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Islamic supremacism, European cultural disaggregation, American vacillation, and Israeli timidity and confusion. These are the main social contexts that inform political and strategic developments of global and national affairs in our times. In her biweekly commentaries, Caroline B. Glick, the formidable Jerusalem Post columnist, highlights these underlying trends while analyzing events as they unfold both globally and in Israel. This extraordinary collection of her probing and eloquent work is a must read for all who care about winning the war against the multifarious forces of global jihad.

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JoséMaría BlancoWhite says

I'm gonna treasure this book and this author. Man, she can write! She's got the strength, the talent, the courage and the spirit of a warrior, a poet, a decent patriot and freedom lover. She's the best of Israel and the West. This young American-Israeli woman has been on the ground, she knows the people she talks about, and she lived what she talks about. She's got the strength of Sampson and the wisdom of Samuel. And the heart of Ruth. I love her.

The themes she writes about are:

How the Democratic Party has turned to Radical Left positions;

The de facto existence of the State of Palestine and how it is run by thugs and heartless criminals, worse than mafia-like;

The astronomic corruption they have with the billions given them by the UN (the West);

Israel's political landscape, the names, the facts, the stories;

The state of affairs in relevant countries like Nigeria, Philippines, Iraq, Somalia;

The Anglican church;

How US foreign policy is being hijacked by the Saudi family and friends like Condoleezza Rice and Robert Graves;

Constructive feedback on how to win the peace in Iraq;

Vietnam revisited in brief;

The anti-Jewish media in America and how they operate;
-the Iran threat;

The social landscape of Israel, the state of their freedoms, the tyranny of their Supreme Court, a who's who in Israel;

The role of the press in Iraq, undermining America's effort, causing more lives to be lost than saved by their stupid falling in for the enemy's propaganda;

The intelligent use of propaganda by the Palestinians and how their willing serfs in the leftist media in America succumb to their deathly charm;

The totalitarian state of the Academia in Israel and America, a de facto harakiri of Israel. Asked about the rampant anti-semitism on European campuses, the president of the University of Paris says: *"What do you want from us? All we are doing is repeating what we hear from Israeli professors"*. Absolute intolerance for

the notion that professors with right-wing or even centrist views should be allowed to teach in their departments (of Tel Aviv University): *"Over my dead body!"* said one professor;

How Al-Hurra Television started out, financed by American tax-payer money, as a liberal, pro-American alternative to Al-Jazeera, and soon allowed itself to be used as a platform by terrorists from Hezbollah right after former CNN producer Larry Register took control;

Testimonies from the troops on the ground in Iraq, the humble silent heroes of the West: *"No matter what you do for these people they are going to hate us because they are jealous of what we have. These people haven't made a decent contribution to humanity for over a thousand years. They hate us for our accomplishments."*, *"hopefully, she'll understand (the soldier's little daughter) that America doesn't exist because of selfishness, but because of individuals who made sacrifices for the greater good."* Regretfully, many adults in the Left don't want to understand it.

About the author's stay with the Army in Iraq: *"I don't know what made me decide to come here, when the opportunity arose, I said yes without a second doubt. But I do know what I am getting out of this experience. I have found my America. And I have discovered that I can never leave Israel. It sits inside of me, strengthens me, and comforts me to the center of my soul."*

This girl is too much to be true, but thank God she is true! Boy, she can write, poetically and she loves her nation.

Michael Connolly says

The Straits of Tiran

In the 1956 Suez Crisis, Israel conquered the Sinai Peninsula. American President Dwight Eisenhower promised Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion of Israel that in exchange for Israel withdrawing from the Sinai, if Egypt closed the Straits of Tiran at some future time, then America would establish an international fleet to break the blockade. But when Egypt actually did close the Straits of Tiran in the days leading up to the Six-Day War of 1967, President Lyndon Johnson reneged on Eisenhower's promise, and did nothing to stop Egypt's blockade.

Bergson Group and Rescuing Jews from the Nazis

Hillel Kook and Ben Hecht formed the Bergson Group during WWII to lobby the United States to rescue European Jews from the Nazis. These efforts helped lead to Roosevelt's creation of the War Refugee Board in January 1944.

Europe

- Islamists in Europe have tried to create autonomous enclaves ruled by Sharia
- In 2006, the Anglican Church divested from any corporations whose products are used by Israel in the Palestinian territories
- In 2007, the European Union announced its support for Syria reclaiming the Golan Heights from Israel

Ariel Sharon's Disengagement Plan

- Ariel Sharon unilaterally expelled all Jewish settlers from Gaza and northern Samaria in 2005
- Yekutiel Ben Yaacov was arrested for inciting racism, for suggesting that Israel expel those Palestinians who refuse to forswear terrorism.
- Vitaly Vovnoboy was arrested for owning a web site domain hosting materials opposing Sharon's Disengagement Plan

Aharon Barak and the Israeli Supreme Court

Aharon Barak was President of the Supreme Court of Israel from 1995 to 2006. His constitutional revolution placed the judicial branch above the Knesset (the legislative body). Barak decided that “everything is justiciable”, that is, that the Israeli Supreme Court had the right to approve or disapprove any action by the executive or legislative branches of government.

Journalism

- Britain's National Union of Journalists voted in 2007 to boycott Israeli goods
- The so-called press offices of Hamas and Hezbollah are actually propaganda wings of terrorist organizations, not genuine press offices, and Israel has the right to treat them as legitimate military targets.

Amir Drori

Amir Drori, a mentor to the author, Caroline Glick, founded the Israel Antiquities Authority in 1990 and returned Samuel's Tomb to Israeli control.

Ilan Ramon

Ilan Ramon was an Israeli fighter pilot who participated in the successful 1981 attack on Iraq's Osirak nuclear reactor, and was also an astronaut on the 2003 Columbia mission that was destroyed on re-entry.

Ben Pashkoff says

Simply could not get the stamina to finish this. The book is a collection of her columns from the 2003- 2006 era. Nothing really new or startling if you have ever heard her or read other stuff.

Jeffrey says

The Shackled Warrior by Caroline Glick

In *The Shackled Warrior*, author Caroline Glick has collected many of her countless articles and essays on Israel and Jihad. Many if not all of the material has appeared in the *Jerusalem Post* and deals with the problems that face Israel daily from the Palestinians to corruption in the leadership of the government. Many of these problems also face the rest of the west whether they recognize it or not.

The collection of essays is very assertive in the dangers that are faced by ignoring the problems that are currently Israel's but are forming against the rest of the civilized west. Our inability to publicly identify the evil that comes our way only allows that evil to spread faster and stronger. The unwillingness of those elected to face the problem is so problematic that she devotes several essays to the topic.

As for the collection, there are a few problems. Firstly, the book lacks context. While it is arranged by subject and then by date, the lack of explanatory notes leaves the reader lost, especially on Israeli domestic issues that may have not been covered by the US media. The book would be much more powerful with these notes, which would then allow the reader to be further swayed by the lucid writing. Along with the notes, a time line and a little bit of Israel history would be helpful for others.

Overall, I found this book to be a treasure trove of needed information and a great source of intellectual reading. Glick is truly one of the best working journalists in Israel and her work is always informative and powerful. By collecting her works into one volume, the reader is allowed to see how these issues do not change over time. It is sad to say, but there truly is a stagnate aspect to the Middle East and its problems.

Kelly says

Neocon Nonsense

(Full disclosure: I received a free copy of this book for review through Library Thing's Early Reviewer program.)

At first glance, journalist Caroline Glick seems well-suited to author a book on the so-called “global war on terror”, particularly Israel's piece in the puzzle. Born in the United States and educated at Columbia and Harvard Universities, she immigrated to Israel in 1991, where she joined the Israel Defense Force and served as “a core member of Israel's negotiating team with the Palestinians during the Oslo peace process.” Subsequently, Ms. Glick also served as assistant foreign policy advisor to PM Binyamin Netanyahu. Currently she is a Senior Fellow for Middle Eastern Affairs at the Center for Security Policy in Washington, DC., as well as the deputy managing editor of *THE JERUSALEM POST* (to which she contributes two weekly syndicated columns), and the chief diplomatic correspondent for Israel's *MAKOR RISHON* newspaper (which publishes a weekly column of Ms. Glick's in Hebrew).* *THE SHACKLED WARRIOR: ISRAEL AND THE GLOBAL JIHAD* is a collection of Ms. Glick's columns, culled from the pages of *THE JERUSALEM POST* from 2002 to the present.

Unfortunately, Ms. Glick's considerable knowledge and experience is dwarfed by her black-or-white, “you're either with us or against us” world perspective. Like most neoconservatives, Ms. Glick has yet to advance beyond Piaget's concrete operational stage of cognitive development. To wit: she seems incapable of anything but dichotomous thinking.

For example, take the following passage (from the column “Politically Correct Perfidy”, dated September 11, 2006).

The setup: Harvard University students are protesting a scheduled visit from former Iranian president

Muhammad Khatami, who was invited to speak at the school by Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. The same week, VP Dick Cheney had to scurry through the back door of the Harvard Club in Boston in order to avoid a few hundred angry protesters.

Glick blasts Harvard for extending an invitation to Khatami; doubly so, their failure to schedule a two-person debate rather than an uninterrupted monologue.** She then wonders,

“[H]ad a debate between him [Khatami] and Cheney been organized, it would have been interesting to see which side the protestors outside of the Harvard Club in Boston would have supported.”

Because, ya know, you just can't detest two fascist, murderous regimes simultaneously.

Seriously, though, as a self-described liberal/progressive, I think equating Bush/Cheney with the likes of Hitler is misguided hyperbole at best. Even so, I do consider BushCo war criminals, and both the VP and the President ought to be impeached. That doesn't, however, mean that I must automatically support Khatami (along with the likes of Saddam Hussein, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, radical Islamists, suicide bombers, and other assorted bigots who would kill and oppress the Other in order to gain power and/or advance their particular strain of superstition). Again, this “you're either with us or against us” dubya speak is the kind of egotistical blather that lost us the hearts and minds of most of the world – allies and “damsels in distress” alike.

In addition to this black-and-white “reasoning”, Ms. Glick dons the blinders when it comes to seeing any possible negative consequences on the “War on Terror”.

In the Preface, she writes,

“The forces of jihad – whether comprised of states actors or non-state actors – are the enemy in this war. Consequently, anything that advances jihad's aim of Islamic domination is antithetical to the interests of the free world. Anything that harms that cause advances the interests of human liberty and freedom.”

In two tidy sentences, Ms. Glick has justified torture, indefinite detention, warrantless wiretapping, and countless other violations of civil liberties. “Anything that harms jihad advances the interests of human liberty and freedom.” The terrorists hate us because we're free – so let's not exercise our freedoms, or the terrorists win! Jonah Goldberg? Is that you?

Not to mention, half the Iraqi population is female. Female humans. Female humans who have seen their rights steadily eroded since the overthrow of Saddam Hussein. But, again true to neocon think, I guess they don't count since they have lady bits and all.

Aside from the actual content of the book, I was also dissatisfied with the format. The bulk of the book is columns that have previously appeared in THE JERUSALEM POST. They're arranged by topic into ten chapters, and then chronologically within each chapter. The only new material is the book's preface, meant to introduce the compilation. With no chapter intros to string the individual columns together, the book simply doesn't flow well. Additionally, the columns are presented without context; unless the reader is intimately familiar with everyday happenings in the Middle East, it's sometimes challenging to read the topic as part of a larger narrative. Some background information, where appropriate, would have been much appreciated.

All in all, I can sum up my review with one pithy statement: Why buy the book when you can (not) read the

neocon nonsense for free? ***

** Information gathered from Amazon's THE SHACKLED WARRIOR listing, as well as Wikipedia's entry on "Caroline Glick".*

*** When the current Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was similarly invited to speak at Columbia University on September 24, 2007, this format worked out wonderfully: given the chance to spout off, Ahmadinejad's rants no doubt taught the students in attendance much about the hard-line leader's warped worldview. "No homosexuals in Iran"? Indeed.*

**** Google the individual columns to read them online – or take a shortcut right to TownHall, the epicenter of right wing neocon nonsense.*

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