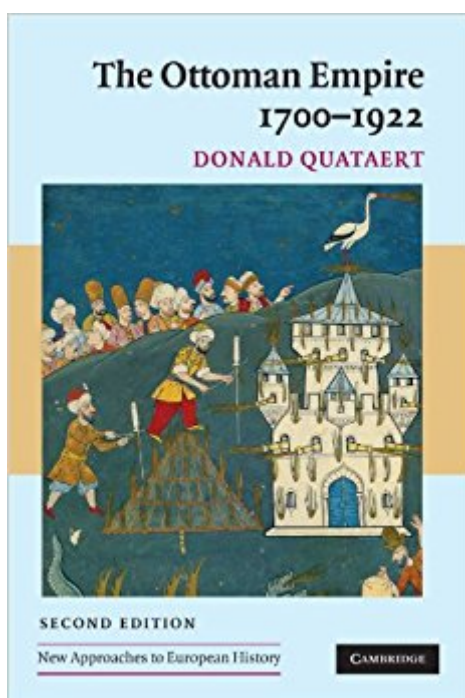


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Donald Quataert's *The Ottoman Empire* is a wonderful history of the late Ottoman Empire. The opening chapters ("Why Study Ottoman History" was particularly incisive, and should be required reading for anyone interested in the Near East) give an outstanding summary and introduction in just over 30 pages. No mean feat, it is testament to Quataert's skill as a writer of history. The majority of the book, however, addresses the gradual implosion of the Ottoman Empire - the first half a broad overview of the policies and changes the Ottomans attempted to institute to slow its decline, the last half a closer look at the economic and social consequences and reactions to these policies. This organization works well. The internal and external forces tearing the Ottoman state apart: ethnic minorities seeking nationhood, an increasingly conservative *ulama* advocating for a return to "Islamic values", a decaying economic infrastructure and the great industrial nations of Europe pulling and pushing in an attempt to maintain political and economic stability - are clearly shown with a few specific examples to illustrate the point without the historical minutiae that can bog-down the non-expert. This is a well-written history that would be a marvelous companion piece to David Fromkin's *A Peace to End All Peace: The Fall of the Ottoman Empire and the Creation of the Modern Middle East*.

It is a very well written book - aimed primarily at students/academics, and therefore was a bit more than I needed. I was basically just trying to find out what the Ottoman Empire was, as my impression of history was/is that a large amount of the current mess in the mid-east resulted from its breakup. From this book and other sources, I generally concluded that the League of Nations and its breakup of the OE, is what sowed essentially all the seeds leading to the current mid-east mess. The book's first three chapters, which included a number of good maps, covered the OE from its tiny start in the early 1300's through its heyday in the 1700's. Its economy, culture and society were all well covered. All in all, a good buy. W.

I have been doing research on the Ottoman Empire for a book I am writing and looking for a quality book with the information that this book absolutely has. This is a fine book, well researched, immaculately documented and very well written. I recommend it highly to anyone interested in reading about one of the longest lived Empires that has ever existed in recorded history. Fantastic book for history connoisseurs.

This book is in between a serious scholarly tome and popular history. It was an enjoyable read, enabling one to picture oneself in the alien world of the Ottomans. At the same

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