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A Druze Warlord at the Court of the Medici
Tauris Parke Paperbacks

A groundbreaking biography of the mysterious Levantine prince Fakr ad-Din. The year is 1613: the Ottoman Empire is at its height, sprawling from Hungary to Iraq, Morocco to Yemen. One man dares to challenge it: the Prince of the mysterious Druze sect in Mount Lebanon, Fakhr ad-Din. Yielding before a mighty army sent to conquer him, he—astonishingly—takes

refuge with the Medici in Florence at the height of the Renaissance. Fakhr ad-Din took along with him a diverse party of Moslem, Christian, and Jewish Levantines on their first visit to the “Lands of the Christians.” During his five-year stay in Italy, he fights to persuade Popes, Grand-Dukes and Viceroys to support a grand plan: a new Crusade to wrest the Holy Land from the Ottomans, giving Jerusalem back to Christendom and himself a crown. This groundbreaking biography of Fakhr ad-Din, Prince of the Druze, is based on the author’s vivid new translations of contemporary sources in Arabic and other

languages. It brings to life one remarkable man’s beliefs and ambitions, uniquely illuminating the elusive interface between Eastern and Western culture.

The Long Peace Princeton University Press

One of the fundamental questions of Middle Eastern, and Lebanese studies in particular, is the history of the relationship between the Druze community and the state in modern Lebanon. Arguing that the Druze community has been politically alienated from the Lebanese state, this book explores the historical and political origins of this alienation. The Druze

Community and the Lebanese State contends that the origins of this alienation lie in the state's national ideology, its political confessional system, and the Druze's historical background during the medieval period. Moreover, this book examines the extent to which the Druze's attitude vis-à-vis the Lebanese state has been influenced by their historical rivalry with the Maronites. Particular emphasis is placed on the political and ideological practices adopted by the Druze leadership and intelligentsia as they dealt with the changes taking place in their community's political status following the political settlements of 1920 and 1943 (the establishment of Greater Lebanon and the National Pact, respectively). A welcome addition to existing literature on Lebanon, this book will be an essential reference tool for students and researchers with an interest in nationalism, identity and Middle East Politics more broadly.

A Reporter's Sketches of Lebanon Brill Archive

Offering an analysis of Christian-Muslim dialogue across four centuries, this book highlights those voices of ecumenical tone which have more often used the Qur'an for

drawing the two faiths together rather than pushing them apart, and amplifies the voice of the Qur'an itself. Finding that there is tremendous ecumenical ground between Christianity and Islam in the voices of their own scholars, this book ranges from a period of declining ecumenism during the first three centuries of Islam, to a period of resurging ecumenism during the most recent century until now. Among the ecumenical voices in the Christian-Muslim dialogue, this book points out that the Qur'an itself is possibly the strongest of those voices. These findings are cause for, and evidence of, hope for the Christian-Muslim relationship: that although agreement may never be reached, dialogue has led at times to very real mutual understanding and appreciation of the religious other. Providing a tool for those pursuing understanding and mutual appreciation between the Islamic and Christian faiths, this book will be of interest to scholars and students of Islam, the Qur'an and the history of Christian-Muslim relations. *The Missionary Herald* Brill Archive

Few states in the modern world have had a less promising birth than Jordan. Today

against all the odds, it has become one of the most prosperous and stable of Middle Eastern countries and a major player in the region's politics. This book attempts to explain

A House of Many Mansions Tauris Academic Studies

From Fouad Ajami, an acclaimed author and chronicler of Arab politics, comes a compelling account of how a generation of Arab intellectuals tried to introduce cultural renewals in their homelands through the forces of modernity and secularism. Ultimately, they came to face disappointment, exile, and, on occasion, death. Brilliantly weaving together the strands of a tumultuous century in Arab political thought, history, and poetry, Ajami takes us from the ruins of Beirut's once glittering metropolis to the land of Egypt, where struggle rages between a modernist impulse and an Islamist insurgency, from Nasser's pan-Arab nationalist ambitions to the emergence of an uneasy Pax Americana in Arab lands, from the triumphalism of the Gulf War to the continuing anguished debate over the Israeli-Palestinian peace accords. For anyone who seeks to understand the

Middle East, here is an insider's unflinching analysis of the collision between intellectual life and political realities in the Arab world today.

A Generation's Odyssey AuthorHouse

The author wanders the streets of Beirut - the city he once lived in during the civil war - in search of answers to these questions. On every wall there is a poster, in every cafe a dish, on every building a feature, which suggests the history of one of the many people that make up this extraordinarily diverse and volatile country.

Crossroads to Civil War Interlink Publishing Group Incorporated

"Salibi carefully describes the political atmosphere & events in Lebanon during the last two decades, & illuminates his detailed report with useful insights into the shifting factions. He examines the complex political system linking Christians & Muslims in a unique, bireligious state, & explains how the balance disintegrated after the 1968 elections, under the pressure of domestic corruption & inter-Arab intrigue."-Library Journal.

Pluto Press

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historian of Lebanon, and his new book is even more important than his earlier one because it throws light on the present and future of the country as well as its past."—Albert Hourani, author of *A History of the Arab Peoples* "Among Lebanese historians only Kamal Salibi has the credibility to write such a book. Its timely appearance signals a new era in Lebanese history. It will undoubtedly become a classic"—Nadim Shehadi, Director, the Centre for Lebanese Studies, Oxford *History of Arabia, Ancient and Modern* Routledge

In Salibi's latest book -- a sequel to *The Bible Came from Arabia* -- the well-known Bible stories of Adam and Eve, Noah and the Flood and other historical legends crumble under his startling claim that the Old Testament's actual setting was not Palestine but Western Arabia.

A House of Many Mansions Academic Resources Corp

A reflective examination of everyday life in Lebanon in times of precarity and political torpor.

A House of Many Mansions Routledge

Today Lebanon is one of the world's most divided countries - if it remains a country

at all. But paradoxically the faction-ridden Lebanese, both Christians and Muslims, have never shown a keener consciousness of common identity. How can this be?

The Modern History of Jordan Tauris Academic Studies

The Shiites of Lebanon under Ottoman Rule provides an original perspective on the history of the Shiites as a constituent of Lebanese society. Winter presents a history of the community before the 19th century, based primarily on Ottoman Turkish documents. From these, he examines how local Shiites were well integrated in the Ottoman system of rule, and that Lebanon as an autonomous entity only developed in the course of the 18th century through the marginalization and then violent elimination of the indigenous Shiite leaderships by an increasingly powerful Druze-Maronite emirate. As such the book recovers the Ottoman-era history of a group which has always been neglected in chronicle-based works, and in doing so, fundamentally calls into question the historic place within 'Lebanon' of what has today become the country's largest and most activist sectarian community. A History of Modern Lebanon I.B.Tauris

A survey of the country & its people, followed by a brief sketch of early Lebanese history, with more detailed treatment beginning with the reign of Bashir II (1788-1840) & continuing to 1960.

[A Manual of Lebanese Administration.](#) By George Grassmuck ... and Kamal Salibi

History of Arabia, Ancient and Modern
1: The Bible Came from Arabia
A House of Many Mansions
The History of Lebanon Reconsidered

This is the updated edition of the first comprehensive history of Lebanon in the modern period. Written by a leading Lebanese scholar, and based on previously inaccessible archives, it is a fascinating and beautifully-written account of one of the world's most fabled countries. Starting with the formation of Ottoman Lebanon in the 16th century, Traboulsi covers the growth of Beirut as a capital for trade and culture through the 19th century. The main part of the book concentrates on Lebanon's development in the 20th century and the conflicts that led up to the major wars in the 1970s and 1980s. This edition contains a new chapter and updates throughout the text. This is a rich

history of Lebanon that brings to life its politics, its people, and the crucial role that it has always played in world affairs. *The Dream Palace of the Arabs* Routledge
The Druze and the Maronites, arguably the two founding communities of modern Lebanon, have the reputation of being primordial enemies. Makram Rabah attempts to gauge the impact of collective memory on determining the course and the nature of the conflict between these communities in Mount Lebanon. He takes as his focus 'the War of the Mountain' in 1982, reconstructing the events of this war through the framework of collective remembrance and oral history. He challenges the idea that these group identities were constructed by their respective centres of power within the Maronite and Druze community, providing an alternative to the prevailing meta-narrative. Telling the stories of the many people who took part in these events, or who simply suffered as a consequence, helps to expose the intrinsic motives which led to this conflict and makes a valuable contribution to the field of Lebanese historical scholarship.

Ottoman Lebanon, 1861-1920 Abacus

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Very little is known about the life of Jesus. The gospels were written to propagate an image of Jesus as the prophesied Messiah, and give few details of his life. Moreover, most of the fundamental tenets of Christianity are not derived directly from the gospels but from the teachings of St Paul. Between and indeed within these sources there are baffling inconsistencies. This book seeks, as far as possible to uncover the historical figure of Jesus, and to explore what it was about his teaching that created a dedicated and able following that propagated a religion in his name. It also traces the life and teachings of St Paul, asks what Paul knew of the man, Jesus, and suggests that there may have been a conspiracy between Paul and Peter to disseminate a selective and distorted image of Jesus' life, character and teaching.

From Medieval Aleppo to the Turkish Republic Pluto Press

The eldest son of Jordan's King Hussein, the author had not expected to ascend to the throne; his father's brother had long been crown prince. But he was chosen by the king on his deathbed. Both a memoir

and a frank discussion of how to solve problems in the Middle East.

A History of Modern Lebanon Academic Resources Corp

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The History of Lebanon Reconsidered
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centuries --"Skillfully weaving together social, political, cultural and economic history, this deeply informed and penetrating study provides a rich understanding of the vibrant, tragic, but ever hopeful Lebanon

Conspiracy in Jerusalem Univ of California Press

In the 6th century AD, the Near East was divided between two great empires: the Persian and the Roman. A hundred years on, and one had vanished for ever, while the other was a dismembered, bleeding trunk. In their place, a new superpower had arisen: the empire of the Arabs. So profound was this upheaval that it spelled, in effect, the end of the ancient world. But the changes that marked the period were more than merely political or even cultural: there was also a transformation of human society with incalculable

consequences for the future. Today, over half the world's population subscribes to one of the various religions that took on something like their final form during the last centuries of antiquity. Wherever men or women are inspired by belief in a single god to think or behave in a certain way, they bear witness to the abiding impact of this extraordinary, convulsive age - though as Tom Holland demonstrates, much of what Jews, Christians and Muslims believe about the origins of their religion is open to debate. In *The Shadow of the Sword* explores how a succession of great empires came to identify themselves with a new and revolutionary understanding of the divine. It is a story vivid with drama, horror and startling achievement, and stars many of the most remarkable rulers ever seen.

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