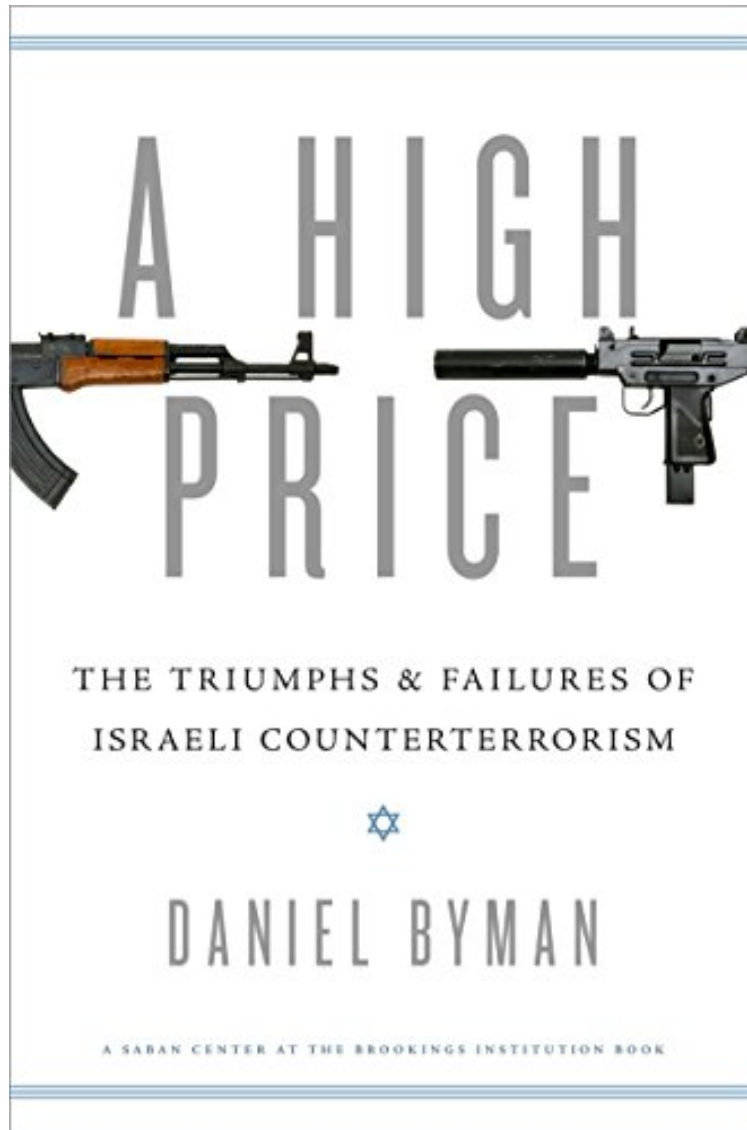


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Grndlich, sorgsam, kenntnisreichVon LuciusDaniel Byman schildert und analysiert die Geschichte des gegen Israels

gerichteten Terrorismus auf der einen Seite und die Antiterrormaßnahmen, die Israel unternimmt, auf der anderen Seite. Der zeitliche Horizont bewegt sich zwischen der Zeit unmittelbar vor der Staatsgründung Israels bis etwa 2010. Herausgekommen ist ein ungemein kenntnisreiches, gründliches und sorgsam gearbeitetes Buch, das vom Terrorismus diverser skularer Palstinensergruppierungen über die Hamas und die Hisbollah sowie dem Terrorismus durch jüdische Israelis selbst bzw. den diversen Mitteln des Counterterrorismus vom militärischen Einmarsch bis zu gezielten Tötungen alles umfasst, was in dieser Zeit wichtig war. Byman gelingt es meisterhaft, auf diesem verminten Gelände durchweg neutral und abgewogen zu bleiben. Seine Darstellung und Analyse folgen nicht dem Narrativ irgendeiner Partei, es gelingt ihm aber zugleich, Verständnis für die Sichtweisen, Handlungen und auch Fehler aller Beteiligten zu erzeugen. Diese wissenschaftliche Abgewogenheit gilt auch mit Blick auf die Kritik von Menschenrechtlern in Europa und USA am Vorgehen Israels. So ist es ein Buch geworden, das sich an alle Leute richtet, die interessiert sind, sich mit dem Thema Terrorismus fundiert, realitätsbezogen und ernsthaft auseinander zu setzen. Die Lehren, die Byman zieht, und die er immer wieder von der Einleitung bis zum Schlusskapitel anspricht, gelten dabei weit über den Schauplatz Nahost hinaus. Einfache Antworten gibt es in der Terrorismusbekämpfung nicht, das wird deutlich. Egal, wofür man sich entscheidet und es mag, wie Byman nachweist, auch gute Argumente für bestimmte gewaltsame Maßnahmen geben man gibt immer andere Ziele und Guter auf oder setzt sie aufs Spiel. Im Zuge der Lektüre hat sich bei mir ein immer stärkerer Pessimismus eingestellt. Wenn man Seite um Seite liest, welche schlimme Gewalt und Gegengewalt ausgeübt wird, wie sich die Fronten immer weiter verharren, wie auch große Teile der breiten Bevölkerung aller Seiten kaum noch friedens- und kompromissfähig scheinen und entsprechenden Druck auf die jeweilige politische Führung ausüben, scheint es mir nahezu ausgeschlossen, dass in Nahost ein stabiler Friede geschaffen werden kann.

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