its own destiny—playing into a longstanding sense of shame and impotence for a once-mighty people. In this definitive account, preeminent historian Eugene Rogan traces five centuries of Arab history, from the Ottoman conquests through the British and French colonial periods and up to the present age of unipolar American hegemony. The Arab world is now more acutely aware than ever of its own vulnerability, and this sense of subjection carries with it vast geopolitical consequences.

Drawing from Arab sources little known to Western readers, Rogan's *The Arabs* will transform our understanding of the past, present, and future of one of the world's most tumultuous regions.

## **The Arabs: A History Details**

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### Banan Tawileh says

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### Narmin says

Before reading 'The Arabs' I thought it might be another classy book (and classical view) of the arab people. But this book soared beyond my expectations. It is the Arab identity that base the essential topics and unlike other books on Middle East region, this explains the development of the Arab mind throughout a whole century (from the Ottoman conquest to the making of islamic movements). I can't utter any critical word against this book. Read it, people!

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## Jonathan says

A biased, selective, and misleading history of the middle east conflict. He paints the Arab people as almost entirely victims of western domination and leaves them with hardly any responsibility for their own failings. One of the longest sections in the book dealt with the Israeli-Arab conflict omits the following enormously important facts:

1. While Rogan slams Israel for the "eviction" of Palestinians in 1948 (which in reality was Arab governments telling all Palestinians to leave because of their impending offensive against Israel) - he says nothing of the hundreds of thousands of Jews who were evicted from Arab lands at the same time.
2. He portrays the Jewish purchase of land as something that was imposed on the Arab people against their will. In reality, the Arabs were glad to sell the land in modern day Israel to the Jews - at extremely exorbitant prices. This has been documented in history.
3. Painting Arafat as a freedom fighter for the Palestinian people, he omits his over support for violence against Israeli civilians, his support for suicide bombers, and his infamous public murder of a 65 year old unarmed Jewish man in a wheelchair in a naval standoff.
4. Speaking of the Oslo Accords - he makes no mention of the concessions the Palestinians promised to make, only noting that they were substantial. If he HAD mentioned the concessions the Palestinians were to make (such as stemming the spread of terror organizations and halting the indoctrination of children in Gaza with violent religious fundamentalism), he would have been forced to note that the Palestinians failed miserably in this regard.
5. Dismissing the United States' and Israel's claim that Arafat was responsible for the failure of the negotiations at Camp David - without any evidence - he completely ignores the fact that Ehud Barak offered him 98% of the land he was requesting and he turned it down. Rogan doesn't offer any evidence for his claims, because there is none.
6. Disparaging the Israeli war against Hizbullah in 2006 as barbaric for launching attacks on civilian infrastructure, Rogan completely omits the fact that Hizbullah deliberately positioned themselves in highly populated areas to inflict the most casualties on the Lebanese population to gain international support (as Hamas did in Gaza in 2009). He didn't even bother to address it - it was omitted completely.

These are 6 of the most stunning omissions from his novel but there are many many more. If you want a one sided account of Arab history then purchase this book - but make sure you also consult a history of the Arabs that isn't so biased and remarkably selective in its portrayal of history in the Middle East.

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## Zuha Alfaraj says

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**Lamia Al-Qahtani says**

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