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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Drawing on an astonishing amount of research, Israeli journalist Bergman describes in fascinating detail the three-decade intelligence struggle between Iran and the West. It is a grim history dominated by a series of failures, including the rise of Iranian proxy Hezbollah in Lebanon, Iran's alliance with Syria and the regime's success in shielding its nuclear program from international scrutiny. Despite some recent Iranian setbacks—e.g., the 2007 Israeli Ghost Raid against a suspected Syrian nuclear reactor—Bergman concludes that Middle Eastern skies have not looked so gloomy for a long time. Among the revelations certain to resonate in the U.S. is Bergman's contention that a secret file exists that proves unequivocally that George H.W. Bush surely knew about all the illegal goings-on in the Iran-Contra scandal—something Bush has always denied. Bergman stops short of recommending a course of action, but he makes a convincing case that Iran is not only a terrorist state but also the greatest security challenge the U.S. is facing. Thoroughly researched and persuasively argued, Bergman's brief against Iran adds a powerful voice to a contentious debate. (*Sept.*)

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The oft-repeated claim that Iran is the “foremost” state sponsor of terrorism has been met with skepticism, perhaps engendered by the intelligence failures preceding the invasion of Iraq. This provocative, disturbing book will give ample ammunition to those who accept that claim. Israeli investigative reporter Bergman's rather sensational account relies on classified documents and his ties with supposedly reliable sources within the American and Israeli intelligence communities. He describes a murky but ongoing struggle between Iran and its primary surrogate, Hizbullah, on one side, and the U.S. and Israel on the other. Some of the actions covered are well known, such as the attacks upon American institutions in Lebanon. Some of the revelations here are startling, including Israeli cooperation with the regime of the late shah. Many, but not all, of Bergman's assertions seem credible. He is clearly pursuing an agenda to warn the public of the emerging threat of a nuclear Iran. At a minimum, he proves the case that the world is a dangerous place, and the Middle East is the most dangerous place of all. --Jay Freeman

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