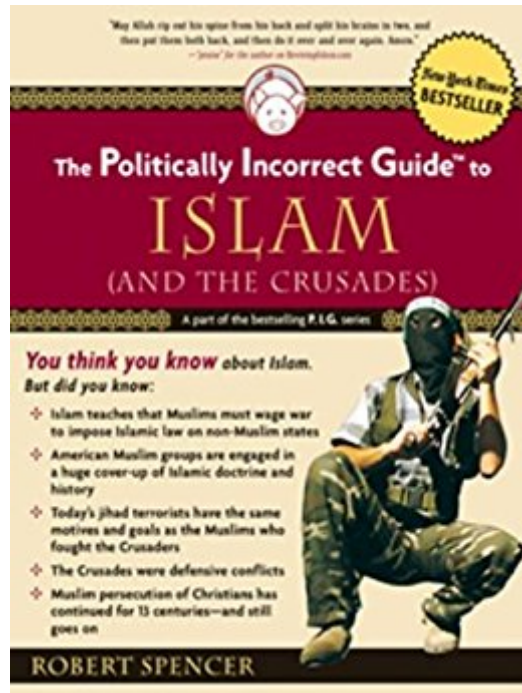


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# The Politically Incorrect Guide To Islam (And The Crusades)



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I just finished this book, and I think it's worth reading as a balance to a great many works out there which are slanted in the other direction (ie: "Christians bad - Muslims good, yada, yada). I'm not a scholar on any of the subjects Spencer covers here, so I will allow that he might not be 100% right on every point. After reading many of the other reviews here, I'm convinced that many of these folks

have not read the book at all. Spencer certainly has serious misgivings about Islam and, yes, I think one could call him "biased" to some extent. But what's wrong with that? I personally don't believe there is any such thing as a completely unbiased scholar, so I just try to get my information from multiple sources (this is the 3rd book on Islam I've read this year). That's why I bought this book - to get another view - one that is not heard much in our ever increasingly PC world. Why do some reviewers have such a problem with that? Some seem to think that only one view is valid (theirs), and that Spencer should not be allowed to enter the debate at all. If you believe some of these reviewers, anyone who says anything positive about this book is just one step away from picking up a sniper rifle and heading over to the nearest mosque. What condescending idiocy is that? I'm not a "hater", or a "bigot" or a "narrow-minded zealot", just a seeker of multiple points of view. That used to be called being "liberal". I was particularly amused by one typical negative review written by Ms. Martie D. Kelley. It sounds to me that she's more biased than Robert Spencer, just in the other direction. Kelley trumpets her "higher education" and status as a "scholar" holding a BA in Religious Studies (doesn't say from where), but Robert Spencer holds an MA (that's a master's degree, Martie!

Before I saw this book title (I can't remember where I first ran across it), if asked, I would have said that Islam was a peaceful religion, that, like many other religions in history, has been hijacked by evil-doers. But when I saw this book, I wondered. Could he be right? I decided to read it, and give the author a chance to make his point. I am acquainted with some American Muslims who would argue against this, but I wonder if they aren't plagued by their own bias. After all, who wants to think badly of their own religion and/or ethnic ancestors? I was shocked to learn that many non-Arab Muslims have not actually read (don't understand) their own holy book, that they merely recite passages from it in the original Arabic. This book seems very well researched. The author appears to be conscious of the likelihood of an anti-Muslim bias, and I believe it inspired him to study his subject harder. He gives many suggestions for further reading. He explores the current media line on Islam, the history of Islamic/Judeo-Christian relations, makes conclusions, and provides his evidence at every step. And in a feature I loved, he presents ideas for defeating the enemy. Another person that picked up my copy commented that it was very repetitive - the author says some of the same things over and over. I agree this is true, however he has a purpose. In his discussion of an individual point he presents the evidence that backs it up. Some evidence applies to multiple points. I did not find any repetition to be pointless, only mildly tedious on occasion. Additionally, the prose is highly readable. One thing I found somewhat annoying in this book is that the author uses a

comparison of Islam and Christianity as part of his framework.

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