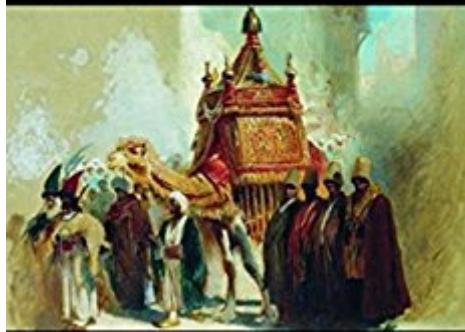


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Synopsis

Pyrrhus Press specializes in bringing books long out of date back to life, allowing today's readers access to yesterday's treasures. This is a history of the Saracens Empire, the term by which Europeans referred to the Islamic empire started by Muhammad that spread across much of the Middle East, North Africa, and even into parts of modern-day Spain. From the start of the book: "East of the Red Sea, and just south of Palestine, there lies a strange land, belonging, we sometimes think, neither to Europe nor to Asia, nor to Africa. Its rocky borders are washed by water on three sides, while on the fourth there lies a sandy desert of such little importance that men hardly care to own it, and no boundary line is drawn to show where one nation's possessions end and the territory of the next neighbor begins. Sandy and rocky, almost without rivers or lakes, except in favored regions, with a great part entirely unknown, save, perhaps, to a few lonely wanderers or enthusiastic travelers, who have ventured to explore its barren wastes, this land was, at the time of which we write, strange to all the world. Roman and Macedonian, Jew and Gentile, had wandered around it; but no nation cared to inquire what secrets lay hidden in its broad and treacherous deserts. The haughty inhabitants looked back through many generations and assured each other that they were the ancient ones, that they had Adam and Noah and Abraham and Ishmael for their fathers, and they cared as little for the rest of the world as the rest of the world cared for them. For how many generations these peculiar sons of the sands had lived in their primitive simplicity; for how many centuries they had fought the terrible simoons and had carried their small merchandise over the deserts in a venerable commerce; for what length of time they had dwelt in tents, feeding their dusky children with the dates and tamarinds that clustered on the branches which shaded them from the tropical sun, we cannot tell. They had no books, and their traditions were so evidently framed to bolster up a national pride that we cannot depend upon them as truth. At the time at which our story begins a change was about to come over this strange people; they were to be known of all men. They were no longer to be simply mysterious sons of the desert, but something more. Mystery was certainly to be always about them, but they were to have dealings with men which were destined to carry their name and their fame to all lands and to the end of time. It is to this people that the story of the Saracens calls us. It carries us back to a period several centuries before the Norman invasion of England; to a time when our ancestors were bowing their heads to Woden; but it introduces us to quite a different world—it shows us a Semitic instead of an Aryan type of social life. It interests us, people of another race of humanity, for the reason that it is new."

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Customer Reviews

I thought this was a worthwhile read but would not recommend it as a first survey of the history of the caliphates. This book was very good for perspective, that of a 19th century Anglophile (his Welsh family migrated to America in 1638), but I needed several other sources to get dates, maps, and overall background understanding of the periods covered. It is a good read for tidbits about various potentates and it did add to my understanding of the motivations of the 'kalifs'. Its focus is very heavy on the rulers and much less on the people about them. As a footnote the author figured in the life history of Helen Keller as an educator.

Is it me or my Kindle or the text? The formatting is so horrendous, it became unreadable.

Downloading it to other Kindles didn't help. Pity. I have great interest in this (as well as general ancient history), so I guess I'll have to look somewhere else.

A must read for anyone interested in the present conflict in the Middle East. To understand Islam we need to look at its beginning and understand the motivations of its founder.

A very interesting book in particular as I am currently working in Saudi Arabia. Enjoyed it immensely as it goes through the complete start to the Islamic religion.

Interesting sequenced events but missing in the importance relative to the rest of the world development. How it affected and was affected by others influence

filled in a blank spot in my understanding of these people

Well written but not a balanced account. Author's personal prejudice and mocking tone threads the whole book.

A good book, easy read.

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