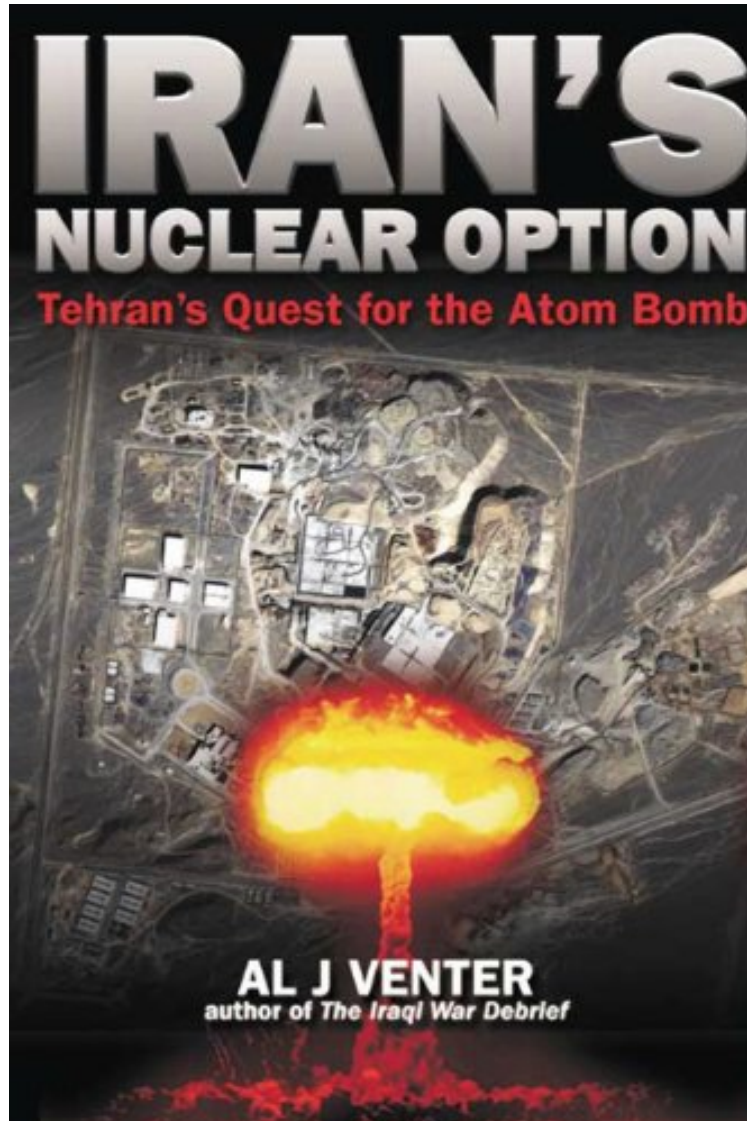


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The world on the brinkVon Peter UysThe reality of the nuclear threat from Iran is gaining prominence in the media with the belligerent utterances of its unstable president. So in a way this book has been prophetic; it remains a must-read, along with Atomic Iran by Jerome Corsi. Venter deals with more than just nukes by investigating the ayatollocracy and its power structures, the country's missile programme, its other dangerous weapons and it terrorist

network. Chapters 1 to 3 provide an overview of the country, the people and recent history like the Iran-Iraq War. There is also a discussion of the differences between the Sunni and Shia varieties of Islam, the role of the 12 imams and the Mahdi, the 12th. This is very relevant in the light of Ahmadinejad's apocalyptic mysticism and provides insight into the regime's ambitions to become a regional super power. How close Iran is to having a nuclear weapon? Despite Steven Tanners doubts expressed in the foreword, it might already have one, according to the evidence in chapters 4 to 6, which also look at technical aspects like centrifuges and the enrichment of uranium. The horrifying effect of detonating a nuclear bomb in Manhattan is discussed here. The co-operation or involvement of primarily South Africa, Russia, China, Pakistan (the Khan network) and North Korea with Iran's nuclear and missile programmes is explored in chapters 9 and 10. But France, Germany and India have also contributed to the current situation. The next chapter details Iran's history of support for terrorists and the brutal oppression of its own people. Chapter 11 discusses Iran's attempts to obtain weapons of mass destruction; the next one seeks to determine the mindset of the Pasdaran and the revolutionary guards, the pillars of the regime. It is imperative to halt the country's nuclear programme but the author does not offer any suggestions as to how to go about it. The book concludes with detailed appendices and an index. Iran has been expert at deceiving the world about the progress and purpose of its nuclear programme for more than two decades. Thanks to Ahmadinejad, it is no secret anymore that Israel is Iran's prime target. This holocaust denier has said so. But of course the regime also wants to dominate the entire region and control its oil reserves. Whatever happens, forget about cheap oil for the foreseeable future. The world is on the brink, as this book made clear months ago.

Kurzbeschreibung At a time when international terrorism is the focal point of our concerns, a far more pressing threat has arisen to the balance of power in the world and ultimately to the security of our country. Since the Islamic Republic of Iran admitted, just two years ago, that it was secretly producing highly enriched, weapons-grade uranium, leading nations have struggled to react in an appropriate manner. In this book, the U.S. public is able to learn, in full detail and for the first time, exactly what the Europeans and UN have been trying to forestall. In Iran we see a country, located at the center of the uranium Middle East, which could very shortly have the ability to strike its immediate neighbors and nations farther away with nuclear weapons. With the innate size to dominate its region, Iran is also a country with an avowed mission to export its theocratic principles, and a nation which has, over the past 25 years, been a notorious supporter of terrorist organizations. Its parallel development of atomic bombs comprises the greatest threat that we have seen in the new millennium. In Iran's Nuclear Option, defense expert Al J. Venter details the extent to which Iran's weapons program has developed, and the clandestine manner in which its nuclear technology has been acquired. He demonstrates how Tehran has violated the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and details the involvement of several countries who have been shown by the IAEA to have trafficked in illegal nuclear materials. He proves, for the first time, a direct link between the now-defunct South African apartheid regime's nuclear program and Tehran's current nuclear ambitions. Venter digs deep into ancillary subjects, such as Iran's fervor on behalf of Shiite Islam, its missile program developed alongside its nuclear one and the role of the Pasdaran (Revolutionary Guards), whose tentacles have spread throughout the Middle East and increasingly further afield. While noting Tehran's support of terrorist groups such as Hizbollah, Venter follows closely how the Persian homeland itself has progressed toward a strategic nuclear capability that would make recent terrorist attacks look obsolete. Iran's Nuclear Option is essential reading for anyone with an interest in global security and the perilous volatility of the Middle East. It also comprises an indicator for America's own options, should it be willing to counter the threat while time remains, in favor of world peace rather than greater global instability.

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Synopsis The United States remains convinced that Tehran has been pursuing a clandestine nuclear weapons program. As one observer noted, "following some pretty intrusive detective work by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) late 2003 and early 2004, everything points to Iran acquiring nuclear weapons parity within the next few years." The consensus within the nuclear club is that that target is likely to be reached sooner rather than later. That revelation emerged in October 2003, when Tehran - after almost a year in denial following ever more thorough inspections by the IAEA - admitted that it had secretly been producing small quantities of weapons-grade uranium as well as plutonium. Although Tehran initially agreed to allow inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), it then reneged a few weeks later. What is clear, said The Washington Post at the time, is that the world now faces its own Iranian deadline. Jerusalem has already hinted that if the West allows a similar situation to develop in Iran as the international community faced in Iraq prior to 'Operation Iraqi Freedom', then it might be forced to act unilaterally. As one Knesset member phrased it, "we need to stop the rot."