

El Terror Entre Nosotros Una Historia De La Yihad En Francia

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This compelling narrative delves into the complex history of jihad and terrorism within France, examining its origins, evolution, and profound impact on French society. It explores the various forms of radicalization and the specific instances where terror has manifested, offering a critical analysis of this pervasive challenge, crucial for comprehending contemporary security issues.

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El terror entre nosotros

En los diez años transcurridos entre las revueltas de 2005 en los suburbios parisinos y los ataques contra Charlie Hebdo, la sala Bataclan de París y el Paseo de los Ingleses de Niza, Francia ha visto escalar de forma imparable la tensión social, a la que han puesto rostro principalmente los adolescentes nacidos en el seno de familias inmigrantes llegadas al país durante el poscolonialismo. La marginación económica, social y política, entre otros factores, ha hecho que algunos de estos jóvenes hayan dirigido su atención hacia un modelo islamista radical, inspirado en el salafismo, que anhela la destrucción del "Occidente ateo". A ese cambio generacional en la Francia musulmana se suma la transformación ideológica del yihadismo, revolucionado por las redes sociales. Todo ello ha creado el caldo de cultivo del que surgen los jóvenes combatientes franceses de la guerra de Siria y también aquellos que han perpetrado sus ataques en suelo francés. Entretanto, el crecimiento de la extrema derecha y los logros electorales del Frente Nacional refuerzan la polarización social, ante la amenaza de quienes quieren iniciar una guerra civil a partir del terror y el sufrimiento. Kepel, uno de los mayores expertos europeos en yihadismo, autor de obras capitales sobre su historia y propagación, estudia aquí en detalle los resortes políticos, sociales, psicológicos o religiosos de este movimiento que tiene en su punto de mira a una Europa en la que está enraizada y de cuyas flaquezas se alimenta.

News Media and Hate Speech Promotion in Mediterranean Countries

Expressions of hate are words or actions that are discriminatory, hostile, or violent to a person or group for racial, sexual, ideological, ethnic, or identity reasons. Such expressions contribute to an environment of prejudice and intolerance towards those who are targeted. The spread of hate speech has been exacerbated by the growth of social media networks, and dissemination strategies (e.g., astroturfing) are becoming increasingly complex. Although there has been an exponential increase in the study of hate speech in recent years, most methods have focused on the English language, limiting research of the phenomenon in other languages such as Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese. It

is crucial to understand the role played by digital media and journalism in the dissemination, detection, and control of hate speech from current digital scenarios. News Media and Hate Speech Promotion in Mediterranean Countries provides relevant theoretical frameworks and the latest empirical research findings about hate speech studies including into prejudice and intolerance. Covering topics such as detecting hate speech, linguistic challenges, and the taxonomy of hate speech, this book is ideal for political decision makers, third-sector representatives, journalists, digital media professionals, and researchers.

Verdaderos creyentes

En su célebre ensayo homónimo de 1951, Eric Hoffer indagó en la naturaleza del “verdadero creyente”, el fanático, y en el activo papel que tuvo en la deriva totalitaria de los movimientos de masas de los años treinta. Fanático es “quien está dispuesto a sacrificar su vida y la de otros por una causa sagrada, una totalidad colectiva o una Arcadia futura”. Su sectarismo y férreo dogmatismo, ya sea político o religioso, lo incapacitan para respetar o considerar otro tipo de creencias u opiniones. Más de siete décadas después, la famosa divisa del “piensa como yo o muere” ha tenido y sigue teniendo una triste vigencia. La historia europea contemporánea es elocuente del carácter violento que puede adoptar cualquier movilización política, siendo el terrorismo su expresión por antonomasia: ETA, las Brigadas Rojas o el IRA han dejado miles de víctimas tras de sí. En los últimos años, el terrorismo yihadista, de alcance global, se ha convertido en una de las principales preocupaciones de los medios y de los poderes públicos. Para las ciencias sociales sigue siendo un reto tratar de describir, explicar, predecir y prevenir estos procesos de sectarismo y radicalización violenta. Con este mismo propósito, el presente volumen pretende mostrar, desde una diversidad de planteamientos tanto ideológicos como disciplinares, la proximidad del pensamiento sectario que durante décadas padeció nuestra sociedad y el que anima las explosiones de violencia del terrorismo global. Se trata así de ofrecer una mirada abierta y crítica que evite las polarizaciones, mostrando también experiencias positivas, dando a conocer las condiciones en que se forma el fanático hoy y las posibilidades de cortocircuitar el paso del pensamiento sectario a la fanatización y la violencia.

Terrorismo

El terror hizo su aparición en las Ramblas de Barcelona. Repentino y devastador, segó para siempre la vida de personas indefensas. Jóvenes y niños entre las víctimas; jovencísimos, casi adolescentes, los terroristas. Precisamente porque el terror sume en el desconcierto y parece sustraerse a toda explicación inmediata, resulta indispensable profundizar en la reflexión evitando el reduccionismo de la «locura» o el «fanatismo», que liquidan el asunto de forma expeditiva. El terrorismo actual forma parte de esa guerra civil global, no declarada pero extendida e intermitente, que jalona el tercer milenio. El terror es el rostro oscuro y enigmático de la globalización en guerra. Ninguno de los esquemas a los que suele recurrirse, desde el choque de civilizaciones a la lucha de clases o las guerras de religión, consigue por sí solo esclarecerlo. Pero no ver en el terror un fenómeno político sería una grave equivocación: los terroristas no son nihilistas sin más, pues persiguen un proyecto definido, el del neocalifato global. El pasaje iniciático de la radicalización es un hiato generacional, una ruptura definitiva con los padres, percibidos como traidores. Los hermanos consagrados al terror son huérfanos de raíces, su identidad está rota. Este libro también se pregunta por el fracaso de los proyectos de emancipación que no consiguen calar en esta época desencantada de la modernidad. Di Cesare desentraña magistralmente en esta obra las raíces del terrorismo, las consecuencias del Estado del miedo y el sentido del arma de la propia muerte —sin precedentes en la historia y característico del yihadismo—, no para proporcionar soluciones, sino para tratar de encuadrar el terror planetario, uno de los mayores peligros que a día de hoy enfrenta nuestra sociedad.

Orden y caos entre las naciones

“De pronto, pareciera que nada pudiera sernos ajeno de cuanto acontezca en todos los rincones geográficos, culturales, políticos, comerciales y financieros del mundo. De ahí que, hasta la gente del común, remontando el pensamiento tradicional expresado antes, haya ido adquiriendo una actitud antropológica propensa a lo global, a lo cosmopolita. La evocativa (pero imprecisa) noción de “orden mundial”, de pronto, se ha aproximado tanto a nuestra existencia rutinaria que hasta se confunde con la noción doméstica del “orden público”. Ambos órdenes permiten concretar nuestro proyecto de vida, y cuando se mantienen en reposo, nos evocan ideas de estabilidad y seguridad, y producen una reconfortante sensación existencial de quietud que nos permite enfocarnos en nuestros quehaceres

cotidianos. Pero, precisamente, por ese mismo sentido de inmediatez geográfica del mundo de la posmodernidad (que se convierte progresivamente en nuestro “orden público”), somos más sensibles a la inestabilidad del “orden mundial” y su engendro normativo-institucional: el “sistema internacional”. El primero, se ha tornado volátil; el segundo, da muestras de caducidad y amenaza desplomarse. Y esta percepción suscita nuestra imaginación e interés (como intuyendo la gestación de cambios de gran significación histórica), a la vez que hace que nos invada una incómoda y permanente sensación de inquietud, ante la significación de estos cambios en nuestro estilo de vida”.

El yihadismo en prisión

La aparición, dentro de la escena criminal, del terrorismo inspirado en una vertiente violenta del salafismo, conocido habitualmente como «terrorismo yihadista», ha supuesto un importante reto para las diferentes instancias estatales con competencias en materia de seguridad. La acción de captación de nuevos integrantes, desarrollada por las redes delincuenciales vinculadas al terrorismo yihadista, en el interior de las prisiones ha provocado que la cárcel se manifieste, no ya como un medio de inocuizar y/o reinsertar al delincuente juzgado y condenado, sino también como un instrumento capaz de cortocircuitar acciones delictivas aún no cometidas. En la presente obra se analizan las diferentes medidas adoptadas por la Administración española –bien en clave de seguridad, bien en clave de tratamiento- tendentes a evitar la proliferación de los procesos intra-penitenciarios de radicalización violenta, relacionados con este tipo de terrorismo.

Radicalización femenina en España

Vivimos en la era de los populismos. Hemos cambiado la razón por las vísceras y nos han dirigido hacia un debate político de promesas imposibles y de continua violencia. En todo el planeta, una horda de populistas nos ha asaltado y pretende tomar, a la fuerza, nuestra libertad moral y de conciencia. Estamos sin duda en una época compleja donde nuestra existencia política e intelectual es más frágil que nunca. La libertad es un concepto muy complejo de gestionar; supone una gran responsabilidad y unas enormes probabilidades de fracaso. Supone enfrentarse a un vacío inmenso en el que es la persona la que tiene que elaborar su propio mundo. Se trata de una responsabilidad inmensa, compleja y desafiante: dirigirse a uno mismo para conseguir el máximo bien para los otros. Tras asesinar la libertad y moral privadas el objetivo del populismo es hacer creer que el líder es un salvador y podrá transformarlo todo aportando una solución. Una metamorfosis que nace tras golpear duramente al «otro», al extranjero, al enemigo. El riesgo del populismo, un extremismo ideológico camuflado, es que se acabe transformando en extremismo violento y que devenga en el fanatismo de una minoría contra una mayoría. Populismo Islámico de Antonio de Diego explora el paradigmático caso del populismo en el islam contemporáneo que quizás represente, de forma privilegiada, lo que se ha dado en llamar populismo religioso. Un populismo construido no tanto en la doctrina del islam como en un nuevo modelo de lo islámico centrado en lo ideológico y lo político, de carismáticos líderes y masas manipuladas que anhelan con nostalgia una «Musulmania» que jamás ha existido.

Populismo islámico

No es tarea sencilla definir la realidad en torno al islam en la actualidad. Los intereses mediáticos y el maniqueísmo se imponen por doquier, haciéndonos perder de vista la importancia de saber de qué hablamos cuando utilizamos, sin demasiada conciencia, términos que en principio nos resultan tan familiares como jihad (que no yihad). Dolors Bramon, como indiscutible conocedora del mundo islámico, se propone arrojar luz sobre algunos de los términos más presentes en nuestra cotidianidad en relación con el mundo musulmán, y que precisamente por su uso indiscriminado e impreciso corren el riesgo de vaciarse de contenido, o lo que es peor, de llevarnos a conclusiones erróneas. Hoy por hoy, islam político e islamismo se utilizan como sinónimos, pero no debemos perder de vista la pluralidad de ideologías, posturas y enfoques tras esas palabras. Este libro es un remedio para el desconocimiento más peligroso de todos: el que afecta a aquellas cosas que, a menudo equivocadamente, creemos conocer.

El islam político

Recopilación de investigaciones sobre el pensamiento lingüístico, filosófico y literario entre el mundo árabe e islámico y occidente, cuestiones de historia, política, religión en las sociedades del mundo árabe e islámico y del mediterráneo, comunicación, nuevas tecnologías, cultura y las construcción del conocimiento sobre el otro.

El mundo árabe e islámico y occidente. Retos de construcción del conocimiento sobre el otro.

¿Por qué se producen grandes estallidos sociales en ciertos barrios de nuestras ciudades? Arde la ciudad. Conflicto en barrios, indaga las causas que los provocan y revisa los paralelismos con otros países de mayor tradición migratoria. Así, la presente obra continúa una corriente de estudio que impulsaron la sociología urbana, la sociología del conflicto y la conflictología. Estas disciplinas buscaban indagar las causas de los acontecimientos violentos ocurridos en barrios vulnerables con gran diversidad sociocultural. Desde esta mirada, el autor construye un marco de estudio, Teoría de los Marcos de Ruptura (TMR), con su propuesta de medición que aplica a tres estallidos sociales –Los Ángeles 1992, París 2005, y El Ejido 2000. El modelo propuesto plantea que las principales líneas de investigación contemporáneas no logran comprender ni dar una respuesta integral a la realidad multicausal presente en estos conflictos. Así, para cubrir este vacío se hace necesario adoptar un marco teórico situado en una perspectiva tridimensional: socioeconómica, etnocultural y políticoinstitucional. A modo de conclusión, se indica que ninguna de las perspectivas explica por sí sola los conflictos, sino que cada una presenta una influencia causal relativa por medio de variables y componentes diferenciados; de este modo, la Teoría de los Marcos de Ruptura (TMR) ahonda en la comprensión de estos episodios violentos a partir de tal enfoque tridimensional. Son los aspectos socioeconómicos vinculados con la redistribución, etnoculturales con el reconocimiento y políticoinstitucionales con la representación, los que están en la base de los estallidos sociales. Esta obra permite entender mejor las causas de estos disturbios que han marcado con sangre y fuego los barrios de estas ciudades. Ver entrevista al autor

Arde la ciudad

La sociología cultural desarrollada por Jeffrey Alexander pretende superar las limitaciones de las teorías de la sociedad y de la acción desarrolladas desde las perspectivas clásicas de la sociología, en las que el papel de la cultura, la ideología, lo simbólico y el significado aparecen como meros reflejos de la estructura o base material de la vida social. Lo que en una primera fase se llevó a cabo mediante un «programa fuerte» de inspiración durkheimiana, más adelante experimentó un giro performativo que se nutrió de disciplinas tan dispares como la filosofía del lenguaje, la antropología cultural o los estudios escénicos. Este enfoque multidisciplinar permite desentrañar analítica y empíricamente aspectos del papel de la cultura en la vida social ignorados hasta entonces. En Poder y performance, Alexander reúne un conjunto de trabajos fundamentales para entender este nuevo enfoque de su sociología cultural. En los primeros plantea los fundamentos de su teoría de la pragmática cultural, definiendo los elementos de la performance social y analizando cómo las dificultades para mantenerlos unidos afectan a la producción de sentido, así como el papel que desempeña en ello el poder. En un intento deliberado de situarse en el plano mertoniano de las teorías de rango medio, el resto del libro ofrece diferentes aplicaciones empíricas de esta perspectiva, como son la campaña electoral de Barack Obama y su fracaso simbólico como presidente, el triunfo del movimiento por los derechos civiles, la violencia terrorista del 11 de Septiembre, el fiasco estadounidense en la guerra iraquí o el papel de los intelectuales públicos.

Poder y performance

The Middle East is one of the world's most volatile regions. In recent years, from the optimism and then crushing disappointment of the Arab uprisings through the rise and fall of the Islamic State, it has presented key international security challenges. With the resilient jihadi terror threat, large-scale migration due to warfare and climate change, and fierce competition for control over oil, it promises to continue to be a powder keg. What ignited this instability? Away from Chaos is a sweeping political history of four decades of Middle East conflict and its worldwide ramifications. Gilles Kepel, called "France's most famous scholar of Islam" by the New York Times, offers a clear and persuasive narrative of the long-term causes of tension while seamlessly incorporating on-the-ground observations and personal experiences from the people who lived through them. From the Yom Kippur/Ramadan war of

1973 to the aftermath of the Arab Spring, *Away from Chaos* weaves together the various threads that run through Middle East politics and ties them to their implications on the global stage. With keen insight stemming from decades of experience in the region, Kepel puts these chaotic decades in perspective and illuminates their underlying dynamics. He also considers the prospects of emerging from this long-lasting turmoil and for the people of the Middle East and the world to achieve a more stable future.

Away from Chaos

The events of September 11, 2001, forever changed the world as we knew it. In their wake, the quest for international order has prompted a reshuffling of global aims and priorities. In a fresh approach, Gilles Kepel focuses on the Middle East as a nexus of international disorder and decodes the complex language of war, propaganda, and terrorism that holds the region in its thrall. The breakdown of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process in 2000 was the first turn in a downward spiral of violence and retribution. Meanwhile, a neo-conservative revolution in Washington unsettled U.S. Mideast policy, which traditionally rested on the twin pillars of Israeli security and access to Gulf oil. In Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan, a transformation of the radical Islamist doctrine of Bin Laden and Zawahiri relocated the arena of terrorist action from Muslim lands to the West; Islamist radicals proclaimed jihad against their enemies worldwide. Kepel examines the impact of global terrorism and the ensuing military operations to stem its tide. He questions the United States' ability to address the Middle East challenge with Cold War rhetoric, while revealing the fault lines in terrorist ideology and tactics. Finally, he proposes the way out of the Middle East quagmire that triangulates the interests of Islamists, the West, and the Arab and Muslim ruling elites. Kepel delineates the conditions for the acceptance of Israel, for the democratization of Islamist and Arab societies, and for winning the minds and hearts of Muslims in the West.

The War for Muslim Minds

The author re-evaluates the threat posed by Al-Qaeda following a decade of war.

The Rise and Fall of Al-Qaeda

Eurojihad examines the scope of Islamist extremism and terrorism and the sources of radicalization in Muslim communities in Europe.

Eurojihad

To reveal the inner workings of Al Qaeda, this book collects and annotates key texts of the major figures from whom the movement has drawn its beliefs and direction. There are excerpts from the writings of Azzabdallah Azzam, Ayman al-Zawahiri, Osama Bin Laden and Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Al Qaeda in Its Own Words

"Perhaps more than any other, this book gives the background necessary to understand the purpose and mindset of today's religious radicals. In this classic study of the roots of Islamic extremism, Gilles Kepel demonstrates the pivotal role of the Egyptian connection. He skillfully traces the story of Islamic anti-modernism in Egypt from the early part of the 20th century to its tragic involvement in some of the most violent incidents in recent years, including the terrifying attacks on the World Trade Center in 1993 and 2001. Kepel's treatment is even-handed and sensitive, though the world he uncovers is the dark side of today's global culture."—Mark Juergensmeyer, author of *Terror in the Mind of God: The Global Rise of Religious Violence*

Muslim Extremism in Egypt

The virulent new brand of Islamic extremism threatening the West In November 2015, ISIS terrorists massacred scores of people in Paris with coordinated attacks on the Bataclan concert hall, cafés and restaurants, and the national sports stadium. On Bastille Day in 2016, an ISIS sympathizer drove a truck into crowds of vacationers at the beaches of Nice, and two weeks later an elderly French priest was murdered during morning Mass by two ISIS militants. Here is Gilles Kepel's explosive account of the radicalization of a segment of Muslim youth that led to those attacks—and of the failure of governments in France and across Europe to address it. It is a book everyone in the West must read. *Terror in France* shows how these atrocities represent a paroxysm of violence that has long been building. The turning point was in 2005, when the worst riots in modern French history erupted in the poor, largely Muslim suburbs of Paris after the accidental deaths of two boys who had been running from the police. The

unrest—or "French intifada"—crystallized a new consciousness among young French Muslims. Some have fallen prey to the allure of "war of civilizations" rhetoric in ways never imagined by their parents and grandparents. This is the highly anticipated English edition of Kepel's sensational French bestseller, first published shortly after the Paris attacks. Now fully updated to reflect the latest developments and featuring a new introduction by the author, *Terror in France* reveals the truth about a virulent new wave of jihadism that has Europe as its main target. Its aim is to divide European societies from within by instilling fear, provoking backlash, and achieving the ISIS dream—shared by Europe's Far Right—of separating Europe's growing Muslim minority community from the rest of its citizens.

Terror in France

America is in crisis. In the space of a generation, it has become more than ever a country of winners and losers, as industries have failed, institutions have disappeared and the country's focus has shifted to idolise celebrity and wealth. George Packer narrates the story of America over the past three decades, bringing to the task his empathy with people facing difficult challenges, his sharp eye for detail and a gift for weaving together engaging narratives. *The Unwinding* moves deftly back and forth through the lives of its people, including Dean Price, the son of tobacco farmers who becomes an evangelist for a new economy in the rural South; Tammy Thomas, a factory worker in the industrial Midwest attempting to survive the collapse of her city; Jeff Connaughton, a political careerist in Washington; and Peter Thiel, a Silicon Valley billionaire. Their stories are interspersed with biographical sketches of the era's leading public figures, from Oprah Winfrey to Steve Jobs, to create a rich, wise and very human portrait of the USA in these hard times. *The Unwinding* portrays a superpower coming apart at the seams, its elites and institutions no longer working, leaving ordinary people to improvise their own schemes for salvation. George Packer is also the author of *The Assassin's Gate*, which was named one of the ten best books of 2005 by the New York Times and won the Helen Bernstein Book Award. 'A tour de force . . . A fascinating journey through an America that has largely remained hidden from view. There are echoes of Don DeLillo's *Underworld* in the scope of Packer's vision and his deft eye for language and detail.' *Sunday Business Post*

The Unwinding

Kepel traces the resurgence of religious belief in the modern world, focussing on radical movemnets within Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

The Revenge of God

Inside Al Qaeda examines the leadership, ideology, structure, strategies, and tactics of the most violent politico-religious organization the world has ever seen. The definitive work on Al Qaeda, this book is based on five years of research, including extensive interviews with its members; field research in Al Qaeda-supported conflict zones in Central, South and Southeast Asia and the Middle East; and monitoring Al Qaeda infiltration of diaspora and migrant communities in North America and Europe. Although founded in 1988, Al Qaeda merged with and still works with several other extremist groups. Hence Al Qaeda rank and file draw on nearly three decades of terrorist expertise. Moreover, it inherited a full-fledged training and operational infrastructure funded by the United States, European, Saudi Arabian and other governments for use in the anti-Soviet Jihad. This book sheds light on Al Qaeda's financial infrastructure and how they train combat soldiers and vanguard fighters for multiple guerrilla, terrorist and semi-conventional campaigns in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, the Caucuses, and the Balkans. In addition, the author covers the clandestine Al Qaeda operational network in the West. Gunaratna reveals: how Osama bin Laden had his mentor and Al Qaeda founder, "Azzam\

Inside Al Qaeda

'A stimulating, elegant yet pugnacious essay'—*Observer* In this highly acclaimed seminal work, Edward Said surveys the history and nature of Western attitudes towards the East, considering Orientalism as a powerful European ideological creation—a way for writers, philosophers and colonial administrators to deal with the 'otherness' of Eastern culture, customs and beliefs. He traces this view through the writings of Homer, Nerval and Flaubert, Disraeli and Kipling, whose imaginative depictions have greatly contributed to the West's romantic and exotic picture of the Orient. In the Afterword, Said examines the effect of continuing Western imperialism.

Orientalism

A growing international recognition and concern about the consequences of religious faith and its relationship to public policy is a centerpiece of daily discourse and global media coverage. This timely and important book presents a series of conversations steeped in a diversity of viewpoints about the nature, role, and impact of religiously grounded moral arguments. This book is published in cooperation with the Ethics and Public Policy Center.

Religion, Culture, and International Conflict

An intimate, deeply reported account of the women who made a shocking decision: to leave their comfortable lives behind and join the Islamic State. In early 2014, the Islamic State clinched its control of Raqqa in Syria. Baghdadi, the leader of ISIS, urged Muslims around the world to come join the caliphate. Having witnessed the brutal oppression of the Assad regime in Syria, and being moved to fight for justice, thousands of men and women heeded his call. At the heart of this story is a cast of unforgettable young women who responded. They include Emma, from Germany; Sharmeena, from Bethnal Green, London; and Nour, from Tunis. These were women — some still in school — from urban families, some with university degrees and bookshelves filled with novels by Jane Austen and Dan Brown; many with cosmopolitan dreams of travel and adventure. But instead of finding a land of justice and piety, they found themselves trapped within the most brutal terrorist regime of the twenty-first century, a world of chaos and upheaval and violence. What is the line between victim and collaborator? How do we judge these women who both suffered and inflicted intense pain? What role is there for Muslim women in the West? In what is bound to be a modern classic of narrative nonfiction, Moaveni takes us into the school hallways of London, kitchen tables in Germany, coffee shops in Tunis, the caliphate's OB/GYN and its 'Guest House for Young Widows' — where wives of the fallen waited to be remarried — to demonstrate that the problem called terrorism is a far more complex, political, and deeply relatable one than we generally admit.

Join the Caravan

The Brotherhood of the Holy Shroud is the explosive international bestseller that mixes fact and fiction to tell the riveting story of one of the world's most controversial relics—the Holy Shroud of Turin—and the desperate race to save it from those who will stop at nothing to possess its legendary power.... A fire at the Turin cathedral and the discovery of a mutilated corpse are the latest in a disturbing series of events surrounding the mysterious cloth millions believe to be the authentic burial shroud of Jesus Christ. Those who dare to investigate will be caught in the cross fire of an ancient conflict forged by mortal sacrifice, assassination, and secret societies tied to the shadowy Knights Templar. Spanning centuries and continents, from the storm-rent skies over Calvary, through the intrigue and treachery of Byzantium and the Crusades, to the modern-day citadels of Istanbul, New York, London, Paris, and Rome, The Brotherhood of the Holy Shroud races to a chilling climax in the labyrinths beneath Turin, where astounding truths will be exposed: about the history of a faith, the passions of man, and proof of the most powerful miracle of all....

Guest House for Young Widows

From the internationally bestselling author of The Brotherhood of the Holy Shroud comes this electrifying new suspense thriller about a biblical discovery in the remote Iraqi desert—and a deadly struggle being waged on the eve of war to uncover a truth that's waited 3,000 years to be told.... In St. Peter's Basilica, a man sits in a confessional asking forgiveness for a murder he's about to commit. And a young priest begins a desperate journey to stop him.... It's only the beginning of a ruthless race among the world's most powerful to find a rumored cache of sacred texts inscribed with the story of Creation as told by Abraham. This account, on tablets of clay, predates the Bible by a thousand years and could be one of the most important discoveries of all time. Archaeologist Clara Tannenberg's announcement of an excavation to seek the tablets has set off shock waves of outrage, contempt, and outright disbelief. But among four old friends, bound through decades by shared tragedy, the announcement has renewed their hunger for revenge. For Clara's reclusive, infamous grandfather Alfred is a man as feared as he is hated and his enemies will stop at nothing to destroy him—and use anything as a weapon...even his granddaughter. Among rumors of Iraq's imminent invasion, time is already running out. As Clara and her husband Ahmed put together a ragtag team of renegade archaeologists and inexperienced students to excavate the Bible of Clay from deep within the heart of Iraq, another far more sinister team is determined to get there first. For Alfred Tannenberg has roots that reach deeply into the horrors of Nazi Germany and they've come to fruition in today's highest precincts of power. Sweeping from the time of

the biblical patriarchs to the front lines of the Iraqi conflict to the parties and back rooms of Washington D.C., and other centers of influence, *The Bible of Clay* is a thriller of unrelenting, thought-provoking, and all-too-plausible suspense.

The Brotherhood of the Holy Shroud

Why do people work hard, and take pride in what they do? This book, a philosophically-minded enquiry into practical activity of many different kinds past and present, is about what happens when people try to do a good job. It asks us to think about the true meaning of skill in the 'skills society' and argues that pure competition is a poor way to achieve quality work. Sennett suggests, instead, that there is a craftsman in every human being, which can sometimes be enormously motivating and inspiring - and can also in other circumstances make individuals obsessive and frustrated. *The Craftsman* shows how history has drawn fault-lines between craftsman and artist, maker and user, technique and expression, practice and theory, and that individuals' pride in their work, as well as modern society in general, suffers from these historical divisions. But the past lives of crafts and craftsmen show us ways of working (using tools, acquiring skills, thinking about materials) which provide rewarding alternative ways for people to utilise their talents. We need to recognise this if motivations are to be understood and lives made as fulfilling as possible.

The Bible of Clay

****Named one of the best books of 2015 by The Economist**** *Private Markets, Fashion Trends, Prison Camps, Dissenters and Defectors.* North Korea is one of the most troubled societies on earth. The country's 24 million people live under a violent dictatorship led by a single family, which relentlessly pursues the development of nuclear arms, which periodically incites risky military clashes with the larger, richer, liberal South, and which forces each and every person to play a role in the "theater state" even as it pays little more than lip service to the wellbeing of the overwhelming majority. With this deeply anachronistic system eventually failed in the 1990s, it triggered a famine that decimated the countryside and obliterated the lives of many hundreds of thousands of people. However, it also changed life forever for those who survived. A lawless form of marketization came to replace the iron rice bowl of work in state companies, and the Orwellian mind control of the Korean Workers' Party was replaced for many by dreams of trade and profit. A new North Korea Society was born from the horrors of the era--one that is more susceptible to outside information than ever before with the advent of k-pop and video-carrying USB sticks. This is the North Korean society that is described in this book. In seven fascinating chapters, the authors explore what life is actually like in modern North Korea today for the ordinary "man and woman on the street." They interview experts and tap a broad variety of sources to bring a startling new insider's view of North Korean society--from members of Pyongyang's ruling families to defectors from different periods and regions, to diplomats and NGOs with years of experience in the country, to cross-border traders from neighboring China, and textual accounts appearing in English, Korean and Chinese sources. The resulting stories reveal the horror as well as the innovation and humor which abound in this fascinating country.

The Craftsman

A memoir of brutality, heroism and personal discovery from Europe's dark heart, revealing one of the most extraordinary untold stories of the Second World War. In the spring of 1945, at Rechnitz on the Austrian-Hungarian border, not far from the front lines of the advancing Red Army, Countess Margit Batthyany gave a party in her mansion. The war was almost over, and the German aristocrats and SS officers dancing and drinking knew it was lost. Late that night, they walked down to the village, where 180 enslaved Jewish labourers waited, made them strip naked, and shot them all, before returning to the bright lights of the party. It remained a secret for decades, until Sacha Batthyany, who remembered his great-aunt Margit only vaguely from his childhood as a stern, distant woman, began to ask questions about it. *A Crime in the Family* is Sacha Batthyany's memoir of confronting these questions, and of the answers he found. It is one of the last untold stories of Europe's nightmare century, spanning not just the massacre at Rechnitz, the inhumanity of Auschwitz, the chaos of wartime Budapest and the brutalities of Soviet occupation and Stalin's gulags, but also the silent crimes of complicity and cover-up, and the damaged generations they leave behind. Told partly through the surviving journals of others from the author's family and the vanished world of Rechnitz, *A Crime in the Family* is a moving and revelatory memoir in the vein of *The Hare with the Amber Eyes* and *The House by the Lake*. It uncovers

barbarity and tragedy but also a measure of peace and reconciliation. Ultimately, Batthyany discovers that although his inheritance might be that of monsters, he does not bear it alone.

Archivo F. X.

"Rethinking Resistance" analyzes revolts from the nineteenth century and early colonial Africa, post-colonial rebellions and recent conflicts in African history by reinterpreting resistance studies in the light of current scholarly thought and linking them to new conceptual perspectives on the changing nature of violence.

North Korea Confidential

THE AGE OF EXTREMES is eminent historian Eric Hobsbawm's personal vision of the twentieth century. Remarkable in its scope, and breathtaking in its depth of knowledge, this immensely rewarding book reviews the uniquely destructive and creative nature of the troubled twentieth century and makes challenging predictions for the future.

Myths and Facts 1976

Written in collaboration with critically acclaimed NATIONAL BOOK AWARD finalist Patricia McCormick, Malala tells her story - from her childhood in the Swat Valley to the shooting, her recovery and new life in England. She's a girl who loves cricket, gossips with her best friends, and, on the day of the shooting, nearly overslept and missed an exam. A girl who saw women suddenly banned from public, schools blown up, the Taliban seize control, and her homeland descend into a state of fear and repression. This is the story of her life, and also of her passionate belief in every child's right to education, her determination to make that a reality throughout the world, and her hope to inspire others.

A Crime in the Family

Explores the creation of identities through cross-cultural interactions in multiethnic commercial settlements in the Archaic and Classical Mediterranean.

Rethinking Resistance

Osama bin Laden's demise in May 2011 marked only the symbolic end of an era. By the time of his killing, he no longer represented the Robin Hood icon that once stirred global fascination. Ten years after the 11 September 2001 attacks, jihadi terrorism has largely lost its juggernaut luster. It now mostly resembles a patchwork of self-radicalising local groups with international contacts but without any central organisational design - akin to the radical left terrorism of the 1970s and the anarchist fin-de-siècle terrorism. This volume addresses two issues that remain largely unexplored in contemporary terrorism studies. It rehabilitates the historical and comparative analysis as a way to grasp the essence of terrorism, including its jihadi strand. Crucial similarities with earlier forms of radicalisation and terrorism abound and differences appear generally not fundamental. Likewise, the very concept of radicalisation is seldom questioned anymore. Nevertheless it often lacks conceptual clarity and empirical validation. Once considered a quintessential European phenomenon, the United States too experiences how some of its own citizens radicalise into terrorist violence. This collective work compares radicalisation in both continents and the strategies aimed at de-radicalisation. But it also assesses if the concept merits its reputation as the holy grail of terrorism studies. The volume is aimed at an audience of decision makers, law enforcement officials, academia and think tanks, by its combination of novel thinking, practical experience and a theoretical approach.

The Age Of Extremes

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