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The emergence of the Anglo-French entente after 1904 reshaped the international system before the First World War. After Russia's addition in 1907, the Triple Entente confronted the Triple Alliance in crisis after crisis. This study, first published in 1969, chronicles the impact of the

entente upon the British decision to pursue a policy of Continental intervention and looks at the ramifications of that decision upon both British and French strategic policies. Britain's search for support against an assertive Germany represented its first acknowledgement of relative decline in the international system. The British sought to conceal the extent of their policy shift, denying the entente relationship had any military or naval dimension. In fact, from late 1905 to the war, there were secret military and naval conversations between the two governments. Mr. Williamson, focusing upon the content and

conduct of the covert planning, examines the assumptions of entente strategy and its operational consequences. In the years after 1905 the military and naval talks would become a British substitute for a formal alliance commitment to the French; this use of the secret talks, which misled the British cabinet for years and the British parliament down to August 1914, possibly also explains Germany's failure to assess correctly Britain's support for France. Williamson thus helps put Fritz Fischer's arguments about German policy into a comparative framework. The Politics of Grand Strategy also examines the domestic ramifications

of the secret staff planning and the ineptness of radical leadership in the British Cabinet in trying to block the Continental strategy. The author analyzes the problems of civil-military relations, the difficulty of controlling zealous staff officers, and the inherent risks of all forms of strategic planning. This second edition has a new preface that analyzes the abundant new literature appearing since 1969 on British military and intelligence operations, on the evolution of French strategic planning, and on the clashes of the entente and alliance systems. The remarkable untold story of France's courageous, clever vintners who protected and rescued the

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country's most treasured commodity from German plunder during World War II. "To be a Frenchman means to fight for your country and its wine." —Claude Terrail, owner, Restaurant La Tour d'Argent In 1940, France fell to the Nazis and almost immediately the German army began a campaign of pillaging one of the assets the French hold most dear: their wine. Like others in the French Resistance, winemakers mobilized to oppose their occupiers, but the tale of their extraordinary efforts has remained largely unknown—until now. This is the thrilling and harrowing story of the French wine producers who undertook ingenious, daring

measures to save their cherished crops and bottles as the Germans closed in on them. *Wine and War* illuminates a compelling, little-known chapter of history, and stands as a tribute to extraordinary individuals who waged a battle that, in a very real way, saved the spirit of France.

Beyond the affluent centre of Paris and other French cities, in the deprived banlieues, a war is going on. This is the French Intifada, a guerrilla war between the French state and the former subjects of its Empire, for whom the mantra of 'liberty, equality, fraternity' conceals a bitter history of domination, oppression, and brutality. This war

began in the early 1800s, with Napoleon's lust for martial adventure, strategic power and imperial preeminence, and led to the armed colonization of Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia, and decades of bloody conflict, all in the name of 'civilization'. Here, against the backdrop of the Arab Spring, Andrew Hussey walks the front lines of this war - from the Gare du Nord in Paris to the souks of Marrakesh and the mosques of Tangier - to tell the strange and complex story of the relationship between secular, republican France and the Muslim world of North Africa. The result is a completely new portrait of an old nation.

Combining a fascinating and compulsively readable mix of history, politics and literature with Hussey's years of personal experience travelling across the Arab World, *The French Intifada* reveals the role played by the countries of the Maghreb in shaping French history, and explores the challenge being mounted by today's dispossessed heirs to the colonial project: a challenge that is angrily and violently staking a claim on France's future.

The role of intelligence in colonialism and decolonization is a rapidly expanding field of study. The premise of *The Secret Anglo-French War in the Middle East* is

that intelligence statecraft is the "missing dimension" in the established historiography of the Middle East during and after World War II. Arguing that intelligence, especially covert political action and clandestine diplomacy, played a key role in Britain's Middle East policy, this book examines new archival sources in order to demonstrate that despite World War II and the Cold War, the traditional rivalry between Britain and France in the Middle East continued unabated, assuming the form of a little-known secret war. This shadow war strongly influenced decolonization of the region as each Power sought to undermine the other; Britain

exploited France's defeat to evict it from its mandated territories in Syria and Lebanon and incorporate them in its own sphere of influence; whilst France's successful use of intelligence enabled it to undermine Britain's position in Palestine, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Shedding new light on the clandestine Franco-Zionist collaboration against Britain in the Middle East and the role of the British secret services in the 1948 Arab-Jewish war in Palestine, this book, which presents close to 400 secret Syrian and British documents obtained by the French intelligence, is essential reading for scholars with an interest in the political history of

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the region, inter-Arab and
international relations, and
intelligence studies.

The Closed Book

Britain and France Prepare for War,
1904-1914

The Road to Statehood, 1926-39

The Sinai Campaign, 1955-1956

The Letters of Richard Cobden

Scholars of Mayhem

T.E. Lawrence and Britain's Secret
War in Arabia, 1916-18

Hidden History uniquely
exposes those responsible for
the First World War. It reveals
how accounts of the war's
origins have been deliberately
falsified to conceal the guilt of
the secret cabal of very rich

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and powerful men in London responsible for the most heinous crime perpetrated on humanity. For ten years, they plotted the destruction of Germany as the first stage of their plan to take control of the world. The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand was no chance happening. It lit a fuse that had been carefully set through a chain of command stretching from Sarajevo through Belgrade and St Petersburg to that cabal in London. Our understanding of these events has been firmly trapped in a web of falsehood and duplicity carefully constructed by the victors at

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Versailles in 1919 and maintained by compliant historians ever since. The official version is fatally flawed, warped by the volume of evidence they destroyed or concealed from public view. Hidden History poses a tantalising challenge. The authors ask only that you examine the evidence they lay before you

"Monumental." --New York Times Book Review
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
From one of the foremost historians of the period and the acclaimed author of *Inferno* and *Catastrophe: 1914, The Secret War* is a sweeping examination

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of one of the most important yet underexplored aspects of World War

II—intelligence—showing how espionage successes and failures by the United States, Britain, Russia, Germany, and Japan influenced the course of the war and its final outcome. Spies, codes, and guerrillas played unprecedentedly critical roles in the Second World War, exploited by every nation in the struggle to gain secret knowledge of its foes, and to sow havoc behind the fronts. In *The Secret War*, Max Hastings presents a worldwide cast of characters and some extraordinary sagas of

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intelligence and resistance, to create a new perspective on the greatest conflict in history. John Fisher explores the acquisitive thinking which, from the autumn of 1914, drove the Mesopotamian Expedition, and examines the political issues, international and imperial, delegated to a War Cabinet committee under Lord Curzon. The motives of Curzon and others in attempting to obtain a privileged political position in the Hejaz are studied in the context of inter-Allied suspicions and Turkish intrigues in the Arabian Peninsula. This is a penetrating

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study of war imperialism, when

statesmen contemplated

strong measures of control in

several areas of the Middle
East.

Insightful history of the post-
World War Two rivalry between
France, the US, and Britain,
played out on the international
stage.

Hidden History

The French Intifada

The Secret of the Borgias

Documents Concerning the

Anglo-French Policy of

Extending the War

Lebanon's Quest

The Origins of the Hundred

Years War

The Bomb-Makers, At the Sign

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of the Sword, The Way to Win,
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The Zeppelin Destroyer, Sant
of the Secret Service & Number
70, Berlin History

The secret history' of the secret service, from the aftermath of the French revolution to the defeat of Napoleon.

William Wickham was Britain's master spy on the continent for more than five years during the French Revolutionary wars. He was the creator & head of a small & highly organised secret service unit, & was sent on missions to Europe & Ireland. This study follows Wickham's career to narrate the rise & fall of his secret service community.

The Seven Years' War was the world's first global conflict, spanning five continents and the critical sea lanes that connected them. This book is the fullest account ever written of the French navy's role in the hostilities. It is also the most complete survey of both phases of the war: the French and Indian War in North America (1754-60) and the Seven Years' War in Europe (1756-63), which are almost always treated independently. By considering both phases of the war from every angle, award-winning historian Jonathan R. Dull shows not only that the two conflicts are

so interconnected that neither can be fully understood in isolation but also that traditional interpretations of the war are largely inaccurate. His work also reveals how the French navy, supposedly utterly crushed, could have figured so prominently in the War of American Independence only fifteen years later. ø A comprehensive work integrating diplomatic, naval, military, and political history, *The French Navy and the Seven Years' War* thoroughly explores the French perspective on the Seven Years' War. It also studies British diplomacy and war strategy as

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well as the roles played by the
American colonies, Spain,

Austria, Prussia, Russia,

Sweden, and Portugal. As this
history unfolds, it becomes clear

that French policy was more
consistent, logical, and

successful than has previously
been acknowledged, and that

King Louis XV's conduct of the
war profoundly affected the

outcome of America's
subsequent Revolutionary War.

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Morocco and Armageddon

Britain's Designs on Norway

Britain, France and the struggle

that shaped the Middle East

The four years between

the military defeat of

France by Nazi Germany

and D-Day were vital,

dramatic and eventful

years in Anglo-French

relations. These years saw

the first armed clashes

between France and

Britain since the

Napoleonic Wars,

including the infamous

Royal Navy attack on the French fleet at Mers-el-Kebir. They also saw a curious relationship developing between Britain and Vichy France. Vichy was at once a hostile power, under German domination, and at the same time a porous regime through which British influence on its politics, attitudes towards the Resistance and the transit of British soldiers and airmen through its territory en route to Spain, could flow quite freely. Britain had an

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regime and the ways in which contacts and connections with de Gaulle in London and the British Government were maintained. This exciting and fast-paced book brings to life the major characters in the story - not only Churchill and de Gaulle, but also Macmillan, Petain and Leclerc. In this book, Mangold deftly reassesses the complex international wartime chessboard and, in the process, reveals a little known aspect of the World War II story.

The Letters of Richard Cobden (1804-65) aims in four printed volumes to provide the first critical edition of Cobden's letters, publishing the complete text in as near the original form as possible, accompanied by full scholarly apparatus, together with an introduction to each volume re-assessing Cobden's importance in their light. As a whole these volumes will make available a unique source of the understanding of British liberalism in its

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European and international contexts, throwing new light on issues such as the repeal of the Corn Laws, British radical movements, the Crimean War, the Indian Mutiny, Anglo-French relations, and the American Civil War. The second volume, drawing on over fifty archives world-wide, follows the career of Richard Cobden from that of the 'Manchester Manufacturer' who had gained celebrity in the repeal of the Corn Laws

in 1846 to that of the dominant Radical leader on the British political scene between 1848 and 1853, widely considered by contemporaries equal in importance to the leaders of the Whig and Conservative parties. Cobden in this period was concerned with an interconnected series of movements which sought in different ways to reduce aristocratic power in Victorian Britain. These included the reform of parliament (especially through the

secret ballot), of landownership, of government finances, of the British empire, as well as the introduction of state education. At the same time we see the emergence of Cobden 'the International Man', with a cosmopolitan following, playing a pivotal role in the global peace movement, and articulating a wide-ranging critique of British foreign policy, with regard to the dangers of French invasion, the aftermath of

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***the Revolutions of 1848,
British expansionism in
India, and the
ramifications of the
Eastern Question as
Britain drifted towards
war in the Crimea.
Although in his own day,
Cobden's radical ideas
increasingly separated
him from many
contemporaries, in the
longer term they became
a vital tributary of
nineteenth-century
British and international
liberalism.
Between two
assassination***

***attempts—in 1800 and
1804—on Napoleon
Bonaparte, the British
government launched a
propaganda campaign of
unprecedented scope and
intensity to persuade
George III's reluctant
subjects to fight the
Napoleonic War, a war to
the death against one
man: the Corsican
usurper and tyrant. The
Secret War Against
Napoleon tells the story
of the British
government's
determination to destroy
the French Emperor by***

any means possible. We have been taught to think of Napoleon as the aggressor—a man with an unquenchable thirst for war and glory— but what if this story masked the real truth: that the British refusal to make peace, either with revolutionary France or with the man who claimed to personify the revolution, was the reason this epic conflict continued for more than twenty years? At this pivotal moment when it wanted to consolidate its

place as the premier world power, Britain was uncompromising. This dynamic historical narrative plunges the reader into the hidden underworld of Georgian politics where, faced with the terrifying prospect of revolution, the British government used bribery and coercion in an effort to kill the French leader. The Great War in England in 1897 (1894) is a novel by Anglo-French writer William Le Queux. Published at the height of Le Queux's career as a

leading author of popular thrillers, The Great War in England in 1897 is a story of broken alliances, resistance, and international conflict.

Using his own research and experience as a journalist and adventurer, Le Queux crafts an accessible, entertaining world for readers in search of a literary escape. Known for his works of fiction and nonfiction on the possibility of Germany invading Britain—a paranoia common in the

early twentieth century—William Le Queux also wrote dozens of thrillers and adventure novels for a dedicated public audience. Although critical acclaim eluded him, popular success made him one of England's bestselling writers. In The Great War in England in 1897, a large Russian-French occupying force lands undetected on the coast of England. Having formed an alliance in secret, they make swift gains across England

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***until reaching London,
which they take control of
with little difficulty.***

***Shocked, defeated, and
hemorrhaging hope by
the day, the people of
England look for their
leaders to do anything to
reverse their fate.***

***Working in the shadows,
a small resistance
movement begins taking
shape, eventually forming
an alliance with Germany
in order to not only free
England of its occupation,
but force France and
Russia to retreat from
their colonial gains***

around the world. Despite being rejected as alarmist in its time, The Great War in England in 1897 would prove prescient less than a decade after its publication with the outbreak of the First World War. Although Le Queux would revisit the theme of invasion throughout his career, his 1906 novel The Invasion of 1910 would virtually reverse the circumstances of The Great War in England in 1897, having Germany take over the country instead. With a

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***beautifully designed
cover and professionally
typeset manuscript, this
edition of William Le
Queux's The Great War in
England in 1897 is a
classic novel reimagined
for modern readers.***

***Curzon and British
Imperialism in the Middle
East, 1916-1919***

***The Daring Young Woman
Who Led France's Largest
Spy Network Against
Hitler***

***My Father's Secret War in
Nazi-Occupied France***

***THE TRENCH DAYS: The
Collected War Tales of***

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**William Le Queux (WW1
Adventure Sagas,
Espionage Thrillers &
Action Classics)**

***Setting the Desert on Fire
Britain and the Defeated
French***

***The Secret Origins of the
First World War***

*At a crucial point in the
twentieth century, as Nazi
Germany prepared for war,
negotiations between
Britain, France, and the
Soviet Union became the
last chance to halt
Hitler's aggression.
Incredibly, the French and
British governments*

dallied, talks failed, and in August 1939 the Soviet Union signed a nonaggression pact with Germany. Michael Carley's gripping account of these negotiations is not a pretty story. It is about the failures of appeasement and collective security in Europe. It is about moral depravity and blindness, about villains and cowards, and about heroes who stood against the intellectual and popular tides of their time. Some died for their beliefs, others labored in obscurity and have been

nearly forgotten. In 1939 they sought to make the Grand Alliance that never was between France, Britain, and the Soviet Union. This story of their efforts is background to the wartime alliance created in 1941 without France but with the United States in order to defeat a demonic enemy. 1939 is based upon Mr. Carley's longtime research on the period, including work in French, British, and newly opened Soviet archives. He challenges prevailing interpretations of the origins of World War II by

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*situating 1939 at the end
of the early cold war
between the Soviet Union,
France, and Britain, and
by showing how anti-
communism was the major
cause of the failure to
form an alliance against
Hitler. 1939 was published
on September 1, the
sixtieth anniversary of
the Nazi invasion of
Poland and the start of
the war.*

*The Secret of the Borgias:
The Closed Book by William
Le Queux. William Tufnell
Le Queux was an Anglo-
French journalist and
writer. He was also a*

diplomat, a traveller, a flying buff who officiated at the first British air meeting at Doncaster in 1909, and a wireless pioneer who broadcast music from his own station long before radio was generally available; his claims regarding his own abilities and exploits, however, were usually exaggerated. His best-known works are the anti-German invasion fantasies *The Great War in England in 1897* (1894) and *The Invasion of 1910* (1906), the latter of which was a phenomenal bestseller.

These strange facts would never have been placed on record, nor would this exciting chapter of an eventful life have been written, except for two reasons: first, because the discovery I made has been declared to be of considerable importance to scientists, bibliophiles, and the world at large; and, secondly, because it is my dear wife's wish that in order to clear her...

A fascinating insight into the untold story of how British-French rivalry drew the battle-lines of

the modern Middle East. In 1916, in the middle of the First World War, two men secretly agreed to divide the Middle East between them. Sir Mark Sykes was a visionary politician; François Georges-Picot a diplomat with a grudge. They drew a line in the sand from the Mediterranean to the Persian frontier, and together remade the map of the Middle East, with Britain's 'mandates' of Palestine, Transjordan and Iraq, and France's in Lebanon and Syria. Over the next thirty years a

sordid tale of violence and clandestine political manoeuvring unfolded, told here through a stellar cast of politicians, diplomats, spies and soldiers, including T. E. Lawrence, Winston Churchill and Charles de Gaulle. Using declassified papers from the British and French archives, James Barr vividly depicts the covert, deadly war of intrigue and espionage between Britain and France to rule the Middle East, and reveals the shocking way in which the French finally got their revenge.

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'The very grubby coalface of foreign policy ... I found the entire book most horribly addictive'

Independent 'One of the unexpected responses to reading this masterful study is amazement at the efforts the British and French each put into undermining the other' The Spectator

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

- The little-known true story of Marie-Madeleine Fourcade, the woman who headed the largest spy network in occupied France during World War II, from the bestselling author of*

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Citizens of London and
Last Hope Island "Brava to

Lynne Olson for a

biography that should
challenge any outdated

assumptions about who
deserves to be called a
hero."—The Washington Post

NAMED ONE OF THE BEST

BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY NPR

AND THE WASHINGTON POST In

1941 a thirty-one-year-old
Frenchwoman, a young

mother born to privilege
and known for her beauty

and glamour, became the
leader of a vast

intelligence

organization—the only

woman to serve as a chef

de résistance during the war. Strong-willed, independent, and a lifelong rebel against her country's conservative, patriarchal society, Marie-Madeleine Fourcade was temperamentally made for the job. Her group's name was Alliance, but the Gestapo dubbed it Noah's Ark because its agents used the names of animals as their aliases. The name Marie-Madeleine chose for herself was Hedgehog: a tough little animal, unthreatening in appearance, that, as a colleague of hers put it,

“even a lion would hesitate to bite.” No other French spy network lasted as long or supplied as much crucial intelligence—including providing American and British military commanders with a 55-foot-long map of the beaches and roads on which the Allies would land on D-Day—as Alliance. The Gestapo pursued them relentlessly, capturing, torturing, and executing hundreds of its three thousand agents, including Fourcade’s own lover and many of her key spies.

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Although Fourcade, the mother of two young children, moved her headquarters every few weeks, constantly changing her hair color, clothing, and identity, she was captured twice by the Nazis. Both times she managed to escape—once by slipping naked through the bars of her jail cell—and continued to hold her network together even as it repeatedly threatened to crumble around her. Now, in this dramatic account of the war that split France in two and forced its people to live

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side by side with their hated German occupiers, Lynne Olson tells the fascinating story of a woman who stood up for her nation, her fellow citizens, and herself.

“Fast-paced and impressively researched . . . Olson writes with verve and a historian’s authority. . . . With this gripping tale, Lynne Olson pays [Marie-Madeleine Fourcade] what history has so far denied her. France, slow to confront the stain of Vichy, would do well to finally honor a fighter most of us would want in

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our foxhole.”—The New York
Times Book Review

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The French Navy and the
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The Anglo-french Struggle
For The Middle East
1914-1948

France's Secret Wars with
Britain and America,
1945-2016

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1957, the original blurb
reads: 'From these
studies of the secret

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Diplomacy Surrounding
The Entry Of Turkey And
Italy Into The First
World War, emerges a

picture of the complex
machinery behind the
obvious wheels of
international politics.
The activities of
statesmen and diplomats
are related to the
ramifications of big
business, banks, oil and
armament companies. The
story of each move and
counter-move, told
mostly in the actors'
own words and with many
quotations from actual

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memoranda and dispatches, is based on sources which are quite new. The Russian collections of confidential correspondence, which include foreign diplomatic dispatches intercepted and deciphered in Russia, and the latest Documenti Diplomatici Italiani are practically unknown to the British public. This material has been integrated with that taken from all the available collections of

documents, official publications, contemporary periodicals and economic and financial data, and such mines of information as the diaries, recollections and private letters of those involved. This unusual combination of source material allows some general conclusions to be drawn as to the laws and logic of the diplomacy of power

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politics. The most striking fact, perhaps, is the diplomatic war among allies. The book brings out the deep-seated conflicts of interests in the German-Austro-Hungarian coalition, and those dividing Britain, France, Russia and Italy in the Near East, the Balkans and the Mediterranean. Another point of special interest is the inter-group and party struggle inside the countries for or against war; and

another is the genesis of some of the fateful Secret Treaties which bedevilled the peace settlements of 1919-20.' Today it can be read and enjoyed in its historical context.

The myth of T.E. Lawrence single-handedly leading his loyal band of fighters to victory obscures the intricate story behind the British-backed Arab Revolt of 1916. In this groundbreaking book, drawing on research in Britain, France and the

Middle East, James Barr retells the story as the international drama it really is. A wide range of characters, including Ronald Storrs (a laid-back bureaucrat with a passion for collecting oriental antiquities), Sherif Husein (the enigmatic Arab leader), his malleable younger son Feisal (Lawrence's comrade in arms), and Sir Mark Sykes and Francois Picot (the joint architects of the Anglo-French agreement that shaped the destiny

of the Middle East to this day) and Lawrence himself, all take the stage. Their ambitions, rivalries and underhand actions are the subject of this riveting new book that argues that for the British the primary purpose of the revolt was to hinder the Ottomans' call for the pan-Islamic jihad that they feared would threaten their Empire. The bitter legacy of the conflict that followed lives on with us today. In this study of Anglo-

French relations in the century before the Hundred Years War, Vale explores the sources of Anglo-French tension which ultimately led to the breakdown of feudal and diplomatic relations between these two great powers.

Originally published in 1986, this book charts the significance of one of the most important eighteenth-century diplomats serving at the Prussian court. It discusses his role in establishing a

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harmonious relationship
with Frederick The Great
and the formulation and
implementation of

Britain's continental
policy during and after
the Seven Years War.

The Origins of the War
Spies, Ciphers, and
Guerrillas, 1939-1945

The Alliance That Never
Was and the Coming of
World War II

The Politics of Grand
Strategy

From Occupation to
Liberation, 1940-1944

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Middle East, 1916-19
Studies in Anglo-French
History During the
Eighteenth, Nineteenth,
and Twentieth Centuries

This work examines the inter- and intra-sectarian relations in Lebanon against the backdrop of the conflicting pressures from Damascus and Paris, the stands of the Christians and Muslims towards the Lebanese state, and the rise of the political and economic elites in Beirut. It also analyzes Lebanese politics in the wider context of the Franco-Syrian confrontation, France's Middle East policy, the roots of Syria's hostility towards the Lebanese state and the attempts of

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its leaders to link it politically to Syria.

Covering 2000 years of Paris's history, Andrew Hussey presents a vivid portrait of an endlessly fascinating city.

This book presents a series of lectures delivered in 1914 on the diplomatic crisis which led to the outbreak of the First World War. The untold history of the French-British rivalry that shaped the Middle East, from Lawrence of Arabia to the violent birth of Israel. It was the middle of World War I. Two men—one, a visionary British politician (Mark Sykes), the other, a veteran French diplomat (François Georges-Picot)—secretly agreed to

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divide the Middle East. Britain would have “ mandates ” in newly created Palestine, Transjordan, and Iraq; France in Lebanon and Syria. For the next thirty years, this divide would make uneasy neighbors of two great powers and irreparably shape the Middle East. James Barr combs recently declassified French and British government archives and unearths a shocking secret war and its powerful effect on the local Arabs and Jews. He follows politicians, diplomats, and spies through intrigue and espionage to show us T. E. Lawrence ’ s stealth guerrilla terror campaigns, and he journeys behind closed doors to discover why Britain courted the Zionist

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This volume is concerned with diplomacy between England and the papal curia during the first phase of the Anglo-French conflict known as the Hundred Years' War (1305-1360). On the one hand, Barbara Bombi compares how the practice of diplomacy, conducted through both official and unofficial diplomatic communications, developed in England and at the

papal curia alongside the formation of bureaucratic systems. On the other hand, she questions how the Anglo-French conflict and political change during the reigns of Edward II and Edward III impacted on the growth of diplomatic services both in England and the papal curia. Through the careful examination of archival and manuscript sources preserved in English, French, and Italian archives, this book argues that the practice of diplomacy in fourteenth-century Europe nurtured

the formation of a "shared language of diplomacy".

The latter emerged from the need to "translate"

different traditions

thanks to the adaptation

of house-styles,

formularies, and

ceremonial practices as

well as through the

contribution of

intermediaries and

diplomatic agents

acquainted with different

diplomatic and legal

traditions. This argument

is mostly demonstrated in

the second part of the

book, where the author

examines four relevant

case studies: the papacy's move to France after the election of Pope Clement V (1305) and the succession of Edward II to the English throne (1307); Anglo-papal relations between the war of St Sardos (1324) and the deposition of Edward II in 1327; the outbreak of the Hundred Years' Wars in 1337; and lastly the conclusion of the first phase of the war, which was marked in 1360 by the agreement between England and France known as the Treaty of Bretigny-Calais. Though the Entente

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addressed several
outstanding imperial
tensions between the
British Empire and the
French Third Republic,
other imperial disputes
remained unresolved in the
lead-up to World War I.

This thesis explores Anglo-French tensions in Ottoman Syria, from the signing of the Entente to the secret Sykes-Picot Agreement in 1916. Syria proved to be a cause of frictions that brought many buried Anglo-French resentments back to the surface and created new ones. Cultural,

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strategic, and economic interests were at stake, interests which weighed heavily upon the Entente powers and which could not easily be forgone for the sake of 'cordiality'. This thesis presents evidence that unresolved Anglo-French tensions in Syria raised serious concerns among officials of both empires as to the larger future of their Entente, and that even after the Entente joined in war against their common enemies, such doubts persisted. This thesis argues that the strategies

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developed by Britain and France in Syria were developed to check each others' ambitions, and that these strategies proved highly consequential to their respective post-war positions in Syria. It is concluded that tensions in Syria constrained broader Entente trust and cooperation both before and during World War I "Riveting...A true-life mix of James Bond, Lawrence of Arabia and 'Casablanca.'" -The Wall Street Journal The astonishing untold story

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of the author's father,
the lone American on a
four-person team of Allied
secret agents dropped into
Nazi-occupied France,
whose epic feats of
irregular warfare proved
vital in keeping German
tanks away from Normandy
after D-Day. When Daniel
Guet was a child and his
family moved country, as
they frequently did, his
father had one possession,
a tin bread box, that
always made the trip.
Daniel was admonished
never to touch the box,
but one day he couldn't
resist. What he found

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astonished him: a .45 automatic and five full clips; three slim knives; a length of wire with a wooden handle at each end; thin pieces of paper with random numbers on them; several passports with his father's photograph, each bearing a different name; and silk squares imprinted with different countries' flags, bearing messages in unfamiliar alphabets. The messages, he discovered much later, were variations on a theme: I am an American. Take me to the nearest Allied military office. You will

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be paid. Eventually Jean Claude Guiet revealed to his family that he had been in the CIA, but it was only at the very end of his life that he spoke of the mission during World War II that marked the beginning of his career in clandestine service. It is one of the last great untold stories of the war, and Daniel Guiet and his collaborator, the writer Tim Smith, have spent several years bringing it to life. Jean Claude was an American citizen but a child of France, and

fluent in the language; he was also extremely bright. The American military was on the lookout for native French speakers to be seconded to a secret British special operations commando operation, dropping clandestine agents behind German lines in France to coordinate aid to the French Resistance and lead missions wreaking havoc on Germany's military efforts across the entire country. Jean Claude was recruited, and his life was changed forever. Though the human cost was terrible, the

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mission succeeded beyond the Allies' wildest dreams. Scholars of Mayhem tells the story of Jean Claude and the other three agents in his "circuit," codenamed Salesman, a unit of Britain's Special Operations Executive, the secret service ordered by Churchill to "Set Europe ablaze." Parachuted into France the day after D-Day, the Salesman team organized, armed, and commanded an underground army of 10,000 French Resistance fighters. National pride has kept the story of SOE in France

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obscure, but of this there

is no doubt: While the

Resistance had plenty of

heart, it was SOE that

gave it teeth and claws.

Scholars of Mayhem adds

brilliantly to that

picture, and further

underscores what a close-

run thing the success of

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At the beginning of The Great War William Le Queux started rumbling German schemes, and he wrote several novels and short stories set in occupied countries during the War. His heroes are mainly spies, secret service agents and other brave patriots fighting for the good cause.

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was an Anglo-French writer who mainly wrote in the genres of mystery, thriller, and espionage, particularly in the years leading up to World War I. His best-known works are the anti-French and anti-Russian invasion fantasy "The Great War in England in 1897" and the anti-German invasion fantasy "The Invasion of 1910."

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