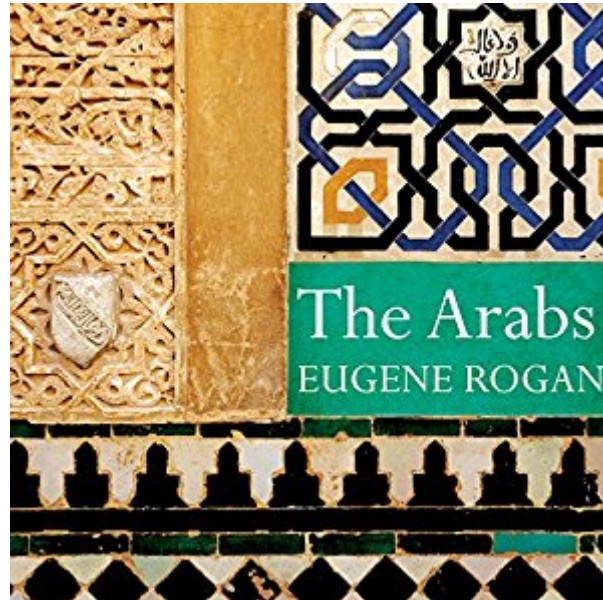




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Synopsis

In this definitive history of the modern Arab world, award-winning historian Eugene Rogan draws extensively on Arab sources and texts to place the Arab experience in its crucial historical context for the first time. Tracing five centuries of Arab history, Rogan reveals that there was an age when the Arabs set the rules for the rest of the world. Today, however, the Arab world's sense of subjection to external powers carries vast consequences for both the region and Westerners who attempt to control it. Updated with a new epilogue, *The Arabs* is an invaluable, groundbreaking work of history.

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Customer Reviews

OK, this book is long. But so is the history of the Middle East. This book provides clear, insightful perspective into a very complex region that commands a certain understanding given its impact on the modern life. I highly recommend this book; I'm reading it for the second time and will probably read it a third as well. It's that detailed, and like any comprehensive historical treatment it's in the re-reads that you begin to piece together the key events that this book does such a great job of placing into a modern context.

Very thorough and informative. A bit confusing with all the names. Could have used a glossary of names at beginning of chapters and maybe timelines as well to keep what was happening in various countries at same time.

Wonderfully written. Amazing account of history that allows you to put into perspective

contemporary happenings in the Arab world. Makes you realize that even after centuries of struggles the Arabs have a long way to go to achieve their freedoms that they aspire to. Rogan beatifully puts together an account that helps you change the way you look at the region's history from a narrow lense to a more wider angle.

Presuming the historical information is accurate, and I have no reason to doubt it is, the described events surrounding the rise and fall of the Ottoman Empire and its role creating so many nationalities in conflict with each other and with us, made me think about the magnitude of our ignorance dealing with those folks. The book should be required reading at our State Department if it isn't already.

Important history of a people we continue to know very little about, as the country and information so restricted to foreigners.

The author's grasp and total mastery of the massive body of historical detail is matched by his genius in organizing it all into comprehensible themes which intertwine, but do not lose their narrative power. The sheer sweep and density of Arab history is breathtaking, but comes into focus in this impressive work. If ever a subject needed thorough convincing treatment now, it is this one. Read it to have your eyes opened.

This was a detailed and extremely balanced look at the myriad players in the Arab countries' history through the last few centuries. Beginning with the Ottoman Empire through America's presence and influence, the author explores the various repercussions of imperialism, oppression, religion, and war and rebellion.

I would like to thank Mr. Rogan for putting together a book that I think did a good job of giving a good historical account of the Middle East and North Africa. When it comes to the Middle East, there's always some type of bias, especially in regards to relations with Israel. I think Mr. Rogan did as best of a job he could do in being as unbiased as he could be in his book; although I'm sure there are many people who have their reservations. Overall, this was a good historical review of the Middle East and North Africa. For anyone who wants to get somewhat of a good foundation with Arab history, this book is a good way to start that.

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