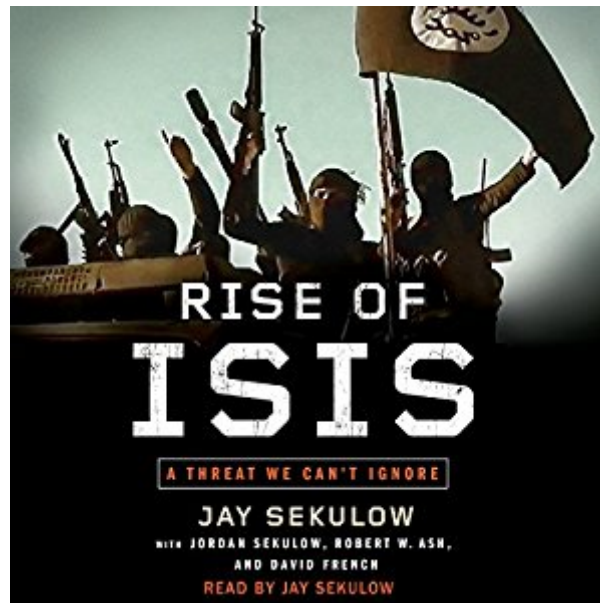




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Rise Of ISIS: A Threat We Can't Ignore



Synopsis

Jay Sekulow, one of America's most influential attorneys, closely examines the rise of the terrorist groups ISIS and Hamas, explains their objectives and capabilities and how, if left undefeated, their existence could unleash a genocide of historic proportions. Recently, the world has been shaken by gruesome photos and videos that have introduced us to the now infamous terrorist group known as ISIS. The world's wealthiest and most powerful jihadists, ISIS originated within Al Qaeda with the goal of creating an Islamic state across Iraq and Syria and unrelenting jihad on Christians. Separate from ISIS, the terrorist group Hamas has waged an equally brutal war against Israel. Both groups, if left undefeated, have the potential to unleash a catastrophic genocide. Rise of ISIS gives a better understanding of the modern face of terror, and provides an overview of the laws of war and war crimes. These laws differentiate between the guilty and innocent, and explain why the US military and the Israeli Defense Forces are often limited in their defensive measures. The authors' firsthand experience, including multiple appearances before the Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court at The Hague, along with direct contact battling jihadists during operation Iraqi Freedom lends insight into this important geopolitical issue. A must-have for anyone who wants to better understand the conflict that exists in the middle east, this well-researched and fully annotated volume is invaluable in revealing how this new brand of terrorism poses a very real threat to Americans and the world at large. It also serves as a guide to what we as individuals - and as a nation - can do to stop this escalating violence, prevent jihad, and protect Israel and America from this imminent threat. Includes an exclusive track from the Jay Sekulow Band, "Where I Stand," a moving tribute to the persecuted Christians in Iraq.

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Customer Reviews

Yes, the book is mostly about Hamas. Little effort is made to tie the growth of ISIS to prior events. Book reads as hasty creation to capitalize on current crisis \$. Interesting facts about Hamas are presented, mistakes and duplicity of U.S. government and worldwide left highlighted. Double standard of application of "rules of war" to Hamas and Israel is explored. Good information just too short and not well integrated into the then present situation. I would have given this book 3 or 4 stars were it not for a shocking and unexpected statement near the end. This statement appears on page 89 and I quote: "In the United States we thankfully don't have a history of genocide, but we do have a recent history of failed appeasement." Given the "tone" (sic from current Presidential campaign) of the book this sentence was absolutely astonishing. The reader will learn find useful information in the book but I don't believe it is worth the money or time.

I bought this book to learn about isis. I learned a little bit. Since a 2010 trip to the middle east I have become interested in the conflict and sympathize with Palestine. This book caught me off guard as overly Zionist biased. Almost wrongfully titled about isis. The book is more about justifying disproportionate retaliation by Israel upon Gaza, their charter and agenda. At the end it gives a heavy handed criticism of Obama. I question Sekulow's motives and appreciate the footnotes but also notice how they vanish or become irrelevant and or misleading when he is trying to build a case for Israeli and USA wars. All in all in easy read for a beginner level student on topics of conflict in the region. Some detail on isis was interesting. Not satisfying. Left feeling like you have just read a huge propaganda pamphlet for the Zionist movement.

This book is pretty obviously biased with the author frequently blaming the infamous "left" along with NATO and the American Red Cross for many problems we face in the Middle East, I don't disagree with his perspective but such polarizing language makes it hard to fully believe everything he states. The book is also incorrectly titled, as half the book is not about ISIS, but about the terrorist group Hamas. This is also not clear in the book description, as Hamas is only mentioned once as "ISIS and Hamas" yet ISIS is mentioned 3 times. Chapters 1-3 seem to be about ISIS, while Chapters 4-6, 8-11 are primarily about Hamas. I have to assume then that the author was merely trying to capitalize on the current attention surrounding ISIS to push his message about Hamas. Although both are Muslim extremist groups, they are not directly related. If you are looking for a book strictly

about ISIS, go elsewhere. If you are looking for a short synopsis about both groups, this will do for a quick read.

I have no idea how this is a #1 New York Times Best Seller. I am a social studies teacher that has bought countless books through , usually by relying on the reviews from other customers. This is a topic that I feel needs to be included in my classroom and could not wait to read it. I also recently received a Kindle as a gift. The reason I say that is because all of a sudden the book was done and I was shocked. I thought something was wrong with what I downloaded! It was beyond short, and like others have said, the title is beyond misleading. The majority of the book addresses Hamas, instead of ISIS. Also, the author repeats the same information over and over about the atrocities Hamas commits. Surprisingly, this book could be much shorter. I was very disappointed.

As a member of the IC, I picked up this book along with the Iraq books written by Malcom Nance (which I HIGHLY recommend for any intelligence officer / curious member of the public) The first thing I noticed when receiving the books is how incredibly thin the Rise of ISIS book is, which is generally not a good sign. After reading the book, I realized that the authors "facts" on ISIS are about as thin as the book itself. It starts out decently enough, and then goes to hilarious lengths to center the whole AQI/ISIS/ISIL debacle around Israel. Oh, and for extra kicks there is some sort of song aimed at the persecuted Christians in the Middle East added to the book. Do yourself a favor and pick any other author when it comes to ISIL, this guy has a clear agenda and jumps through some impressive hoops to validate that agenda.

Let me begin by saying that this is probably the first negative review I've ever written. As an infantry officer in the army, I bought this hoping to read it and gain a little more understanding of the enemy. The reviews were good and it was an best seller so I ordered it on my kindle. There were many things wrong with this book. First, about half the book is about Hamas in Israel. I get that the two groups are linked, but that makes the cover of the book incredibly misleading. I feel like they're taking advantage of the Isis title to sell more copies. Secondly, they focus almost entirely on how both groups break the Laws of Armed Conflict and the Geneva Convention and don't fight fair. Well no \$&@!. They're both Islamic radical terrorist groups. That's their thing. They fight dirty to make people afraid of them. Third, the book is incredibly repetitive and reads like a high school argumentative essay. My opinion. Pretty self explanatory. Lastly, the book spends too much time standing up for Israel and the way that they respond to attacks by Hamas. In closing, the book

should be reclassified as international politics or international relations and the title and back cover should be updated so as not to trick people like me who wanted to learn about ISIS into buying it.

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