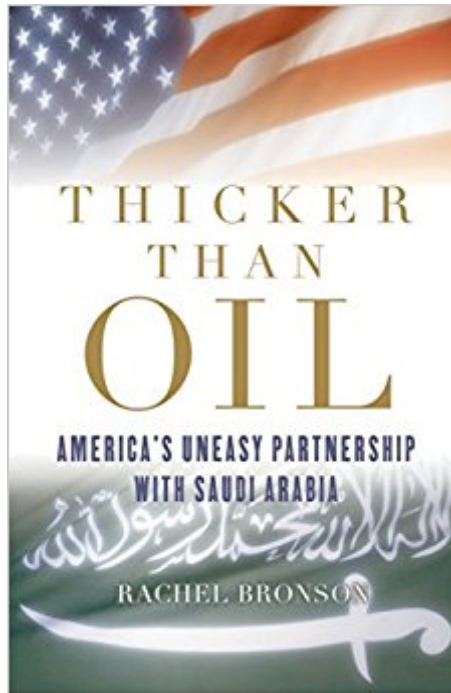




Ebook Directory
the best source of ebook

The book was found

Thicker Than Oil: America's Uneasy Partnership With Saudi Arabia



Synopsis

For fifty-five years, the United States and Saudi Arabia were solid partners. Then came the 9/11 attacks, which sorely tested that relationship. In *Thicker than Oil*, Rachel Bronson reveals why the partnership became so intimate and how the countries' shared interests sowed the seeds of today's most pressing problem--Islamic radicalism. Drawing on a wide range of archival material, declassified documents, and interviews with leading Saudi and American officials, and including many colorful stories of diplomatic adventures and misadventures, Bronson chronicles a history of close, and always controversial, contacts. She argues that contrary to popular belief the relationship was never simply about "oil for security." Saudi Arabia's geographic location and religiously motivated foreign policy figured prominently in American efforts to defeat "godless communism." From Africa to Afghanistan, Egypt to Nicaragua, the two worked to beat back Soviet expansion. But decisions made for hardheaded Cold War purposes left behind a legacy that today enflames the Middle East. Looking forward, Bronson outlines the challenges confronting the relationship. The Saudi government faces a zealous internal opposition bent on America's and Saudi Arabia's destruction. Yet from the perspective of both countries, the status quo is clearly unsustainable.

Book Information

File Size: 2164 KB

Print Length: 367 pages

Page Numbers Source ISBN: 0195167430

Publisher: Oxford University Press (June 5, 2008)

Publication Date: June 5, 2008

Sold by:Â Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B000SETAAO

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Screen Reader: Supported

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #128,216 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #21

inÂ Books > History > Middle East > Saudi Arabia #26 inÂ Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks >

Nonfiction > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > International & World Politics > Diplomacy #125 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Nonfiction > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > International & World Politics > Relations

Customer Reviews

I have spent over a year of my life in Saudi Arabia over the course of a twenty year career. This book helped me gain understanding and context to the bigger picture of what was going on in SA during my times there in the 80's and 90's. It also provided deep background and details that influenced thinking and decisions through the various crisis's in the region since the 1950's and explains the royal families push for Islam to control it's people and deter communism. Unfortunately the seeds sewn through the cold war are now reaping radical Islam fanatics that hate the western world and what we represent. Although a bit long, this book does have detail, and provides some solutions worth reading and keeping.

Missing lots about US intel and big oil Regime building in Saudi Arabia. Arguably that's another book but there should be off-ramps because the Monarchy and these two are like the Hooper Triplets. Overall, however, well worth the kindle price. Nice and useful brief overview of Monarchy from 1740s up to WWI. The Strongest point of this book is it's depiction of US and Saudi intelligence overlapping in what some writers call The Safari Club of late 1970s and how this sowed the seeds of today's plural of ISIS from Africa all the way to Indonesia.

Very informative! This book deserves more attention than it has received. Well written!

Eye opening; it explains a lot of actions taken by our country that were never revealed to the public. Seeing the progression of events succinctly organized in one volume shines a light on a multi-decade partnership by giving the reader answers to questions about the U.S. attempts, for example after 9/11, and why the government worked so hard to try and keep the fact that most of the terrorists on that fateful day were Saudi nationals. Great book.

Great Book. Rachel Bronson does some great analytics on the various security, economic, and relational aspects of US-Saudi interaction over the last 80 years. It starts where Denny leaves off ("We Fight for Oil" 1928) and leads us through the various twists and turns of US - Saudi relations from the end of WWII and British Empire through the Cold War up to Operation Iraqi Freedom. She

also highlights some of the more blunt realities in that relationship: "The fact that Saudi Arabia controls the largest oil resources in the world gives it a long-term interest in stable and long term prices to dissuade conservation and alternative fuels off the market." The only down side of this book is that Bronson argues strongly that we need Saudi Arabia as a partner but neglects to point out the full ramifications of past outcomes of that pairing. Perhaps we (the US) need to focus more on energy independence from the Middle East rather than how to ensure stability for the current fuel economy?

.the interrelationships between Israel and PALESTINE is very moonlighting. Also the Cold war and communist aggression in the middle east was presented very well. The amount of money that Sadi Arabia spent was new information that I had never heard. I would highly recommend this book to anyone interested in the Middle east.

Good story and well written. I liked it.

Absolutely essential reading for anyone interested in U.S.-Saudi relations. Well written, balanced, and authoritative. I purchased this work hoping for a better understanding of relations between the Kingdom and the United States and was not disappointed. Those looking for social and cultural points may want to seek additional works as this is largely a political and diplomatic history that is useful in understanding present day relations. Excellent work that flows and keeps the reader, be they an academic or a layman, interested

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Thicker Than Oil: America's Uneasy Partnership with Saudi Arabia Oil Painting: Learn Oil Painting FAST! Learn the Basics of Oil Painting In No Time (Oil Painting Tutorial, Oil Painting Books, Oil Painting For Beginners, Oil Painting Course, Oil Painting) (Volume 1) Conversational Arabic Quick and Easy: Saudi Hejazi Dialect, Hijazi, Saudi Arabic, Saudi Arabia, Hajj, Mecca, Medina, Kaaba An A-to-Z Pocket Guide to Living and Working in Saudi Arabia: Twenty-Six Things to Know about Living and Working in Saudi Arabia Cultureshock Saudi Arabia (Cultureshock Saudi Arabia: A Survival Guide to Customs & Etiquette) Coconut Flour Recipes: Your Ultimate Low Carb, Gluten Free & Paleo Friendly Coconut Flour Cookbook (Coconut Oil, Coconut Oil Recipes, Coconut Oil For Weight ... Oil For Beginners, Coconut Oil Miracles) Shifting Sands: Life in Arabia with a Saudi Princess (True Stories of Life with a Saudi Arabian Princess Book 1) "Saudi-Girl Barbara (Memories of Saudi Arabia)" Stupid Laws of Saudi Arabia: Funny, Dumb and Strange Saudi Arabian Laws

Diffuser Recipes: Essential Oil Diffuser Recipes For Weight Loss, Better Sleep & Fat Loss
(Aromatherapy, Essential Oils, Detox, Cleanse, Healthy Living, ... Lavender Oil, Coconut Oil, Tea
Tree Oil) Essential Oils: 50 Essential Oil Dog & Cat Recipes From My Essential Oil Private
Collection: Proven Essential Oil Recipes That Work! (Essential Oil Pet Private Collection Book 1)
The Oil Kings: How the U.S., Iran, and Saudi Arabia Changed the Balance of Power in the Middle
East Saudi Arabia in the Oil Era Princes, Brokers, and Bureaucrats: Oil and the State in Saudi
Arabia If Olaya Street Could Talk - Saudi Arabia: The Heartland of Oil and Islam The Formation of
Saudi Arabia: The History of the Arabian Peninsula's Unification and the Discovery of Oil Thicker
than Water: History, Secrets and Guilt: A Memoir Thicker Than Blood (Marchwood Vampire Series
Book 2) Thicker Than Water (A Dermot O'Hara Mystery Book 1) The King's Messenger: Prince
Bandar bin Sultan and America's Tangled Relationship With Saudi Arabia

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)