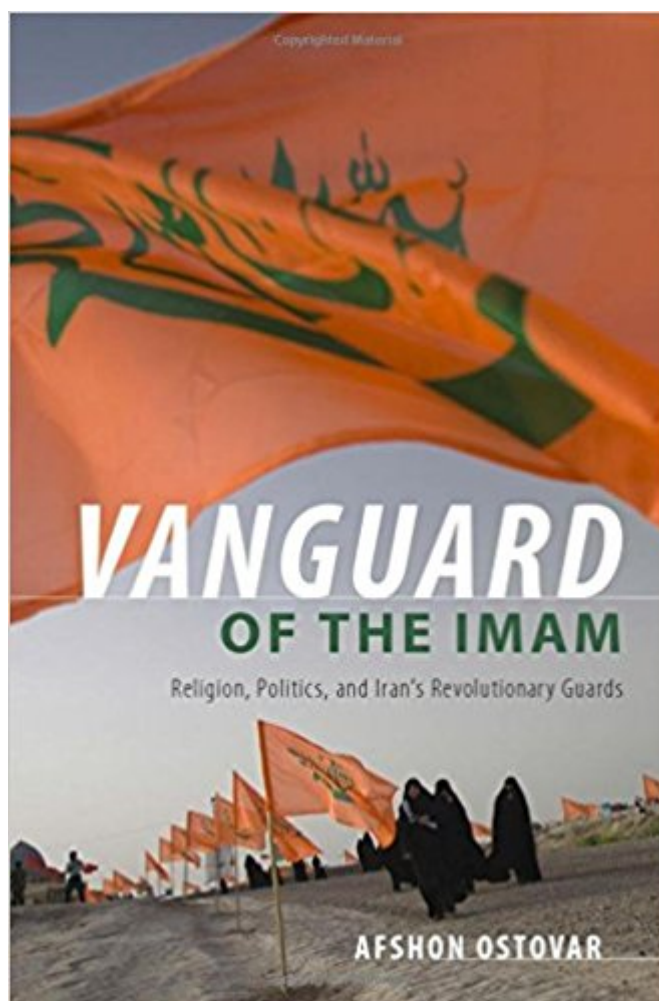




Ebook Directory
the best source of ebook

The book was found

Vanguard Of The Imam: Religion, Politics, And Iran's Revolutionary Guards



Synopsis

Iran's Revolutionary Guards are one of the most important forces in the Middle East today. As the appointed defender of Iran's revolution, the Guards have evolved into a pillar of the Islamic Republic and the spearhead of its influence. Their sway has spread across the Middle East, where the Guards have overseen loyalist support to Bashar al-Assad in Syria and been a staunch backer in Iraq's war against ISIS-bringing its own troops, Lebanon's Hezbollah, and Shiite militias to the fight. Links to terrorism, human rights abuses, and the suppression of popular democracy have shrouded the Revolutionary Guards in controversy. In spite of their prominence, the Guards remain poorly understood to outside observers. In *Vanguard of the Imam*, Afshon Ostovar has written the first comprehensive history of the organization. Situating the rise of the Guards in the larger contexts of Shiite Islam, modern Iranian history, and international affairs, Ostovar takes a multifaceted approach in demystifying the organization and detailing its evolution since 1979. Politics, power, and religion collide in this story, wherein the Revolutionary Guards transform from a rag-tag militia established in the midst of revolutionary upheaval into a military and covert force with a global reach. The Guards have been fundamental to the success of the Islamic revolution. The symbiotic relationship between them and Iran's clerical rulers underpins the regime's nearly unshakeable system of power. The Guards have used their privileged position at home to export Iran's revolution beyond its borders, establishing client armies in their image and extending Iran's strategic footprint in the process. Ostovar tenaciously documents the Guards' transformation into a power-player and explores why the group matters now more than ever to regional and global affairs. The book simultaneously serves as a history of modern Iran, and provides a crucial and engrossing entryway into the complex world of war, politics, and identity in the Middle East.

Book Information

Hardcover: 320 pages

Publisher: Oxford University Press; 1 edition (April 1, 2016)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0199387893

ISBN-13: 978-0199387892

Product Dimensions: 9.3 x 1.1 x 6.4 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.3 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 starsÂ Â See all reviewsÂ (1 customer review)

Best Sellers Rank: #98,048 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #17 inÂ Books > Politics & Social

Sciences > Politics & Government > International & World Politics > Arms Control #100 inÂ Books
> Textbooks > Social Sciences > Political Science > International Relations #190 inÂ Books >
Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > International & World Politics > Security

Customer Reviews

The diffinitive source for the history of Iran's Revolutionary Guard and it's role in a complex political atmosphere! This book is a very informative read!

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

Vanguard of the Imam: Religion, Politics, and Iran's Revolutionary Guards Guards! Guards!: A
Novel of Discworld Religion and the Specter of the West: Sikhism, India, Postcoloniality, and the
Politics of Translation (Insurrections: Critical Studies in Religion, Politics, and Culture) Sh'ma: A
Journal of Jewish Responsibility -- Iran, Israel, and U.S. Foreign Policy (Iran, Israel and U.S.
Foreign Policy Book 39) Sharh Al-Waraqat: Al-Mahalli's notes on Imam al-Juwayni's Islamic
jurisprudence pamphlet Fiqh Al-Imam: Key Proofs in Hanafi Fiqh Revolutionary Iran: A History of the
Islamic Republic Journey from the Land of No: A Girlhood Caught in Revolutionary Iran Guards at
the Taj and Mr. Wolf: Two Plays Tsuba: Japanese Sword Guards Kobe Bryant: The Inspiring Story
of One of Basketball's Greatest Shooting Guards (Basketball Biography Books) IP6: Nature's
Revolutionary Cancer Fighter: Nature's Revolutionary Cancer-Fighter Salvador Allende:
Revolutionary Democrat (Revolutionary Lives) Taken Hostage: The Iran Hostage Crisis and
America's First Encounter with Radical Islam (Politics and Society in Modern America) Voices From
Iran: The Changing Lives of Iranian Women (Gender, Culture, and Politics in the Middle East)
Fighting Ships of the Far East (2): Japan and Korea AD 612?1639: Japan and Korea AD 612-1639
v. 2 (New Vanguard) Sturmgeschutz III and IV 1942-45 (New Vanguard, 37) Panzerkampfwagen IV
Ausf.G, H and J 1942-45 (New Vanguard) Mil Mi-24 Hind Gunship (New Vanguard) Commonwealth
Cruisers 1939-45 (New Vanguard)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)