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The Struggle for Egypt The recent revolution in Egypt has shaken the Arab world to its roots. The most populous Arab country and the historical center of Arab intellectual life, Egypt is a lynchpin of the US's Middle East strategy, receiving more aid than any nation except Israel. This is not the first time that the world has turned its gaze to Egypt, however. A half century ago, Egypt under Nasser became the putat...
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Max says

This was a very good history of 20-21st century Egypt. I learned a lot, particularly about the colonial and the Nasser eras. The writing was good (though not great) and it did a great job of filling in some of the gaps in my knowledge about Egyptian history. I would have liked a bit more detail about the recent revolution, but that's a big ask of a historian for an event that took place so recently.

Thequeasydream says

Cook's history of 20th-21st century Egypt is certainly detailed and intends to paint a comprehensive picture of Egyptian politics throughout the last approximately 90 years. The writing is clear and consistent, but also sort of formulaic. I read the whole book for a class but I think it would be more useful/interesting to read if you had a specific political period or event in Egyptian history in mind. Though the book is nominally about why the January 2011 uprising occurred, there isn't much analysis nor unifying thesis that ties together all the events covered; it really reads just like a straight shot account of what's been happening in Egypt over so many decades.

Brian says

Scholarly, but readable account of postwar politics in Egypt. Sadly it ends with Mubarak's arrest in 2011. Time for an update, or at least an addendum, as there is still a lot of uncertainty.

Nora says

This is a fantastic overview of Egyptian political history. It wants for grand theories, however, I prefer to provide my own.

Glenn Robinson says

Strong overview of Egypt from 1880 to 2011. A great deal of over-site, politics and intrigue from the many leaders over the decades, political parties and the military.

Sami says

Very good objective history and factual perspective on Egyptian politics and society. Also an honest assessment of US politics in Egypt and the region, and a lucid explanation of the anti-American popular sentiment in the Arab street.
