



## ISLAM AND THE MIDDLE EAST: A SHAKE LIBRARY GUIDE

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### Books in the Shake Library

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Afghanistan; Algeria; Bahrain; Bin Laden, Osama; Harem History; Honor Killings; Iran; Iraq; Islam; Islamic Fundamentalism; Jihad; Koran; Kuwait; Libya; Literacy; Morocco; Oman; Palestine; Qatar; Taliban; Turkey; Saudi Arabia; Yemen.

### Reference Books with Information about Middle Eastern Countries

*Statesman's year-book* (call number 305 S797s)

*Times comprehensive atlas of the world* (call number 912 T583t)

*World almanac and book of facts* (call number 317.3 W927w)

### Selected Circulating Books with Information about the Middle East and Islam

- Coll, Steve. *Ghost wars: the secret history of the CIA, Afghanistan, and Bin Laden, from the Soviet invasion to September 10, 2001*. (call number 958.1045 B612g 2004)
- Furnish, Timothy. *Holiest wars: Islamic Mahdis, their Jihads, and Osama Bin Laden*. (call number 297.24 F989h 2005)
- Gerner, Deborah. *One land, two peoples: the conflict over Palestine*. (call number 956 G376o)
- Giustozzi, Antonio. *War, politics, and society in Afghanistan*. (call number 958.10538w 1999)
- Hourani, Albert. *History of the Arab people*. (call number 909 H841h)
- Lewis, Bernard. *From Babel to dragomans: interpreting the Middle East*. (Ebook)
- Nafisi, Azar. *Reading Lolita in Tehran: a memoir in books*. (call number 820.9 N146r 2003)
- *Reaping the whirlwind: the Taliban involvement in Afghanistan*. (call number 958.1044 G852r 2001)
- Rushdie, Salman. *Satanic verses*. (call number R953s)
- Seierstad, Asne. *The bookseller of Kabul*. (call number 958.1 S458b 2003)
- Skaine, Rosemarie. *The women of Afghanistan under the Taliban*. (call number 305.4 s62w 2002)
- Soros, George. *The bubble of American supremacy: correcting the misuse of American power*. (call number 327.73 B978b 2004)
- Yahiya, Emerick. *The complete idiot's guide to understanding Islam*. (Ebook)

## Periodicals

Periodical holdings: from [www.vinu.edu](http://www.vinu.edu), click on Shake Library, then on Find Periodical Titles, and, finally, periodicals management portal. To find periodicals related to Islam and the Middle East, select the subject category History & Archaeology; then select Middle East.

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### Shake Library Databases with Information about Afghanistan

Databases be searched for citations full-text articles from a wide variety of sources, including magazines and journals. Try searching **Afghanistan, Pakistan, Jihad**, etc.

- **EBSCOhost Academic Search Premier** provides access to a wide range of articles and citations useful for college writers.
- **SIRS** indexes articles and citations relating to social issues, including women's issues.
- **NewsBank TCR Collection** contains full-text newspapers from 1992 to the present.
- **Lexis-Nexus** provides access to a wide range of products, including world-wide news reports.

## Internet Resources

- *The Annual of Urdu Studies*—an online journal of essays and translations of interest to students of Urdu language and culture  
<http://www.urdustudies.com/>
- *CIA World Factbook*—an excellent reference source for general information about countries around the world  
<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook>
- CNN News—a good source for news reports and video clips  
<http://www.cnn.com>
- Department of Commerce Web Site—often includes information about important political figures in each country  
<http://www.export.gov>
- The Library of Congress Country Studies—excellent reference source for general information and history  
<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs>
- The United Nations' Women Watch—information about the human rights issues facing women in the Middle East and around the world, including genital mutilation and honor killing  
<http://www.un.org/womenwatch>