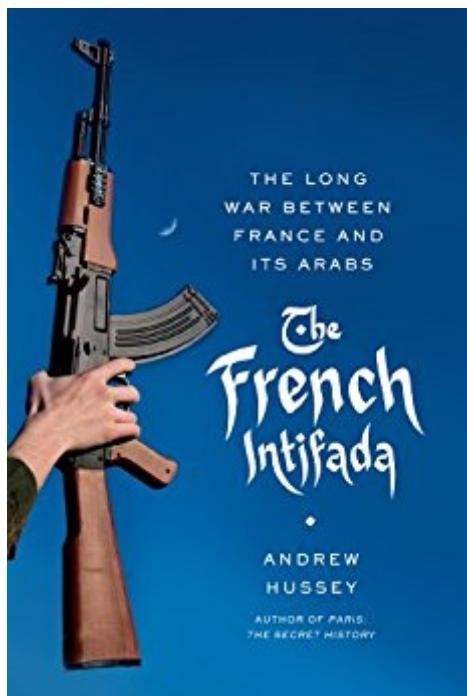


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Synopsis

A provocative rethinking of France's long relationship with the Arab worldTo fully understand both the social and political pressures wracking contemporary France— and, indeed, all of Europe—as well as major events from the Arab Spring in the Middle East to the tensions in Mali, Andrew Hussey believes that we have to look beyond the confines of domestic horizons. As much as unemployment, economic stagnation, and social deprivation exacerbate the ongoing turmoil in the banlieues, the root of the problem lies elsewhere: in the continuing fallout from Europe's colonial era. Combining a fascinating and compulsively readable mix of history, literature, and politics with his years of personal experience visiting the banlieues and countries across the Arab world, especially Algeria, Hussey attempts to make sense of the present situation. In the course of teasing out the myriad interconnections between past and present in Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Beirut, and Western Europe, The French Intifada shows that the defining conflict of the twenty-first century will not be between Islam and the West but between two dramatically different experiences of the world—the colonizers and the colonized.

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Customer Reviews

I've lived and worked, recently, in a couple of the countries discussed (Morocco and Tunisia) and I found this volume to be a good overview of North Africa and of the immigrant communities in France. I was put off by a couple howlers in the text that I can't believe the author and copy editors didn't catch... Hussey says that "several hundred thousand Algerian soldiers landed on D-Day," which is preposterous (assumedly he meant to refer to the August 1944 landings in the south of France, but even that would have been tens of thousands). Later, there is a reference to the Fall of France (to the Nazis) in... "1941." I guess World War Two history, even at the basic level, is not his strong suit.

An important overview of history and issues that are too often unknown outside the French-speaking world, but with many factual errors and polemic language, I would hesitate to recommend this book to readers not already familiar with the subject matter.

Extremely informative. The historical review of French relations with Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia provides a solid underpinning for any attempt to (try to) make sense of what is happening today in France, and elsewhere in Europe.

definitely a fascinating insight into French history and the Arab world, just a brilliantly written and enjoyable book.

Very helpful historical information when trying to understand present day events and Blowback.

This book helps explain today's France, at war with an increasingly unhappy Muslim population.

Interesting!

A telling history of how the French created part of the problem between the European and the Islamic worlds. The unfortunate result is a major problem, particularly in France. Not at all clear how this will be resolved.

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