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Review

"[Leiken] writes with eloquence, bringing to life the grim realities of the French banlieues and of the back-to-back houses of immigrant families in Leeds."-The Economist

"Leiken provides a historical, ethnic and socioeconomic context that identifies important differences as opposed to empty generalities. Both well written and researched-a valuable contribution to an ongoing discussion." - Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

"Timely and provocative, this is an important addition to the literature on Islamic terrorism." -Publisher's Weekly

"Leiken discusses Islamophobia and the extent to which Jihadist 'outsiders' manipulate those subjected to it for their own purposes, and emphasizes the need to distinguish between genuine Islamist political agitation and other forms of civil disobedience more rooted in socioeconomic tension."-Middle East Journal

"Leiken supports his anecdotal observations with the weight of academic and empirical studies, resulting in an immensely readable account that is also authoritative." -- Literary Review

"Robert Leiken has a long record of sober, empirical and deep analysis in a field that is often clouded by ideological biases. Europe's Angry Muslims demonstrates all of Leiken's strengths and is a welcome addition to our understanding of a problem that is likely to deepen over time. Essential reading." -Peter Bergen

"Robert Leiken's penetrating research and highly readable prose have brought alive some of the most dangerous terrorists Europe has seen. He uses their stories brilliantly to show us what their experiences do-and, importantly, what they do not-tell us about immigration and assimilation. 'Angry Muslims' recounts bleak tales of the recent past, to be sure, but Leiken's analysis leaves open the way to a more positive future." -Christopher Dickey, Newsweek

"Europe's Angry Muslims documents, in a particularly vivid way, the evolution of immigrant communities in Europe and the enormously diverse impacts of the varied counter terrorism strategies pursued by Britain, France and Germany. An important contribution to understanding one of the greatest challenges to

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"This balanced book combines first hand reporting, based on interviews of former radicals, scrutiny of court records, historical background, and cutting-edge analysis to capture the complex phenomenon of European Islam."--The New Statesman

"Never before has a book conveyed more hard-headedly how unwanted the Muslim migration to Britain was-and remains-by almost all parties, the newcomers not excepted. The poignant consequences for the typical immigrant's children are laid out by Leiken with literary skill." --The New Republic

"While learning about new worlds from Leiken's research, beware the unexpected turns; Europe's Angry Muslims is a troubling book to consume, for many reasons." ---Christian Science Monitor

"Part political scientist, part feature writer, Leiken paints an engaging portrait of European Muslim life. This is the greatest strength of Europe's Angry Muslims." --Standpoint

"Robert S. Leiken presents an engaging study of Muslims in Europe. The author, who defines himself as a 'connoisseur of slums,' takes us inside some of Europe's most notorious Muslims enclaves." --Arab News

The multiculturalist literature, with its tendency to pigeonhole people by culture, often fails to acknowledge the sheer diversity of this increasingly mixed-up world. More than ever, that must include the diversity to be found inside a single human skin, mind, and heart. These are not just 'immigrants.' Increasingly, they are people 'with a migration background,' as the German government classifies them, or 'postmigrants,' in Robert S. Leiken's snappier phraseology." --New York Review of Books

"[Leiken] is a wide-ranging, freethinking scholar... who lets his conclusions fall where they may, apparently without regard to intellectual trendiness or easily labeled political ideology."-Christian Science Monitor

"To call it a 'popular account' would capture how good a read the book is, but would scarcely capture the depth of the research he brings to bear on these questions."

-John R. Bowen, author of Why the French Don't Like Headscarves: Islam, the State, and Public Space

About the Author

Robert S. Leiken has been a Senior Fellow at Harvard's Center for International Affairs, the Carnegie Endowment, CSIS, and the Brookings Institution and director of the Immigration Program at The Center for the National Interest. His commentaries have appeared in many major U.S newspapers; his essays in *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *The New York Review of Books*, *The New Republic*, *The National Interest*, *The Weekly Standard* and *The Times Literary Supplement*. He has authored books on immigration, Central America, and Soviet strategy. He is presently writing a memoir.

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