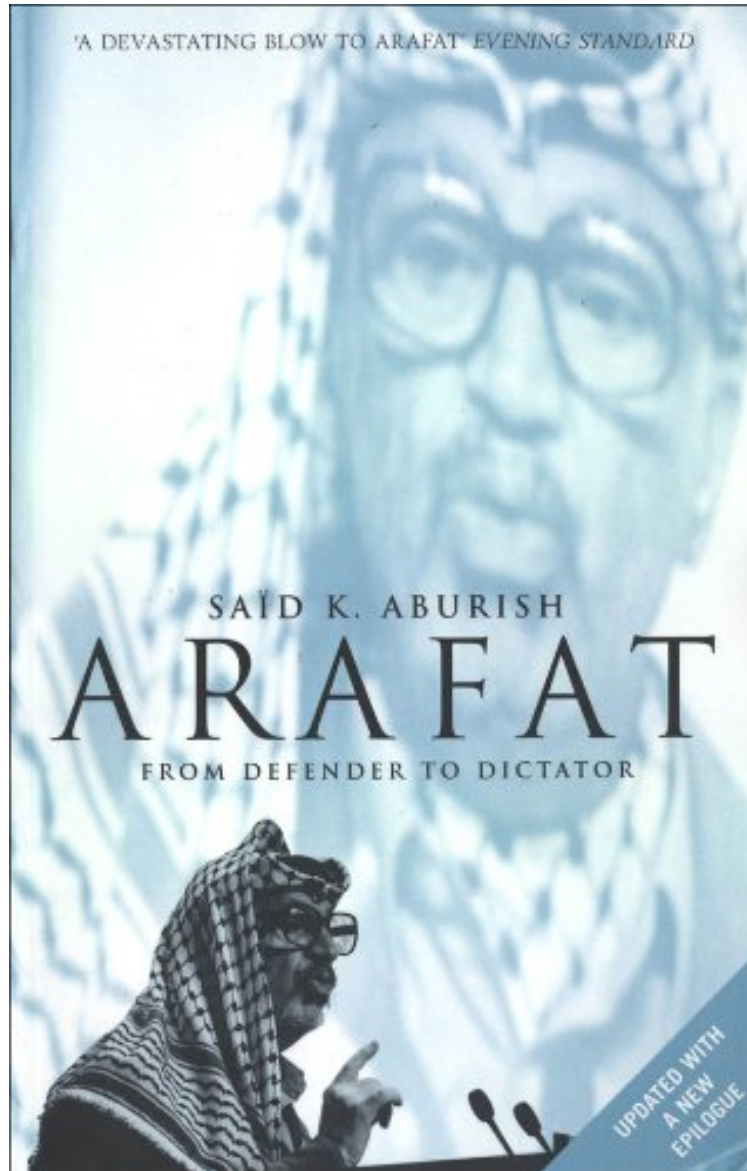


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Fairly objective analysis of Arafat's characterVon Nitay ArtensteinSaid K. Aburish has written, I believe, one of the best biographies of Yasser Arafat to date, giving fair weight to the man's positive qualities, among them energy and

cunning, while not failing to note his blatant negative attributes, such as lack of administrative ability or opportunism. He also makes accurate analyses regarding the Middle East situation in matters regarding Arafat and his countrymen. One point where Aburish does seem to be extremely weak is in his ability to analyse Israeli policies and motives, probably due to his living under their rule for a part of his life. One memorable passage in the book regarding this issue is (quoting from memory, only general drift recorded): 'There is a mountain in Jerusalem where the Holy Temple of the Jews once stood, and now the Mosque of Al-Aksa is built there. The Israelis would like to destroy the Mosque and rebuild their temple on the mountain'. Naturally, every person understanding something of Israeli affairs would see that this proposition, at least regarding the majority of Jewish Israelis, is completely ridiculous. Still, to learn about the nature of the current Israeli-Palestinian conflict\peace-process (depending on your viewpoint) you could find no better place to begin.

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Synopsis Aburish shows how, before he became corrupted by power, Arafat was a heroic freedom fighter who kept the hopes of his people alive. Now he is out of touch with reality, and his personal ambitions and rejection of democratic principles have reduced him to the status of just another middle eastern dictator. Originally published in 1998.