

## Counterterrorism Bookshelf: 5 Books on Terrorism & Counter-Terrorism-Related Subjects

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*So many books are published on terrorism- and counterterrorism-related subjects that it is difficult to catch up on a large backlog of monographs and volumes received for review. In order to deal with this backlog, this column consists of capsule reviews and tables of contents of five recently published books.*

Jeffrey Douglas Dailey and James Robert Phelps, *Intelligence for Homeland Security: An Introduction* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2021), 275 pp., US \$ 95.00 [Hardcover], US \$ 35.00 [Paperback], ISBN: 978-1-6263-7964-0.

This is an excellent comprehensive introduction about the current nature, structures, roles, and missions of domestic intelligence at the federal level in the United States, such as the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Central Intelligence Agency. The text includes valuable case studies of significant domestic threats over the years, such as the April 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and al Qaida's attacks on 9/11, which also led to the reorganization of the U.S. domestic intelligence apparatus. It is also illustrated by valuable tables, such as types of terrorism (state-sponsored, dissident, religious, criminal, and international), the indicators of activities included in Suspicious Activity Reporting (SARs) reports, and the Federal Emergency Management's (FEMAs) disaster management cycle (preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation components). Jeffrey Douglas Dailey is Associate Professor in the Department of Security Studies and Criminal Justice at Angelo State University, Texas. James Robert Phelps is on the adjunct graduate faculty at Aurora University, Illinois, and NOVA Southeastern University, Florida.

*Table of Contents:* Protecting the Homeland; The Origins of the Homeland Security Enterprise; The Creation of the Department of Homeland Security; The Role of the Intelligence Community; The Role of Homeland Security Agencies; The Role of other Security Agencies; Counterintelligence Missions; Domestic Threats and National Security; Homeland vs. National vs. Practical Intelligence; Making the System Work; The Future of Intelligence in Homeland Security.

Ashraf Esmail, Lisa A. Eargle, and Brandon Hamann (Eds.), *Terrorism Inside America's Borders* (Lanham, MD: Hamilton Books, 2021), 290 pp., US \$ 90.00 [Hardcover], ISBN: 978-0-7618-7100-2.

The contributors to this important edited volume apply a multidisciplinary approach from criminology, sociology, psychology, disaster research, and other disciplines to comprehensively analyze significant issues associated with domestic terrorism in the United States. Some of the issues discussed include the history and trends of terrorism in America, how terrorism is defined and differentiated from other types of criminal activities, the trajectory of terrorism and how to prevent it, the impact of terrorism on society, and how these issues are examined by a diversity of research methods and theoretical frameworks. Ashraf Esmail is Associate Professor of criminal justice, Barron Hill Criminal Justice Endowed Professor, and director of The Center for Racial Justice at Dillard University in New Orleans, LA; Lisa A. Eargle is Professor of Sociology and a Board of Trustees Research Scholar at Francis Marion University in Florence, SC; and Brandon Hamann is Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice at Dillard University in New Orleans.

*Table of Contents:* Foreword; Preface; Hate Crime or Act of Terrorism? The 2015 Mass Shooting of the Emanuel A.M.E. Nine in Charleston, South Carolina; The Shifting Course of Terroristic Ideologies in United States History; The Domestic Terrorist Profile; History and Prevention of Domestic Terrorism Affecting the United States; If It Bleeds, It Leads: To What Extent Do the News Media Monger Fear in High-Profile Cases of Home-Grown Terrorism?; Police Militarization and Domestic Terrorism; History and Trends in Terrorism Affecting the U.S.; Sex Trafficking and Terrorism; Terrorism-Instigated Violence Event as Disaster (TIVEAD) Process Model; Policing and European-American Hatred: A Form of Terrorism against African-Americans in the United States; Terrorism in the US, 2005-2017: A State-Level Analysis; Need to Understand the Unpredictability of Terrorism to Increase Preparedness; Youth Belonging, Radical Extremism and Social Integration; Terrorism in the United States: Fighting Extremism, Terrorism, Drug Cartels, Gangs and Organized Crime Groups.

Boaz Ganor, *Israel's Counterterrorist Strategy: Origins to the Present* (New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 2021), 424 pp., US \$ 160.00 [Hardcover], US \$ 40.00 [Paperback], ISBN: 978-0-2311-9923-0.

This is an authoritative and detailed account of Israel's approach to counterterrorism from 1948 to 2019. Making this account unique is the author's access to Israeli political and security leaders involved in counterterrorism over the years, such as personal accounts by current and former prime ministers, defense ministers, and directors of Mossad and Shin Bet, which enables him to offer an insider's perspective of the decision-making processes that shaped the country's counterterrorism activities over the years. The Israeli experience in counterterrorism, the author points out, provides important lessons in terms of tools and methods for other countries facing terrorism challenges, which the author lists as "intelligence, offensive, defensive, deterrent, legislative, and punitive measures, as well as educational and information campaigns aimed at fostering resilience among the Israeli public" (p. 7). In the concluding chapter on "The Art of Israeli Counterterrorism," the author insightfully points out the importance of the need for "knowledge of the enemy's rationale," which is based on a "cost-benefit analysis by terrorist organizations and perpetrators," which "varies from one terrorist organization to another and fluctuates depending on circumstances and the changing interests of the organizations" (p. 333). Other issues that, according to the author, need to be considered include engagements by decision-makers with the public, and formulating solutions "to balance the need for an effective war on terror with the protection of the liberal democratic values of the state" (p. 334). Prof. Ganor concludes his excellent overview with eight tenets from Israeli counterterrorism that can serve as a guide for other countries facing terrorism challenges, such as the central role of intelligence, the need for an integrated approach by a country's agencies and security services, dealing with the terrorists' motives, and deploying proactive counterterrorist actions (pp. 338-342). Boaz Ganor is the founder and executive director of the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) the Ronald Lauder Chair for Counter-Terrorism, and former dean of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy, and Strategy at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya, Israel.

*Table of Contents:* Chronology: Prime Ministers of Israel and Timeline of Major Events, 1948–2018; Introduction; The Israeli Counterterrorism Strategy and Decision-Making Process Conceptual Models; The "Fedayeen Phenomenon": The David Ben-Gurion and Moshe Sharett Administrations, 1948–63; Palestinian National Terrorism After the Six-Day War: The Levi Eshkol and Golda Meir Administrations, 1963–73; Cross-Border Terrorism After the Yom Kippur War: The Yitzhak Rabin Administration, 1974–76; Terrorism Against the Backdrop of the Lebanon War: The Menachem Begin, Yitzhak Shamir, and Shimon Peres Administrations, 1977–86; The First Intifada and Activities of the Palestinian Islamist Organizations: The Yitzhak Shamir Administration, 1987–91; Countering Terrorism During the Peace Process: The Yitzhak Rabin Administration, 1992–96; A Prime Minister's Assassination and Shifting Counterterrorism Strategies: The Benjamin Netanyahu Administration, 1996–99; Confronting the al-Aqsa Intifada: The Ehud Barak and Ariel Sharon Administrations, 1999–2004; Disengagement from Gaza and its Ramifications: The End of the Sharon Administration and the Ehud Olmert Administration, 2005–2008; Changes in the Greater Middle East: The Netanyahu Administration, 2009–2018; Israel's Counterterrorism Policy from the Perspective of Israeli Decision Makers; Conclusion: The Art of Israeli Counterterrorism; Appendix: List of Interviewees and Selected Newspapers.

Hank Prunckun, *Methods of Inquiry for Intelligence Analysis* [Third Edition] (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield), 248 pp., US \$ 103.00 [Hardcover], US \$ 51.00 [Paperback], ISBN: 978-1-5381-2587-8.

Intelligence analysis forms a crucial part of counterterrorism assessments, so it is important for analysts to understand the various analytic methodologies that are relevant to studying terrorism and how to counter it. Dr. Prunckun's "Methods of Inquiry for Intelligence Analysis" is ideally suited for counterterrorism analysis, as it covers topics such as how to obtain data via covert and open source methods, qualitative and quantitative analytics, threat assessments, target profiles, vulnerability assessments, risk assessments, and formulating national security policy assessments. As a textbook, each chapter consists of figures and tables, side boxes, a discussion, key words and phrases, study questions, and a learning activity. Dr. Prunckun, has published numerous books on intelligence and counterterrorism, and is a research criminologist at the Australian Graduate School of Policing and Security, Charles Sturt University, Sydney.

*Table of Contents:* Foreword; Preface; Intelligence Theory; Intelligence Organizational Structures; The Intelligence Research Process; Clandestine and Covert Sources of Information; Open Sources of Information; Qualitative Analytics; Quantitative Analytics; Geointelligence; Target Profiles; Operational Assessments; Vehicle Route Security Report; Threat Assessments;

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Vulnerability Assessments; Risk Assessments; National Security Policy Assessments; Appendix -Critical Values of Chi-Square Distribution.

Yannick Veilleux-Lepage, *How Terror Evolves: The Emergence and Spread of Terrorist Techniques* (Lanham, MD: Roman & Littlefield, 2020), 198 pp., US \$ 120.00 [Hardcover], ISBN: 978-1-7866-0878-9.

This is a highly interesting and well-researched account of the role of innovation in the evolution of terroristic groups' warfare techniques, with a focus on aircraft hijackings from the 1930s through al Qaida's 9/11 attacks. Five primary evolutionary developments are identified: the emergence of aeroplane hijacking in Peru and Cuba, hijacking for transportation, the use of hijacking by Palestinians, criminal innovation, and the use of aeroplanes as weapons of destruction (p. 4). In the conclusion, the author observes that future terrorist innovations are likely to include "armed drones, vehicle ramming attacks, 3-D printed weapons, or the malevolent use of gene-editing technology" (p. 155). The author is Assistant Professor in the Institute of Security and Global Affairs at Leiden University, Netherlands.

*Table of Contents:* Preface; Introduction; An Evolutionary Approach to Terrorist Innovation; The Emergence of Aeroplane Hijacking; Hijacking for Transportation or 'Freedom Flights'; The Global Impact of Palestinian Hijackings; Criminal Innovations; Aeroplanes as Weapons of Destruction; Conclusion.

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