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"I honestly believe that if any Israeli parent sat down with those Palestinian kids, they'd say I want

those kids to succeed." ~ Barack Obama in Jerusalem, March 21, 2013. My opinion of this simplistic bit of ungrammatical idealism capsulizes my review of the book. If the proposed meeting ever took place, "success" for the Palestinian kids would take the form of a rock to the head of the Israeli parent, or worse. There's more missing than included. It's even handed, perhaps overly much so. It bends over backwards to be even handed to the point of omitting more than is included. True we can't associate all Muslims with fanatics or terrorists, but we can't separate them either. The true obstacle to peace in the ME is Palestinian intransigence abetted by Mahmoud Abbas. It's moderate Arabs that applaud suicide bombers and vote for Hamas. Don't forget how moderate Arabs in Palestine publicly celebrated the events of 9/11/2001 to express unity with al-Qaeda. Statements made under protection of free speech can't be repeated in any Muslim nation. Non Muslim travelers (unbelievers) must take excessive care to avoid giving offense. Islamophobia replacing anti-Semitism is poppycock. Positive parts are mostly platitudes and wishful thinking, while the negative side pulls punches to the point of reverse bias. Muslim militant encroachment is prevalent throughout Europe as well as in India and Myanmar. Muslim population growth is the highest in the world, posing a danger to secular democracies through immigration and attendant front organizations. Islam was spread by the sword in the 7th century and would be again if the political environment allowed. Deniers notwithstanding, Islam is a religion of jihad. Of course, many suras in the Koran promote peace and charity, but they are insufficient to cover the "sword suras." Osama wasn't speaking for himself in admonishing G.W. Bush to convert. The countervailing crusader movement is long obsolete. Islamism has become synonymous with terrorism with few exceptions. In perhaps the most dangerous development, Arab Spring movements have been mistaken for democracy. The Muslim Brotherhood promotes front organizations such as the Islamic Leadership Council. It's true that benevolent concepts in Sharia Law are misunderstood. That's especially true of our state department. Sharia is probably ethically superior to any concepts prevalent in the West. Nonetheless there's a significant gap in both understanding and practice. This review naturally covers much that is not in the book, mainly due to the book skirting the issues in favor of political correctness. For a more informative historical study read 'Islam Through Western Eyes' by Jonathan Lyons.

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