



Checkmate

The King's Game in the Middle East

by Gennaro Buonocore



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Book Review

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Checkmate: The King's Game in the Middle East is a work of non-fiction that focuses on important current affairs, military themes, and sociocultural and political factors, and was penned by author Gennaro Buonocore. Concisely worded to offer an informative but highly digestible discussion, the work explores the current state of affairs in the Middle East including politics, strategy, culture, and identity. Using the analogy of a chessboard, the author presents many observations on events past and present, and seeks to illustrate how these different ideas are connected to parties moving around in a much bigger game. Whilst these specifics are focused on the Middle East, there is also a wider ideology and application to the overall essay.

Author Gennaro Buonocore has crafted an intelligent and worthwhile read on the complexities of modern affairs in the Middle East, and the impact that this will have on the world as a whole. Anyone wishing to gain a deeper understanding of global affairs will find Buonocore's analogies very helpful and eye-opening, as well as opening them up to more questions and research on the topic thereafter. But one of the things which struck me so poignantly about this work as a piece of non-fiction was its emotional resonance and personal impact. The author gives much of his soul and passion to the piece, imbuing the facts and figures with a sense of real identity, person, and place. Overall, this makes Checkmate: The King's Game in the Middle East truly compelling reading which I would certainly recommend to one and all.