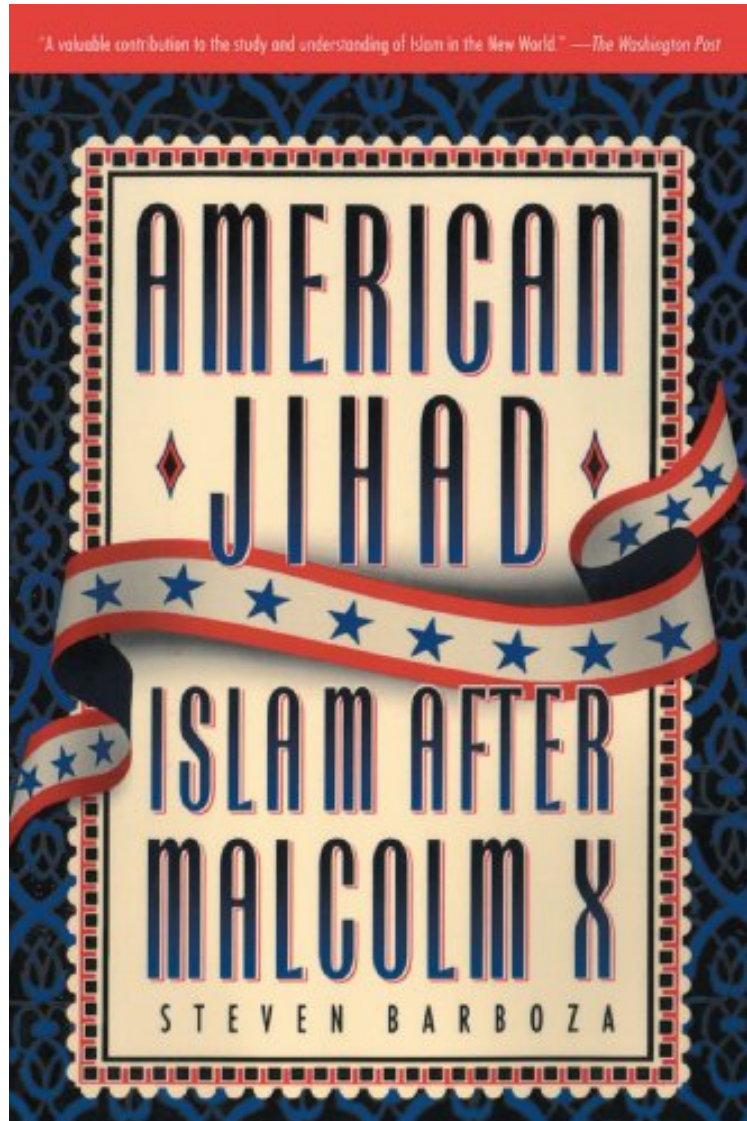


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Steven Barboza : American Jihad: Islam After Malcolm X before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised American Jihad: Islam After Malcolm X:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Experiences of the Islamic faith in pre-9/11 America By Bob "American Jihad: Islam After Malcolm X" is a thrilling example of the human experience in religious awakenings. The author who went through his own religious conversion to Islam explains the conversions of over fifty other fellow

Muslims including that of Malcolm X and the honorable Elijah Muhammad whom both belonged to the "Nation of Islam" which was created in the 1930's as an offshoot of Orthodox-Islam. The majority of the book's interviews come from African American converts and many of them come from the "Nation of Islam" which is detailed extensively throughout the book. Sunni Islam and Sufism are the sects that are detailed most prominently by the interviewee's as being the reason they converted, while Shia Islam is mentioned once or twice. The reader should understand that this book was written around the middle 1990's and does not feature interviews of Muslims in the post-9/11 atmosphere. While others may be looking for testaments of the Islamic resurgence in America during the post-9/11 atmosphere when bigotry and stereotypes of Islam abound I did not find that this ruins the quality of the book. There are multiple stories detailed of new Muslims fighting hate, bigotry, and their own doubts in their quest for the true Islam in the wake of the Lockerbie Bombing and the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. A diverse set of questions are presented as having been asked during the interview and the responses to many are quite extensive which I believe warrant the high price I paid for my Kindle edition of the book. The end of the book presents a brief history Islam, a glossary of terms, and a list of the "99 names of Allah" which adds to the value of the book. I thoroughly enjoyed this read and believe anyone who has even a passing interest in Islam will find it quite readable. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A CONVERT TO ISLAM WRITES A FASCINATING HISTORY OF MODERN AMERICAN ISLAM By Steven H Propp Steven Barboza is a journalist and a practicing Muslim (a convert). He writes in the Introduction to this 1993 book, "My intention was not to write a theological treatise nor to write a book about highly politicized secret societies that operate surreptitiously on the fringes of Islam. This is not a book about 'Muslim radicals' or 'Islamic extremists,' although the views of subjects I've included sometimes widely diverge from the mainstream. Rather, this work was undertaken principally to feel the pulse of Islamic society in America, to tell what is happening in a community of millions of converts to a religion that is so steeped in myth it remains as mysterious to most Americans as a woman behind a veil." Here are some quotations from the book: "The Qur'an says there is no compulsion in religion. How does a state that is using Islam as a political ideology get by forcing people to pray five times a day? In Saudi Arabia, you have a religious police. You have to close your shop and go to prayer. That is not Qur'anic Islam. That's Islam being used as a political ideology." (Pg. 39) "The whole office of the imam in the United States is itself being redefined in American terms, very much along the lines of ministers and pastors." (Pg. 41) "The Nation's (of Islam's) fate was sealed with the rap of a gavel in a Chicago probate court, where the Nation's bank account, properties, and businesses were disentangled from Elijah's estate and a \$13 million judgment was handed down. The Nation claimed bankruptcy and sold its Chicago mosque to Farrakhan's organization to pay off debts to Progressive Land Developers, its principal creditors." (Pg. 96) 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Growing whiskers By Nora R. Hope This is a fine book, with short biographical chapters of American Muslims from many different "tastes" of Islam. It would be nice if Barboza did a follow-up on the people still with us or another book with the under 40 crowd. I have used this book in many contexts with success. Concerning the reviewer who does not like the emphasis on Nation of Islam and its subsequent transformation, somewhere around 40% of American Muslims are African American. Many families went from one generation in the Nation to the next in "orthodox" sunni Islam. It is an important part of 20th c. American history. I am glad it has been reprinted. Now, who is going to sue Steve Emerson for stealing the title?

American Jihad is the only popular book available about the religious experience of Muslims, both black and white, in America. With over one billion faithful worldwide, and over six million in the United States alone, Islam is the world's fastest-growing religion. In fact, the population of American Muslims surpasses the membership of many mainline Protestant denominations. However, the media's depiction of Muslims in America often stops short of any real examination and opts instead to cover only the sensational, puzzling charisma of Louis Farrakhan, who leads the Nation of Islam, or the violence of some of the more extremist Muslims. American Jihad dispels these prominent but dangerously deceptive stereotypes and is the first book to take a serious and inclusive approach to exploring how the Muslim faith is embraced and practiced in America. Like many African-Americans of his generation, author Steven Barboza was affected profoundly by Malcolm X and converted from Catholicism after reading the Autobiography. In American Jihad, he features a myriad of faithful Muslims who come from many different walks of life from a foreign policy advisor of Richard M. Nixon's, to a blond Sufi, to an AIDS activist, and so on. In American Jihad, you'll hear from some of the most famous American Muslims after Malcolm X, including Louis Farrakhan, Kareem Abdul Jabbar, Attallah Shabazz (Malcolm X's daughter), and the former H. Rap Brown. In American Jihad, Steven Barboza does for Islam what Studs Terkel has recently done for race relations.

From Publishers Weekly Barboza, a black American journalist who converted to orthodox Islam after being inspired by Malcolm X, taps the rich diversity of the American Islamic experience in this collection of more than 50 brief interviews. While the interviews are not too deep, they do correct certain tabloid stereotypes of this rapidly growing religion. Some interviewees are famous: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar talks about how his conversion gave him credibility but not marketability, while Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin (the former H. Rap Brown) observes how Islam has enabled him

to control his anger. A section on the separatist Nation of Islam fills out interesting history, but an interview with Louis Farrakhan doesn't challenge his inflammatory statements. Talking about prayer, family and pilgrimage, others interviewed remain intriguing: a McDonald's manager discusses how the company adapts to Islamic countries; a female college student recounts fighting sexism from fellow South Asians; a Muslim Marine tells of battling prejudice in the military. Photos not seen by PW. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Barboza, who converted to orthodox Islam in 1975, introduces 50 members of the growing American Muslim population. With gentle proselytizing, the narratives and interviews relate conversion memories, immigrant tales, and other anecdotes about the U.S. Islamic experiences. The era of El Hajj Malik El-Shabazz (Malcolm X) and the Nation of Islam are instant images of American Muslims. Barboza interviews many from that era, including the famous (Muhammad Ali, Louis Farrakhan, and Kareem Abdul Jabbar) and the unknown (prison converts and others influenced by Malcolm X), as well as some foreign-born and pre-Malcolm Muslims. Barboza conveys the impact of Malcolm X on Islam's rapid growth and the American Muslims' struggle for acceptance while trying to cultivate our understanding of the religion through conversations with diverse practitioners. Grouped in themes addressing a particular aspect of jihad (an effort or strife), the interviews are engaging reading for all audiences. Kathleen E. Bethel, Northwestern Univ. Lib., Evanston, Ill. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Jihad means "struggle," and American Muslims are facing constant struggles against the odds, against their heritage, and often against each other. Barboza, himself a Muslim, interviewed dozens of Muslims and tackles all the important issues in this Studs Terkel-like collection. His interviews run the gamut from older people to teenagers, from professional people to working-class folks, from African American to Latino and even Native American Muslims, and, most significantly, from descendants of Elijah Muhammad to such athletes as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and the always fascinating Muhammad Ali. Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan discusses the split between followers of Warith D. Muhammad and those of his own mosque, which he considers the rightful successor to Elijah Muhammad. Barboza doesn't see Muslims through rose-colored glasses, delving into Elijah Muhammad's polygamy with a number of women. This account will make a lasting impression among both Muslims and non-Muslims. Joe Collins