



After the Prophet: The Epic Story of the Shia-Sunni Split in Islam

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Anchor, 2010. Book Condition: New. Brand New, Unread Copy in Perfect Condition. A+ Customer Service! Summary: Praise for After the Prophet "In After the Prophet, veteran Middle East journalist Lesley Hazleton tells with great flair the 'epic story of the Shia-Sunni split in Islam,' as she rightly calls it. " Ms Hazleton frames her account between such ghastly events as the bombing of the Shia shrine in Karbala on March 4, 2004, and the later, equally devastating attack by Al Qaeda on the Askariya Mosque in Samarra in February 2006. But After the Prophet isn't simply on-the-spot reportage. Ms Hazleton has steeped herself in the work of classical Muslim historians and in recent scholarship. The book is often thrilling in its depiction of long-ago events such as the tragedy of Karbala in 680, when Ali's son Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet, was massacred with most of his family. The slaughter -- still commemorated by the Shia in the annual Ashura rites -- is evoked vividly by Ms Hazleton, and it forms the inevitable climax of After the Prophet. Though she's quite even-handed in her narrative, her sympathies tend to lie with the Shia. That is to the good. Earlier accounts have almost always been...



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