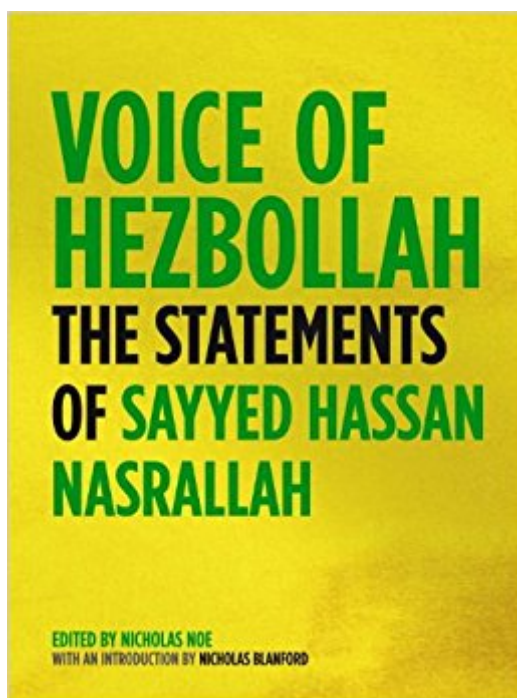


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Voice Of Hezbollah: The Statements Of Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah



Synopsis

In July 2006, with the commencement of hostilities between Israel and Hezbollah, Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, the longstanding secretary general of the "Party of God," burst into the spotlight of the Western media • cast, almost inevitably, as an even more dangerous incarnation of Osama bin Laden. Yet well before the start of the war, Nasrallah had acquired an almost unrivalled credibility in the Arab world among admirers and detractors alike, a profile that soared in May 2000 when he became the first leader to push Israel out of Arab land. Voice of Hezbollah brings to an English-speaking readership for the first time Nasrallah's speeches and interviews: the intricate, deeply populist arguments and promises that he has made from the mid-1980s to the present day. Newly translated from the Arabic, and with an introduction by one of the foremost writers on Lebanon, Voice of Hezbollah is critical to the understanding of the man and the movement.

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Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah is the Secretary General of the Lebanese Islamist party and paramilitary organization Hezbollah. Nasrallah became the leader of Hezbollah after Israel assassinated the movement's leader Abbas al-Musawi in 1992. Nicholas Noe is founder and editor-in-chief of the Beirut-based news translation service mideastwire.com. He was previously a news editor on the Lebanon Daily Star/Herald Tribune, and has written for numerous regional and international publications. Ellen Khouri is a consultant on human rights and democracy, and managing director of

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A political science professor I had encouraged all of his students to read as much as we could and refused to recommend books. This was one of the few books that he actually looked at and declared it was a good book. In the modern terrorist era, which we currently live, it is imperative that we understand not just the positions of our politicians and notable figures, but the organizations we claim to be fighting on the War on Terror. As alien as the ideas in this book may appear to an American audience, Voice of Hezbollah offers the reader, an enlightening look inside the leadership and thought process of Secretary Nasrallah, whom has turned Hezbollah into a global force to be reckoned with, particularly when considering Israel and Western interests. After several hundred pages things get repetitious, but central themes include 1. Resistance against Israel both within Lebanon and on the Palestinian issue, 2. Resistance against a perceived threat of American domination within the Middle East and 3. An increasingly delicate juggling act between moderate and more extreme positions. Overall, a highly recommended read for those who desire to know about Hezbollah.

Informative and interesting!...After reading you will look at Hezbollah in a much more positive light.

I bought this book hoping to find an archive of the statements and speeches of Hezbollah's leader Hassan Nasrallah. Instead, I discovered the authors were selective enough to keep out all of Nasrallah's past speeches and statements that might contradict his current political positions. The speeches that were left out included those that highlight Nasrallah's past opposition to Lebanon's Taef Agreement, Hezbollah's increasing intervention in Lebanese domestic politics to makeup for a waning Syrian influence that was ejected under world pressure. Not only the authors' selection of speeches is questionable, they have seemingly acquired approval for the script of this book from a Hezbollah representative, which makes of this Hezbollah-approved book sort of the official record of Nasrallah's speeches. But to be fair, the most interesting part in the book is a certain interview with Nasrallah in which the man talks about his personal background and upbringing albeit in his own words. Researchers might want to have this archive book on their bookshelves. However, they should expect the work to be incomplete due to its unjustifiable process of selectivity.

This book does something extremely rare: it permits readers access to Hassan Nasrallah's words WITHOUT A BIASED INTERMEDIARY FILTERING THEM. The book includes speeches, television and newspaper interviews, etc dating back to the mid-1980s. Nasrallah's words provide an incredible insight into his thoughts and motives and those of his resistance/terrorist movement (depending on your views). I now have a greater understanding of Hizballah's interaction in Lebanon's domestic politics and its views toward Israel. The book is not a particularly easy read because it's more than 400 pages of speeches (doesn't "flow" like a novel). However, it is a great book that gives unfiltered information. This is NOT a beginner's book, as the editor's footnoted explanations are insufficient to educate a beginner. This is for the intermediate-to-serious student of Lebanon, the Arab-Israeli relationship, and Hizballah. If you belong to that final category and want direct/unfiltered/unbiased information, I wholeheartedly recommend this book.

it won't make you understand the man but it help showing you in length the things that made him the persona he is today. if you want to try & get an overview of the man & the hezbollah, you can start here.

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