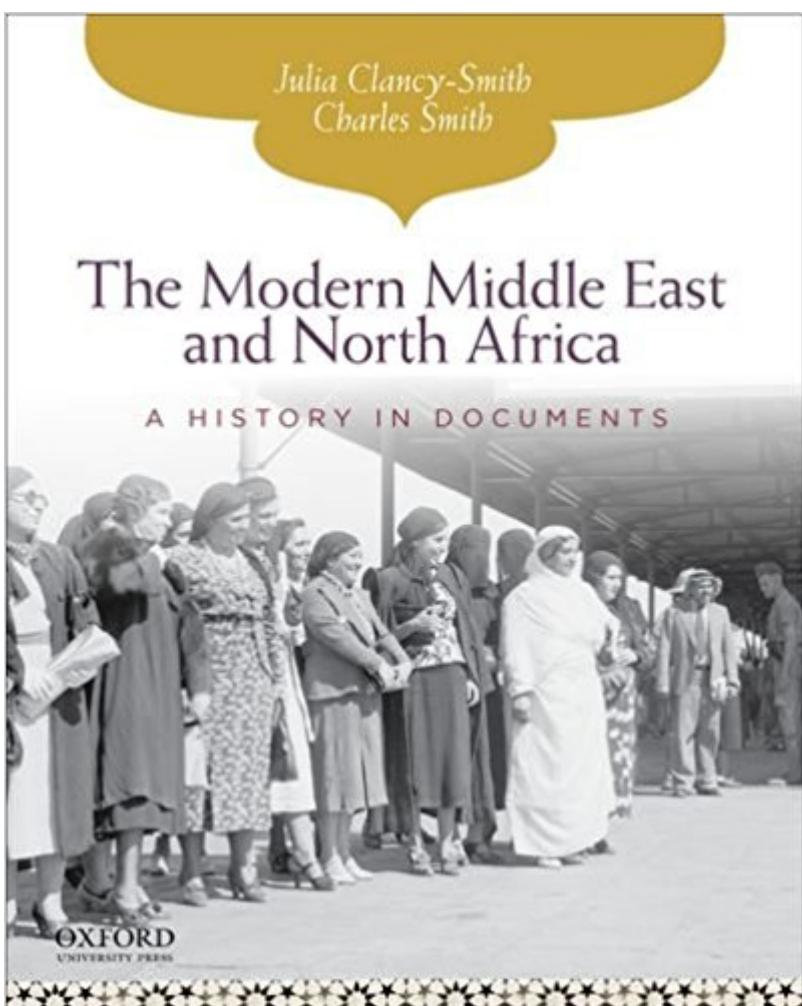


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I have been looking at this book with the idea in mind of using it as a text for a modern Middle East class. The coverage looks good and is manageable for a college class. There seems to be a nice balance between political, cultural and social sources. Each selection is well introduced and supported. The authors begin the book with a useful exercise in how to read primary sources. My only suggestion would be for the authors to add some discussion questions at the end of each chapter.

I assigned this to my students as a primary source reader but the introductory narratives proved to be more useful than the regular textbook I was using. The price is reasonable, unlike so many readers. For giving students a well-balanced picture of the Middle East and its history, it can't be beat.

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