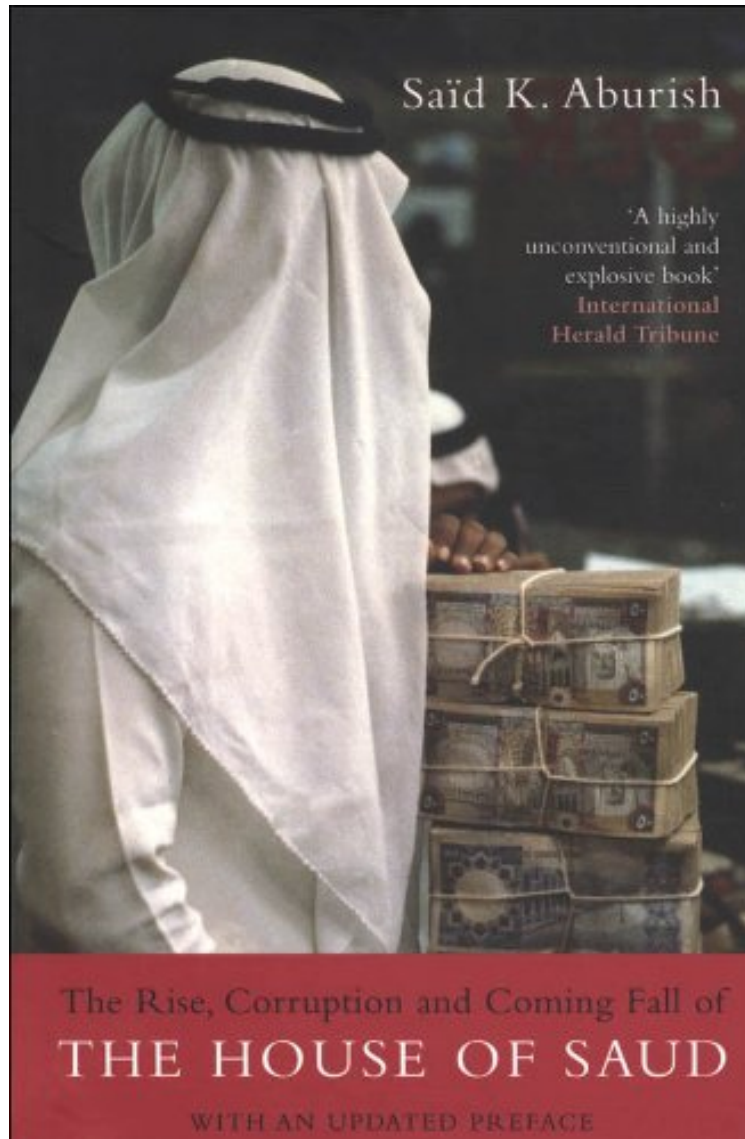


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Documented Look at One of the World's Worst Governments Von Ein Kunde Once you read this book it will be extremely difficult NOT to allow your revulsion for the Saudi Government and the "Royals" which populate it get in the way of objectivity toward the Saudis in general. This is a well-documented and classic study of the totally undeserving being handed incredibly good fortune and totally abusing the opportunity. Without retelling the story, suffice it to say, it addresses an inconsequential tribe of Bedouins who, due to being in the right place at the right time, are thrust onto the world's center stage and instead of making the most of the opportunity to be a positive force, use their good fortune in the most self-serving ways one can imagine (unfortunately with the "help" of Britain and the United States [aka as the Arabian American Oil Company]). (I lived in an ARAMCO compound, Ras Tanura, from 1961-1963 and I believe what I read squares with some of my experiences there.) This is a story of the total abuse of governmental privilege, of human rights, and of the opportunity to unite the positive aspects of Arab/Muslim culture with an entry into modernity. My guess is, many of you who think you know Saudi Arabia and Saudis, don't, and if you're interested in what is going on in that country, and with Western complicity in human rights violations and abuses of governmental privilege that would not be tolerated elsewhere, read this book. It addresses history, economics, and the human condition. It IS an eye-opener even for one who lived in the country and has been back since he lived there.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. excellent expose from inside circles Von lisatheratgirl This book is well-written, well-documented and important. The author (who is writing from a country outside Saudi Arabia, but is himself a Saudi) minces no words in discussing the history, government and Royal Family. My personal view is that it is important to read books about other countries that are not authored by Americans. While this country has much more freedom in what is allowed to be written, read, published and broadcasted (the chapter on the Saudi press was very chilling), the media here tends to oversimplify many issues, and people don't take the time to hunt out other sources. Thus, another country is our "friend" one day in the news, the next they are "the enemy" and politics, foreign loans, arms deals, and all sorts of other goings-on are not really explained. This author explains the reasons behind everything that has been happening in the Middle East from 1900 on, and I certainly learned a lot about the Gulf War. In addition, I have read several books from the women's viewpoint in Saudi Arabia (e.g., Princess, Eight Months on Ghazzah Street), but this shows what is going on with the men in the ruling class. The author also did a good job of convincing me that the Saudi people may not be of one mind with the Royal Family, and that ordinary citizens can be subject to many abuses. Anyone who is interested in the Middle East ought to read this book. Informative, compelling and convincing.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Sour grapes Von J. Philip Goddard This book is difficult to evaluate from the standpoint of objectivity. I have often wondered about life in Saudi Arabia and how it came about to exist. The book is educational from a historical viewpoint since I had very little information to begin with. However, it is quite apparent that the author detests the ruling House and has apparently been exposed to some very bitter experiences. This is prevalent in his writing and thus it is hard to separate accurate history from mud slinging. Nevertheless, it did introduce me to life in Saudi Arabia and some of the many complicated issues affecting this country. The ire of the author's pen just overshadows any objectivity one would like to associate with the relaying of history.

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