

## **EXCELLENT BACKGROUND READING FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MIDDLE EAST**

- 1. THE HOLY KORAN**
- 2. Tom Freidman. FROM BEIRUT TO JERUSALEM**
- 3. Karen Armstrong. ISLAM**
- 4. Karen Armstrong. THE BATTLE FOR GOD**
- 5. Bernard Lewis. THE CRISIS OF ISLAM**
- 6. Robert Reilly. THE CLOSING OF THE MUSLIM MIND.**
- 7. Daniel Pipes. THE LONG SHADOW**
- 8. Mark Heller & Sari Nusseibeh. NO TRUMPETS, NO DRUMS: A Two-State Settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.**
- 9. Ali, Ayan Hersi . INFIDEL. (extraordinary story, but painful at times) New York: Free Press, 2007,**
- 10. Barbara Slavin. BITTER FRIENDS/BOSOM EMENIES. (Iran/U.S. relationship)**
- 11. Trita Parsi. TREACHEROUS ALLIANCE.**
- 12. Losman, Donald. "Economic Security: A National Security Folly?" Policy Analysis, #409, Cato Institute: Washington, D.C., August 1, 2001. 11pp.**
- 13. Losman, Donald, "Let's Stop Funding Our Own Funerals," Army Magazine, June, 2015, pp. 25-27.**
- 14. Van Buren, Peter. WE MEANT WELL. Metropolitan Books, 2011 (about rebuilding Iraq)**
- 15. Wood, Graham, "What ISIS Really Wants." The Atlantic Magazine, March, 2015, pp.79-94**

Many of these are old, like the Koran, and may appear dated, but they are all useful. I DO NOT necessarily agree or endorse all the perspectives aired, but they are informative readings nonetheless.