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Historical and Modern
Interpretations Univ of

California Press
The Bible had made
history, changed
societies, created art and
also caused
murders—quite a lot of
murders in fact. The latest

one is the killing of
Professor Karl Fehr of the
University of London. He
provided the long missing
archaeological proof for a
daring theory published
by Professor Kamal Salibi,

a real (not fictional) Lebanese historian [see his book 'The Bible came from Arabia', 1985). Based on thorough linguistic and geographical studies he, and later also Fehr, became convinced that all locations and events mentioned in the Old Testament are connected to Asir, a southern province of today's Saudi Arabia, and not to the region of Palestine/Israel! Of course, hardly anyone is willing to see any truth in that theory. It is not conform with the age-old

and commonly accepted interpretation of the Old Testament and is therefore shocking. No wonder that Salibi in his lifetime and now Fehr with his archaeological proof faced a whole phalanx of enemies, among them Fehr's murder. Professor Rietberg, a Middle East historian and Fehr's colleague at the University of London, as the amateur detective with this talents already proven in other murder cases manages finally to solve this politically sensitive case as well.

A Generation's Odyssey Brill Archive

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. *The Encyclopaedia of Islam* Edinburgh University Press
A reflective examination

of everyday life in Lebanon in times of precarity and political torpor.

The Hidden Origins of Jesus
Hurst & Company

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.

Modern Arab Historiography Interlink Publishing
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.
Air University Review
Univ of California Press
Long notorious as one of the most turbulent areas of the world, Lebanon nevertheless experienced an interlude of peace

between its civil war of 1860 and the beginning of the French Mandate in 1920. Engin Akarli examines the sociopolitical changes resulting from the negotiations and shifting alliances characteristic of these crucial years. Using previously unexamined documents in Ottoman archives, Akarli challenges the prevailing view that attributes modernization in government to Western initiative while blaming stagnation on reactionary local forces. Instead, he

argues, indigenous Lebanese experience in self-rule as well as reconciliation among different religious groups after 1860 laid the foundation for secular democracy. European intervention in Lebanese politics, however, hampered efforts to develop a correspondingly secular notion of Lebanese nationality. As ethnic and religious strife increases throughout much of eastern Europe and the Middle East, the Lebanese example has obvious relevance for our

own time.

Sovereignty and Leadership in Lebanon, 1943-1976 I.B.Tauris

"Kamal Salibi is the foremost living 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

Conspiracy in

Jerusalem Routledge

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 History of Lebanon

Reconsidered Univ of

California 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 the 'Alawis

Tauris Academic Studies

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 Viceroy 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 Historicity of Biblical Israel Routledge
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
*The Dream Palace of the
 Arabs* Penguin UK
 Memoirs of an Early Arab
 Feminist is the first
 English translation of the
 memoirs of Anbara Salam
 Khalidi, the iconic Arab
 feminist. At a time when
 women are playing a
 leading role in the Arab
 Spring, this book brings to
 life an earlier period of
 social turmoil and
 women's activism through
 one remarkable life.
 Anbara Salam was born in
 1897 to a notable Sunni
 Muslim family of Beirut.
 She grew up in "Greater

Syria," in which
 unhindered travel
 between Beirut, Jerusalem
 and Damascus was
 possible, and wrote a
 series of newspaper
 articles calling on women
 to fight for their rights
 within the Ottoman
 Empire. In 1927 she
 caused a public scandal
 by removing her veil
 during a lecture at the
 American University of
 Beirut. Later she
 translated Homer and
 Virgil into Arabic and fled
 from Jerusalem to Beirut
 following the
 establishment of Israel in

1948. She died in Beirut in
 1986. These memoirs
 have long been acclaimed
 by Middle East historians
 as an essential resource
 for the social history of
 Beirut and the larger Arab
 world in the 19th and
 20th centuries.
*The Pursuit of Peace in a
 Time of Peril* Routledge
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 conclusion, this revised
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Modern Arab Historiography

AuthorHouse
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Historical Discourse and the Nation-State

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

History of Lebanon Reconsidered
"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.

The Shiites of Lebanon under Ottoman Rule, 1516-1788 Routledge
 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. *Ottoman Lebanon, 1861-1920* ARC Manor
 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.

The History of Lebanon Reconsidered Academic Resources Corp
 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?
Beirut and the Story of Lebanon Abacus Software
 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.

Conspiracy in Jerusalem

Tauris Academic Studies

The 'Alawis, or Alawites, are a prominent religious minority in northern Syria, Lebanon, and southern Turkey, best known today for enjoying disproportionate political power in war-torn Syria. In this book, Stefan Winter offers a complete history of the community, from the birth of the 'Alawi

(Nusayri) sect in the tenth century to just after World War I, the establishment of the French mandate over Syria, and the early years of the Turkish republic. Winter draws on a wealth of Ottoman archival records and other sources to show that the 'Alawis were not historically persecuted as is often claimed, but rather were a fundamental part of Syrian and Turkish provincial society. Winter argues that far from being excluded on the basis of their religion, the 'Alawis

were in fact fully integrated into the provincial administrative order. Profiting from the economic development of the coastal highlands, particularly in the Ottoman period, they fostered a new class of local notables and tribal

leaders, participated in the modernizing educational, political, and military reforms of the nineteenth century, and expanded their area of settlement beyond its traditional mountain borders to emerge from centuries of Sunni

imperial rule as a bona fide sectarian community. Using an impressive array of primary materials spanning nearly ten centuries, *A History of the 'Alawis* provides a crucial new narrative about the development of 'Alawi society.