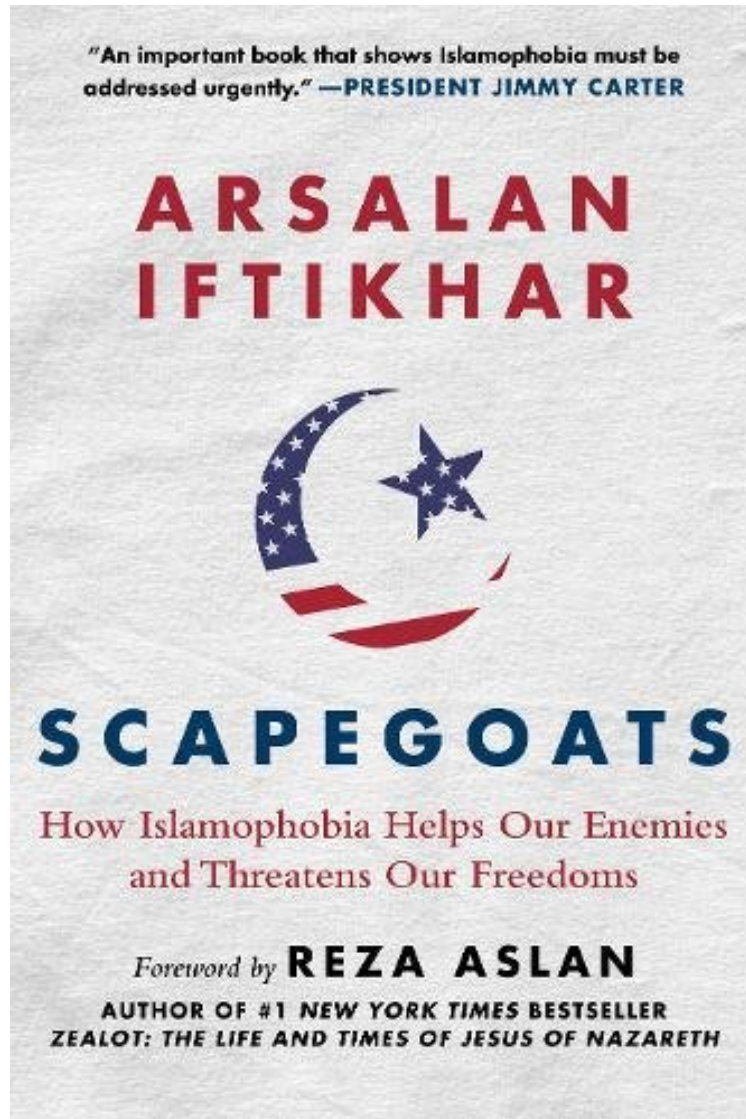


Scapegoats: How Islamophobia Helps Our Enemies and Threatens Our Freedoms

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Conclusions and examples showed insight and were enlightening. However other times his deep seated biases against certain individuals were obvious. Any figures he presented as evidence was suspect because of that bias. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. This is not the book I hoped it would be. By Alabama Anglophile I had hoped the author would give insights into mainstream Muslim beliefs as a way to counter Islamophobia, especially the non-Muslim's fear of Jihad. Instead he catalogues every instance of violence since 9/11 with some connection to Islamic extremists. He also notes other historical scapegoats. Unfortunately for my purposes he cites only two instances of positive Islamic beliefs: the first is in Chapter Three where he recounts a parable involving the Prophet Muhammad that illustrates the concept of "Ubuntu" (showing kindness to hostile neighbors); and in Chapter Seven's quotation from the Prophet's final sermon, beginning "All mankind is from Adam and Eve..." His book ends with a plea for tolerance without giving a non-Muslim a basic education of Islamic principles on which to base such tolerance. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. FRS By FRS What a gift this book is . As we are ushering in the most hateful and destructive presidency in the history of this nation , it is important that citizens be informed, as opposed to brain washed about other religious affiliations . We now have "state sponsored " hatred of Islam which has given us home grown terrorism , unfounded judgment of others . A book like this one explains by examples what is wrong with the mind set of too many Americans. Well done.

President Jimmy Carter called Scapegoats "an important book that shows Islamophobia must be addressed urgently." Because when a murderous psychopath goes on a killing spree, law enforcement officials and the media never make his religion the central issue--unless he happens to be a Muslim. Then it sets off another frenzied wave of commentary about the inherent evils that lurk within the Muslim faith. From Fox News talking heads, who regularly smear Muslim leaders as secret terrorists, to Bill Maher, who has made Islam a routine target, it has become widely acceptable to libel a religion with a following of over 1.5 billion people--nearly one-quarter of the world's population. Now popular commentator Arsalan Iftikhar--better known as "The Muslim Guy"--offers a spirited defense of his faith that is certain to win him wide acclaim--and yes, another round of overheated scolding from the usual media quarters. Arsalan Iftikhar's spirited defense of his faith is certain to hit a chord during the 2016 campaign season, as politicians and pundits vie to be the toughest on the block when it comes to escalating the hostilities in the Middle East, often demonizing Islam in the process. With his witty and levelheaded demeanor, the author will cut through all the sound and fury as a voice of sanity and reason.

"Scapegoats is an important book that shows Islamophobia must be addressed urgently. Violence or hate speech against any community based on their faith is un-American and is against our founding principles." Because when a murderous psychopath goes on a killing spree, law enforcement officials and the media never make his religion the central issue--unless he happens to be a Muslim.—PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER "My brother Arsalan Iftikhar is one of America's great champions of reason and respect. His book is a stirring addition to the literature of American pluralism. May it help to hold back the ugliness—the intolerance and the indecency—that is disfiguring our country."—LEON WIESELTIER "Iftikhar writes with a deep love of his country, and profound anguish about the betrayal of her cherished values of fairness and inclusiveness. This book is a wake-up call for America."—BOBBY GHOSH, GLOBAL NEWS ANALYST, CNN "[Arsalan Iftikhar has] become a go-to voice in American media, playing a variety of roles—explaining Islam, decrying Islamic extremism and also what he sees as rising islamophobia. It is that last which concerns him in a new book, and the title sums up its mission. It's called Scapegoats: How Islamophobia Helps Our Enemies and Threatens Our Freedoms."--MICHEL MARTIN, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO