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The history of an extremist Islamic sect in the 11th-12th centuries whose terrorist methods gave the English language a new word: assassin.

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Fathy Sroor says

החוקרים הראשונים שהתמקדו בחקר ההתנהגות האנושית היו פסיכולוגים. הם חקרו את התהליכים הפנימיים של המחשבה, הרגש וההתנהגות, וניסו להבין את הגורמים ששליטים בהם. אחד מהפסיכולוגים המרכזיים בתחום זה היה זיגמונד פרויד, שהתמקד בחקר התודעה הלא מודעת וההשפעה שלה על ההתנהגות.

Դժբախտաբար, ինչպես և ամեն ինչ, այսօր Երևանում կատարվեցին հարգելի Գևորգ Բաբայանի և Մարգարիտ Բաբայանի հիշատակին հարմարեցված հիշատակալիակներ՝ ի պատիվ իրենց հայրենիքի և հայրենի լեզվի, ի պատիվ հայրենի ժողովրդի և հայրենի պետության։

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Hasan Makhzoum says

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I would have like to have seen more accounts of the exploits of the Assassins amidst the array of dates and events. Other than that, this is an interesting read that does give you an insight into a rare moment in Islamic history when murder and faith became inseparable.

Tim says

A few quick facts: When the Prophet died he left no direction for the succession of his leadership. It fell to Abu Bakr -- the first Caliph, "one of the earliest and most respected converts" p. 23. Some followers felt that Ali, cousin of the Prophet would be a better leader. They formed the Shi'atu Ali or Party of Ali. This party was referred to simply as Shi'a and is the origin of the Shi'ite branch of Islam. A strong sect within the Shi'a were the Ismailis who at one time or another ruled in either Egypt, Syria, and Persia. The first half of the book has been a rapid read of the history of Islamic world after the death of the Prophet. One of my first thoughts was that this book or ones like it should have been read and studied before the USA stepped into a 1000 year old feud in Iraq. One of the other reviewers mentioned that the book is tedious. I find it to be a fast moving history.

Ayman yassin says

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Sesana says

Another book that caught my attention only because I love the Assassin's Creed games. Yes, this is the same order that inspired the one in the games, though naturally very different. Telling the real story of the historical Assassins is complicated by relatively sparse documentation, with little coming from the actual Assassins themselves. As far as I can tell, Lewis did a good job of summarizing what is known, or at least what was known when this was written in the mid 60s. It feels like it's relatively non-sensational, which is good. It does get a little dry in the middle, but it's a very short book. I see that there's some debate about the author's interpretation, but I don't know enough to judge.

Haitham fahmy says

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Mohammed-Makram says

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Brent Weeks says

A good antidote to the sometimes-more-interesting fictions out there about assassins. (Fictions the real guys would have encouraged, by the way. It made them more scary.)