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What You Need to Know to Understand the Middle-East

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The Middle East dominates the news almost every day. From the Israeli-Palestinian conflict to the tensions between Iran and Saudi Arabia, from the wars in Syria and Yemen to the lasting consequences of colonialism and geopolitical power struggles: the region seems to be becoming increasingly complex.

In this book, Koert Debeuf makes this complex reality understandable. In a concise and accessible manner, he outlines the historical developments, political fault lines and ideological currents that shape the Middle East today. With an eye for the interdependence of Europe and the Middle East, he shows how events from the past continue to influence current conflicts.

Debeuf's accessible book offers an illuminating analysis.

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This clear overview is essential background reading for anyone who wants to understand the region better and look beyond simplistic explanations. Debeuf advocates for more dialogue and mutual understanding as the only sustainable path forwards.



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