

## Books on Iran

***King of Kings: The Iranian Revolution – a story of Hubris, Delusion and Catastrophic Miscalculation*** by Scott Anderson (best and most recent history)

***America & Iran – from 1720 to Present*** by John Ghazvinian (best comprehensive history)

***All the Shah's Men: An American Coup & the Roots of Middle East Terror*** by Stephen Kinzer (focuses on American intervention)

***The Iran Wars: Spy Games, Bank Battles & Secret Deals*** by Jay Solomon (beyond the kinetic war a look at the machinations beneath the surface)

***Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books*** by Azar Nafisi (reading forbidden Western books with seven Iranian women against the background of the Iranian Revolution and subjugation of women)

***Martyr!*** by Kaveh Akbar (an Iranian-American novel about identity, family, politics, history and poetry)

## Books on Iranian Proxies

***Hezbollah*** by August Richard North (a good short history)

***Hezbollah: The Global Footprint of Lebanon's Party of God*** by Matthew Levitt (an assessment of the precarity of the Lebanese state and regional instability)

***Hamas*** by Beverley Milton-Edwards and Stephen Farrell (single best book; revised with analysis of Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel)

***Tribes & Politics in Yemen: A History of the Houthi Conflict*** by Marieke Brandt (beyond the Iranian connection this is a trenchant examination of internal indigenous strife)