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*From Baghdad to Brooklyn* Nov 15 2019 A young American veteran of the Iraq War experiences a bitter sweet homecoming, only to find that integrity and survival can be just as complicated at home as they were overseas.

**Notes on a Journey from Baghdad to Busrah** Jun 22 2020

**From Baghdad to Chicago** Nov 08 2021 From Baghdad to Chicago is a diligent and comprehensive memoir of an Iraqi-born physician, growing up in Iraq, and pursuing his education and professional calling in Medicine, to serve to the utmost of his ability. Asad Bakir speaks to the culture of Iraqi and Middle Eastern history, and offers timely reflections on the contemporary practice of Medicine. Having lived through four generations of Iraqis, he has experienced Iraq's dramatic upheavals over the last sixty-five years and seen the ruin left behind. This book is a memoir of Dr. Bakir's life and times in Iraq, England and the US, and a fascinating account of his 26-year work at Cook County Hospital of Chicago. He covers in depth a wide array of subjects of great interest: history, politics, literature, sociology, the arts, and the science and practice of Medicine. His account helps us understand the recent events of the much-troubled Middle East. He describes events as objectively as possible, in a scientific discipline consistent with his medical studies and career, and he speaks with a voice of solid authority. Join the author as he offers a firsthand account of the Arab Renaissance before it expired in the 1960s, the violent toppling of the Iraqi Hashemite monarchy, the dark chapters of Saddam Hussein's tyranny, the wars he invited upon Iraq and the lethal 12-year sanctions. Very engaging, as well, are his

reflections on the US invasion of Iraq, global terrorism and the current state of healthcare in the US.

*The Man From Baghdad* Aug 05 2021 'The Man From Baghdad' offers readers the privilege of a glimpse into a poignant timely, yet historic memoir. Unforgettable descriptions of Bedouin life, guffas as well as tribal savagery and family ties told through the eyes of one who experienced all these and much more. Widad has told these stories to family and friends over the years, and with much urging documented these tales to share with a wider audience. This memoir will likely change your views of what you thought you knew about Iraq.

Notes of a Journey from Baghdad to Busrah Oct 07 2021

**Baghdad's Spy** Aug 25 2020 The story of Britain's foreign intelligence service 1958-2001 as told from the unique perspective of the daughter of a senior spy. Corinne Souza breaks the last taboo of British espionage as she describes the impact that Crown service can have on a spy's family.

*Song in the Desert* Nov 20 2022 Thaer Abdallah is a Palestinian artist and human rights activist who was born in Iraq and grew up in Baghdad in a one-bedroom apartment with his 12 brothers and sisters. Together they survived three wars and unbelievable challenges, culminating in the kidnapping and torture of Palestinian community members following the 2003 invasion of Iraq. Thaer's story of hope and resilience leads him from the streets of Baghdad to the empty desert, from loneliness to love, from the pain of imprisonment and torture to an impossible dream of new life in a foreign land. His example of courage and survival gives hope to all who suffer seemingly insurmountable challenges, and shines a light through the darkness of our times.

**From Baghdad to the Pathways of Diplomacy** Feb 11 2022

Chasing Ghosts Jan 10 2022 A veteran of the war in Iraq offers a provocative critique of the conflict, offering an infantry soldier's view of the war and the challenges confronting the American military in the field due to poor planning, lack of accountability and preparedness, inadequate protection, and other problems. 125,000 first printing.

**From Baghdad to Beirut--** Apr 13 2022 Die Reihe Beirut Texte und Studien (BTS) ist die Buchreihe des Orient-Instituts für Grundlagenforschung des historischen und zeitgenössischen Mittleren Ostens. Sie stellt Studien bereit, die auf Primärquellen in Sprachen der Region basieren und bietet thematische sowie methodische Impulse. Dieser Band beinhaltet "From Baghdad to Beirut... - Arab and Islamic Studies in Honor of John J. Donohue s.j.". Die Reihe Beirut Texte und Studien (BTS) ist die Buchreihe des Orient-Instituts für Grundlagenforschung des historischen und zeitgenössischen Mittleren Ostens. Sie stellt Studien bereit, die auf

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*The Elephant from Baghdad* May 22 2020 Relates the story, told by a monk named Notker the Stammerer, of how the Emperor Charlemagne sent an ambassador to Baghdad, the center of the Muslim world, to learn about the great ruler in the East, Haroun al Rashid. Includes notes on the factual basis of the story.

**From Baghdad to Bedlam** May 02 2021 Maged is working nights as a London taxi driver. By day he's a news junkie, hooked on broadcasts from his native war-torn Iraq, and desperate for news of his family. He recalls Saddam Hussein's rise to power and his escape to England, where he meets his future wife, Carole, in the lingerie section of a department store in Liverpool. From the idyll of his Iraqi childhood through the harsh realities of 1980s Britain, Maged's recollections are filled with a deep affection for his Iraqi and British homes. Maged Kadar, a former London cab driver, now teaches Arabic and Islamic culture to British troops.

*Other Lands Have Dreams* Oct 19 2022 Written by a human rights activist, this extraordinary narrative gives voice to the cries of people afflicted by military and economic warfare.

From Baghdad To Kokomo Oct 27 2020 A compelling account of growing up during the mid-twentieth century in the two oldest and once vibrant Jewish communities of Iraq and Iran--the first now obliterated, the second eroded. From Baghdad to Kokomo is part memoir, part history in which momentous events are interwoven with the author's own family biography: Iraq's transition from

Ottoman and British rule to hopes for building a democratic nation-state; the emergence of extreme nationalism that ends centuries-old Arab-Jewish co-existence; the Farhoud pogrom in 1941; and the tumultuous exodus of an entire community. In Iran, too, the Shah's modernization policies clash with nationalist and Islamist opposition forces leading to the Islamic Revolution and millions leave or flee the country to settle abroad. This book also shows the fortuitous circumstances how one pen pal correspondence brought the author from Tehran to the American midwestern city of Kokomo, Indiana, where he arrives penniless as a teenager and resumes his studies after a four year hiatus. "The Exodus from Iraq, the cradle of civilization, meant the destruction of Babylonian Jewry with its rich history of nearly 2,600 years. Lives were shattered and families scattered. Many of its time-honoured values and traditions --the glue that held it together and gave its unique identity--are now rapidly fading away under the pressure of Westernization..." Excerpt from the book.

**From Baghdad to New York** Dec 17 2019

**BLOOMSDAY: ULYSSES IN BOSTON**

Bloomsday brings to life in America the enduring epic poem of Homer's Odyssey and the rich Irish saga of James Joyce's Ulysses with a tale set in mid-June of 1974 on the streets of Boston shared by the American immigrant descendants of Leopold and Molly Bloom, and Stephen Dedalus of Dublin. Bloomsday is the heartfelt epic of Rudy and Penelope Bloom of 27 Charles Street on Beacon Hill to prevail in the crucible of everyday life in their wandering and homecoming after an Irish wake for Tim Finnegan, where Rudy encounters Harvard Professor, Dr. Thomas Dedalus. >From Harvard Square, Beacon Hill and Haymarket Square to Copley Square, the Back Bay and Boston's notorious Combat Zone, Bloomsday is a tragicomic tale spun as jazz riffs improvising nimbly upon the baselines of the greatest epic of antiquity and the most celebrated novel of the 20th century. Lentz sheds new light in the pixels of his innovative, comedic style upon the immortal themes of love, duty and brotherhood told with a deep abiding respect for the timeless masterpieces on the legendary wandering home of Odysseus after the fall of Troy.

**From Baghdad to America** Aug 17 2022

Lieutenant Colonel Jay Kopelman won the hearts of readers everywhere with his moving story of adopting an abandoned puppy named Lava from a hellish corner of Iraq. He opened the door for other soldiers to bring dogs home, and in *From Baghdad to America*, Kopelman once again leads the pack with his observations on the emotional repercussions of war. Here, for the first time, Kopelman holds nothing back as he responds to the question, "Why did you save a dog instead of a person?" The answer reveals much about his inner demons—and about the bigger picture of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He talks about what it's like to return to the States and examines the shocking statistics to come out of Iraq: Depression, suicide, alcohol abuse, and broken relationships are at record highs for the men and women who serve there. Kopelman credits Lava with helping him to endure combat and the pain of war, as well as helping him deal with the surprising difficulties of returning to everyday

life. Civilians have a hard time understanding what being a Marine means, and the adjustment to living among them is hard for these soldiers. This book attempts to shed light on that for all readers.

**Beyond the Sand Storm** Dec 09 2021 *Beyond the Sand Storm* is a story of human destiny, defiance, and history. It is part biography, a narration of an Iraqi doctor who flees her country in the wake of the 2003 war. It is also a unique historical and social perspective on Iraq and its culture. The novel traces the life of Dr. Malka Al Saadi, a gifted physician, humanitarian, scientist, mother, and war victim who rises from humble beginnings to head one of the most prestigious medical departments in Iraq. Through the eyes of this amazing and courageous woman, a detailed and moving description unfolds, recounting daily life experiences, characters, and challenges faced over three historical eras. Her distinctive perspectives intersect and present the reader with a truly remarkable picture of what it was like to live in Iraq during the last half century. The account also offers insight into the cultural, social, and political arenas in Iraq from the 1930s onward. The book describes, in thought-provoking and challenging ways, the obstacles, pain, fear, and hope that accompany this evolution. The saga of Professor Al Saadi begins with her childhood in Iraq, and continues over the course of her advanced medical studies in the United Kingdom, a triumphant return to Iraq, and later the experiences in the 1980, 1991, and 2003 wars. Through a firsthand account, the book takes the reader on a trip through the medical and wider social developments in Iraq, and the challenges and losses of three wars. It is a detailed, emotional, and sometimes daring account, but above all, it is a story of human resilience, humility, humanity, and perseverance summarizing over seventy years of personal and geopolitical events that shaped not only the author's life but today's Middle East. The book concludes with a warm portrait of life in the city of Philadelphia, in the United States, where the author currently resides happily with her family. She shares the positive impact this city has had on her and her family's life. In an East-meets-West biography, the book uses simple language written from the heart to describe an astonishing forty-five-year career.

**Islam** Apr 01 2021 The products of a highly-developed architectural style even today bear witness to the greatness of Arabic culture. To the western eye, cities such as Jerusalem, Mecca, Baghdad or Cairo can seem utterly alien. It is not only the way of life that is unfamiliar, it is also the astoundingly varied architecture. This volume surveys more than six centuries of Islamic architecture, from the late 7th century to the mid-13th, placing mosques, Koran schools and palaces in their cultural, religious and political contexts. Distinctive features are its view of building as reflection of Moslem thinking, and its focus on the Arab world. With more than 200 colour photographs, numerous plans, chronological tables and an extensive glossary, this is a reference work which appeals to the expert and the travel-hungry reader alike.

**From Baghdad to Jerusalem** Jan 22 2023 Who is Abu-Moch? Is he Kadouri Kudsi Zada, a hard-working Jewish businessman from Baghdad? Or

is he a Muslim dervish named Nur El Din Khan? Find out when you read this spellbinding true-to-life tale of a shoemaker from Baghdad who, when forced to flee for his life, finds refuge in Iran as a Shi'ite Muslim. Readers of this gripping novel about the inimitable Abu-Moch will gain insight into the Muslim culture that features so prominently in the news. Watch as events move between Iraq and Iran and you will discover the complexity of life for Jews in Muslim countries. When relationships between Jews and Muslims deteriorate in Iraq, the hero and his family are forced to relocate to the newly created State of Israel. The difficulties they face are revealed in their desperate attempt to be absorbed into the Jewish State. As fast-paced as any thriller, this biographical novel offers a penetrating study of immigration. It should be required reading for anyone interested in Middle-Eastern culture!

**Iraq 360\_347** Sep 25 2020

**Faith at War** Jun 15 2022 An eye-opening political travelogue that reveals the Muslim world as never before. Drawing on reporting from more than a dozen Islamic countries, *Faith at War* offers an unforgettable portrait of the Muslim world after September 11. Choosing to invert the question of what "they" have done to "us," Wall Street Journal reporter Yaroslav Trofimov examines the unprecedented American intrusion in the Muslim heartland and the ripples it has caused far beyond the battlefields of Afghanistan and Iraq. What emerges is a penetrating portrait of people, faith, and countries better known in caricature than reported detail. The ordinary Muslims, influential clerics, warlords, jihadis, intellectuals and heads of state we meet are engaged in conversations that reveal the Muslim world to us from a new, unexpected perspective. In Mali, one of the most successful democracies in Africa, we encounter Ousmane Madani Haidara, an influential cleric who sees Wahhabi extremists, rather than his country's secular government, as the real enemy of the true faith. In Saudi Arabia, we explore the bizarre world of exporting dead bodies from a kingdom that bars the burial of non-Muslims. On a US Navy aircraft carrier floating just off the coast of Pakistan in October 2001, we witness the mechanics of war: the onboard assembly of bombs that, hours later, are seen on T.V. exploding in Kabul. And in Iraq, we accompany Trofimov as he negotiates his escape from an insurgent mob, rides in a Humvee with trigger-happy GIs, and gets lectured by a Shiite holy man on why America is the foe of mankind. Whether exploring the badlands of the Sahara or a snow-covered village of Bosnian mujahideen, *Faith at War* helps us understand the hidden relationships and often surprising connections, so crucial to America's future, that link the Islamic world to our own.

**The Man from Baghdad** Dec 29 2020 As the C-130 transport aircraft circled Baghdad in preparation for landing, Jack Armstrong, the forty-three year old seasoned intelligence operative, fastened his seatbelt for a mission he never bargained for. Armstrong soon discovers that his many years of working undercover in the Middle East haven't prepared him for the transformative journey he begins to make once he steps foot on the ground in Baghdad. Throughout the mission, Armstrong finds

himself engaged in an upside-down interior labyrinth: struggles with his deeply held moral and religious convictions; conflicts within his work for the C.I.A. in Iraq; his love for Iraqi medical doctor Haifa al-Hashimi; commitments he cannot keep to his wife and children in the States; and the ideals and policies that he has always defended working for the U.S. government that don't seem to 'fit' any longer. Armstrong is partnered up with middle-aged Iraqi informant, Daoud al-Hassan, a pensive former victim of torture from the old regime, full of old-world wisdom and common sense survival tactics who gets Armstrong out of many a tight circumstance. Colin MacPhearson, an old friend from British Intelligence, joins Armstrong and Daoud in their pursuit of 'Jabbar' - the symbol of all this is evil and the ultimate target of the mission. The characters, conflicts, carnage and circumstances that Jack Armstrong becomes enmeshed in make for not only an action-packed drama but a study in the common denominators that make us all human. It offers a front-row center seat to the real-life story of today's Iraq through the eyes of Jack Armstrong and the circle of humanity around him. It presents a human face to the Iraqi people and 'their story'. But the real 'man from Baghdad' is not revealed until the very end of the story - or is it the beginning?

**Note on Proposed Trans-desert Railway from Baghdad to Haifa** Jan 18 2020

[From Baghdad to Boston and Beyond](#) Jul 24 2020 Most people have heard of Kristallnacht, Night of the Broken Glass in Hitler's Germany. Very few have heard of the Farhud in Baghdad, Iraq. The author's memoir begins in a world that no longer exists

**Eternal Stranger** Jul 16 2022 Here, for the first time, in all its shocking detail, is the story of the desperate plight of Jews who are still living in Arab countries, not yet able to emigrate to Israel. Reported with the vividly accurate eye of an experienced newspaperman, it shows with stark clarity how the fulfillment of the Promised Land for many Jews means a death sentence for others.

[Full Circle: Escape from Baghdad and the Return](#) Mar 20 2020 AWARDS RECEIVED In addition to being selected a finalist in Foreword Magazine, the book also won the "2005 Distinguished Honor Award" from the Military Writers Society of America. The link can be viewed at [www.militarywriters.com/awards.htm](http://www.militarywriters.com/awards.htm) Introduction Full Circle: Escape from Baghdad and the Return chronicles a prominent Iraqi Jewish family's escape from persecution, through the journey of one family member, a young boy, who witnesses public hangings and the 1941 Kristallnacht (Farhud) in Baghdad. After a dangerous escape from Iraq akin to a Sephardic Schindler's List, this ten-year-old begins a lifelong search for meaning and his place in the world. This journey takes him to the newly-formed nation of Israel, then to Brazil, and eventually to the United States, where he serves in the US Army in Korea, works in top level positions with three Fortune 500 companies, starts several businesses, and volunteers to assist the FBI after September 11, 2001. This chronicle strives to explore questions of meaning such as: Does hardship taint the lure of adventure for any young man? What sustains hope? Does a persecuted Jew ever feel at home anywhere? This young man's

journey and subsequent identity crisis interfaces with historical happenings in the world and brings an understanding of the culture and contributions of Sephardic Jews. There has been much written about the Jewish population in Germany and Europe and what they suffered, but little is known about Sephardic Jews who have also been persecuted in other countries, especially in Iraq, a country of which we as Americans have some familiarity, but know very little about. PRESS RELEASE CONTACT: Saul Silas Fathi (631) 232-1638 [fathi@optonline.net](mailto:fathi@optonline.net) Full Circle: Escape From Baghdad and The Return Published Author by Saul Silas Fathi December 5, 2005 (Central Islip, NY) Historical conflicts, persecution and social unrests have always forced people to leave their homeland and move towards uncertainty. And because of these, the search for meaning only becomes more difficult and sometimes impossible. One man however overcame great odds and found meaning at last when he completed his great journey of life, and readers can experience it all by reading author Saul Silas Fathi's amazing new book Full Circle: Escape From Baghdad and The Return. Epic in proportion, Full Circle tells the full life journey of the author who witnessed public executions as a young boy and escaped with his Iraqi Jewish family from certain persecution in Iraq during the mid twentieth century. At the age of ten, the author began an ambitious personal journey to find the meaning of life as well as his place in the world. Through the years, he traveled to the newly-formed Israel, to Brazil and eventually to the United States of America and in each country he learned and experienced a lot about life, culture, knowledge and survival. Determined to excel, Saul completed his education, joined the U.S. Army and ultimately he became an American citizen as well as a high-level executive working with Fortune-500 companies. Aside from his struggles and achievements, Saul's book explores the depths of man's search for meaning, which includes his insights about hope, his Sephardic Jewish heritage, the impacts of 9/11 and the Gulf War, identity crisis, and more. Readers will be astonished with the great

*Animation in the Middle East* Nov 27 2020 The internationally acclaimed films *Persepolis* and *Waltz with Bashir* only hinted at the vibrant animation culture that exists within the Middle East and North Africa. In spite of censorship, oppression and war, animation studios have thrived in recent years - in Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Turkey - giving rise to a whole new generation of entrepreneurs and artists. The success of animation in the Middle East is in part a product of a changing cultural climate, which is increasingly calling for art that reflects politics. Equally, the professionalization and popularization of film festivals and the emergence of animation studios and private initiatives are the results of a growing consumer culture, in which family-friendly entertainment is big business. Animation in the Middle East uncovers the history and politics that have defined the practice and study of animation in the Middle East, and explores the innovative visions of contemporary animators in the region.

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call to travel and explore the world came early for Nadia. As the daughter of an Iraqi diplomat and the granddaughter of a business magnate, she lived in Baghdad, Tehran, and Tokyo before the age of 10, and learned three languages. Her move to America in 1969 brought new experiences with language, racism, independence, and self-expression. At the age of 15, she bravely traveled Europe by herself for four months. She gained life-transforming experiences and averted innocent mishaps when she was unwittingly used by drug dealers as a cover, so they could carry hashish from Morocco to Spain. After graduating from Berkeley High, she went to the University of Baghdad only to find herself intertwined with a powerful man who threatened to turn her in as an American spy if she did not marry him. She grew up with a Muslim father and an Irish-Catholic mother which allowed her to celebrate both religions, never adopting the ideology that one is better than the other. To her, it was about spirituality. Her early years in Japan exposed her to Buddhism, while her mid-life crisis took her to India in pursuit of Hinduism. **From Baghdad to Boardrooms** May 14 2022 **My Mother's Spice Cupboard** Sep 18 2022 My Mother's Spice Cupboard is the true story of the author's Sephardic Jewish family's migration from Baghdad to Bombay (now Mumbai) to Sydney. Unlike most other Australian Jews, her parents were born and grew up in Bombay, and her grandparents came from Iraq, Burma and India. Her father's family immigrated to Sydney, her mother's to Los Angeles, both in the 1960s. They married in Sydney and raised their family there, alongside the father's many brothers and sisters and members of their former Bombay community. Despite being Jewish, her upbringing was greatly influenced by the food, language and culture of India, and to a lesser extent, Iraq. My Mother's Spice Cupboard is the story of what happened to a community which no longer exists, how its members built new lives in a different country, and what it was like to grow up as one of their children. It's also about how much things have changed over four generations in one family. The author's grandparents' arranged marriage produced nine children; both her parents grew up within the confines of Bombay's insular Baghdadi Jewish community whereas she grew up as a first generation Australian in Sydney. Her children's lives are underpinned by the differing Jewish traditions of her family and her husband's family. The themes underlying the story are those of family and community versus individuality; choice versus obligation; and tradition versus modernity. And underlying the entire narrative is the importance of food and cooking, which goes beyond the mere provision of sustenance to express warmth, love and hospitality.

[From Baghdad to Karbala](#) Jan 30 2021

[Escape from Baghdad!](#) Jul 04 2021 Welcome to Baghdad during the US invasion. A desperate American military has created a power vacuum that needs to be filled. Religious fanatics, mercenaries, occultists, and soldiers are all vying for power. So how do regular folks try to get by? If you're Dagr and Kinza, a former economics professor and a streetwise hoodlum, you turn to dealing in the black market. But everything is about to change, because they

have inherited a very important prisoner: the star torturer of Hussein's recently collapsed regime, Captain Hamid, who promises them untold riches if they smuggle him out of Baghdad. With the heat on and nothing left for them in Baghdad, they enlist the help of Private Hoffman, their partner in crime and a U.S. Marine. In the chaos of a city without rule, getting out of Baghdad is no easy task and when they become embroiled in a mystery surrounding an ancient watch that doesn't tell time, nothing will ever be the same. With a satiric eye firmly cast on the absurdity of human violence, *Escape from Baghdad!* features shades of *Catch-22* and *Three Kings* while giving voice, ribald humor, and firepower to people often referred to as "collateral damage."

*Still Broken* Mar 12 2022 After 9/11, billions of dollars were spent to overhaul America's dysfunctional intelligence services, which were mired in bureaucracy, turf wars, and dated technology. But in this astonishing new book, A. J. Rossmiller, a former Defense Intelligence Agency analyst honored for his efforts here and in Iraq, reveals firsthand evidence that the intelligence system remains in disrepair. *Still Broken* is a blistering account of the ideology and incompetence that cripple our efforts to confront our enemies and fight our wars. Like many Americans, Rossmiller was moved to action by the attacks on 9/11. Freshly graduated from Middlebury College, he went to work for the U.S. government in 2004. But his enthusiasm slowly turned to disillusion as he began to fulfill his duties for DIA, the spy arm of the Department of Defense. There he found the Cold War and 9/11 generations at odds, the cause of fighting terrorism superseded by the need to contain a dismally managed war in Iraq, the Bush administration widely mocked and distrusted, and the intelligence process crippled from top to bottom. Rather than give up, Rossmiller instead went further, volunteering to go to Iraq to aid the troops on the ground, contribute to tactical intelligence, and, he hoped, help bring about an end to a fatally mismanaged war. For six months in that besieged country, he worked for the Direct Action Cell, the "track 'em and whack 'em" unit devoted to unmasking and targeting insurgents. He learned that, to put it mildly, the intelligence process bears no resemblance to the streamlined, well-resourced, and timely operation in a James Bond or Jason Bourne movie. He also experienced the disastrous counterterrorism and detainee strategies for which mass imprisonment-with little interest in guilt or innocence-is standard operating procedure. Back at the Pentagon as a strategic issues expert in the Office of Iraq Analysis, Rossmiller saw the administration's heavy hand in determining how information is processed. In a dysfunctional office filled with outsize personalities and the constant drone of Fox News, he filed reports on the ever-worsening situation in Iraq. These assessments, ultimately proven accurate, were consistently rejected as "too pessimistic" and "off message" and repeatedly changed to be more in line with delusional White House projections. Written with passion, intensity, and self-deprecating humor, *Still Broken* is a riveting and sobering portrait of Bush-era intelligence failures and manipulations, laid out by someone who

witnessed them up close and personal. It also offers a sincere, thoughtful prescription for healing the system so that a new and motivated generation won't disengage completely from its government.

**The Boys from Baghdad** Jun 03 2021 As a former fighter in the legendary French Foreign Legion, Simon Low thought he had seen it all. Then he was posted to Iraq. Employed as a private military contractor - a 'hired gun' - his assignment was to guard the deadly convoy routes out of Baghdad. Once there, Simon quickly realised that no one could be trusted, including the US military. Whether sending him on perilously haphazard missions or, in one terrifying incident, knowingly opening fire on him, the Americans often proved as dangerous as the insurgents. Simon and his staunch 'oppo' Dave faced the daily terror of suicide bombers, armed ambushes and grenade attacks, and also had to keep a close watch on their ill-prepared Iraqi comrades. Incompetence or betrayal from within could be fatal, but a far greater fear was that of capture, with prisoners subjected to torture and slow death. Commissioned to courier a large quantity of cash through bandit country, Simon lost patience with his high-handed paymasters and devised a plan of his own for the money . . . *The Boys from Baghdad* is an action-packed account of life as a soldier of fortune in the most controversial conflict of our age. With grim, earthy humour, Simon's eyewitness descriptions of Iraq as it spirals into bloody chaos provide a unique, uncompromising insight into the theatre of war.

**Baghdad at the Centre of a World, 8th-13th Century** Feb 17 2020 The city of Baghdad during the 8th to 13th centuries CE was one of the most important centres of cultural production in human history. A melting pot of languages, religions, and ethnicities, it produced thinkers and artists whose impact on the sciences, literatures, and cultures of the world is still felt today. From cutting-edge medical discoveries to the creation of musical and literary styles that would transform the tastes of Europe-civilization would not look the same today without the influence of medieval Baghdad. This revolutionary new textbook offers chapters from an internationally respected team of scholars conducting groundbreaking research on the city. It provides teachers with reliable and engaging material with which to introduce the dynamic medieval city of Baghdad to their students. *Baghdad at the Centre of a World* features the following topics and contributors: *Baghdad: The Metropolis* - Jens Scheiner; *Daily Life in Baghdad* - Michael Cooperson; *The Caliph - Hayrettin Yücesoy*; *An Introduction to Islam - Mustafa Baig*; *A Caliphal Inquisition - John Nawas*; *Non-Muslims in Baghdad and Beyond - Paul L. Heck*; *Slavery in the Ancient and Medieval World - Karen Moukheiber*; *Slave Soldiers in Baghdad - Hugh Kennedy*; *Enslaved and Free Women in the Royal Court - Maryam Alkandari*; *Some Women of Power Before the Abbasid Period - Maryam Alkandari*; *Knowledge and Learning in Baghdad - Sebastian Günther*; *Arabic Grammar and Grammarians in Baghdad - Monique Bernards*; *Medicine and Philosophy in Baghdad - Peter Adamson*; *Musical Performances in Baghdad - Dwight Reynolds*; *Women Musicians and Poets Before the Abbasid Period - Karen Moukheiber*; *Three*

*Women Musicians and Poetesses of the Abbasid Period - Karen Moukheiber*; *Literature, Poetry, and Party-Crashing - Emily Selove*; *The Book of Kalila and Dimna: Talking Animal Stories and Advice for Rulers - István T. Kristó-Nagy*; *Baghdad and Europe - Alex Mallett*

**Islam: Early architecture from Baghdad to Cordoba** Feb 23 2023 This volume is an impressive survey of more than 600 years of Islamic architecture, from the seventh to the thirteenth centuries, in a region stretching from the Near and Middle East to Sicily, the Maghreb and Andalusia. It presents masterpieces of Islamic architecture from the peerless Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem to the mysterious Umayyad palaces in the deserts of Syria and Palestine, from the sumptuous residences of the caliphs in Samarra and Saragossa to the Great Mosques of Damascus, Kairouan and Cordoba.

*Islam: Early Architecture from Baghdad to Jerusalem ...* Oct 15 2019

*From Baghdad to Barcelona* Feb 28 2021

*From Baghdad, With Love* Dec 21 2022 When Marines enter an abandoned house in Fallujah, Iraq, and hear a suspicious noise, they clench their weapons, edge around a corner, and prepare to open fire. What they find during the US-led attack on the 'most dangerous city on Earth', however, is not an insurgent bent on revenge, but a tiny puppy left behind when most of the city's population fled before the bombing. Despite military law that forbids the keeping of pets, the Marines de-flea the pup with kerosene, de-worm him with chewing tobacco, and fill him up on Meals Ready to Eat. Thus begins the dramatic rescue attempt of a dog named Lava and Lava's rescue of at least one Marine, Lieutenant Colonel Jay Kopelman, from the emotional ravages of war. From hardened Marines to wartime journalists to endangered Iraqi citizens, *From Baghdad, With Love* tells an unforgettable story of an unlikely band of heroes who learn unexpected lessons about life, death, and war from a mangy flea-ridden refugee.

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