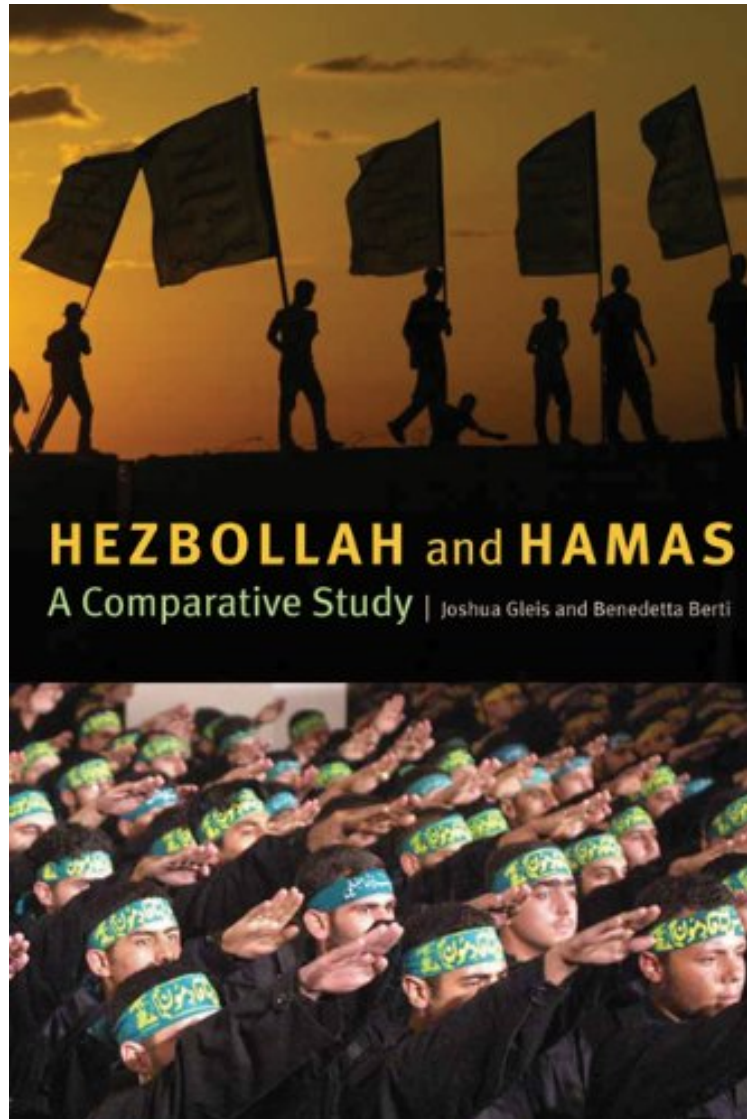


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A very balanced review of two very contentious, complicated organizationsBy Mup LAs someone who has studied these conflicts for some time, and who has visited Israel, Lebanon, and Palestine numerous times, I found this book to be surprisingly well balanced. Too often books on this topic are either decidedly pro-Israel or decidedly pro-Palestinian (or pro-Arab). This book is neither. It is actually a very solid scholarly review of two very contentious, complicated organizations. As someone who has heard both of

these authors speak, I found them to compliment each other quite well. They are both level-headed, with tremendous amounts of understated experience. If you are looking for a strong book on the Hamas and Hezbollah organizations, with their relevant relationships to Israel, this is definitely a book worth reading. I think it especially fitting for any undergraduate and graduate students who are really learning about these topics in a serious manner for the first time. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One Star By MassaabHard to take their arguments seriously, especially the part about Hamas 6 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Remarkably thorough analysis By Rob This book represents an in-depth presentation and analysis of the relatively current structure of the two organizations. The presentation of the respective histories are clear and detailed, and lay out an incredibly complex development of each movement within the contexts of their respective internal and external influences. The analysis of each organization's ideologies, and how they are tempered by pragmatic political concerns, shows a thoughtful and balanced approach by the authors to bring this information to a lay audience. This should be required reading for anyone interested in understanding the development of these originally extra-national movements in the Middle East, and how they have evolved into political organizations while maintaining their core world-views.

Hezbollah and Hamas are major players in Middle Eastern politics and have a growing involvement in global events. Despite their strikingly different beginnings, they share a common denominator adversary in Israel. Hezbollah and Hamas draws from primary interviews and documents coupled with a thorough review of current scholarship. This is a portrait of the organizations roots, histories, ideologies, relationships, tactics, political outlooks, and futures. Joshua L. Gleis and Benedetta Berti present organization charts, maps, and a case study of the TriBorder Area in South America, which frequently serves as an operational center for terrorist groups. Recognizing that these two groups are increasingly relevant to U.S. national security, Gleis and Berti provide a comparative analysis of their histories and political missions that moves beyond reductionist portrayals of the organizations' military operations.

"Within the past six years, Israel has fought one war with Hezbollah, the Party of God, and two wars with Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement. What are their roots, histories, ideologies, and tactics? Joshua L. Gleis and Benedetta Berti skillfully explore these issues in a fine primer." (Canadian Jewish News) "Solid analyses of these two Islamist national resistance movements, both of which notably Hezbollah demonstrate a kind of strength that is lacking in more secular organizations and constitutes a new kind of challenge to Israel." (Choice) "As Joshua L. Gleis and Benedetta Berti argue in *Hezbollah and Hamas: A Comparative Study*, a first-rate account of their respective development, Hezbollah and Hamas have evolved into important players in the Arab-Israeli conflict, and will continue to play this role in the future." (Sheldon Kirshner Canadian Jewish News) "Valuable as an introduction to the background and structure of these organizations." (Yehudit Barksy Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs) "While Hamas and Hizbullah have vastly different origins, they share a common adversary: Israel. As the groups become increasingly relevant to US national security, the authors provide a thorough overview of their histories, ideologies, tactics and futures combining scholarship and primary sources in their analysis." (Survival) "An essential read for policymakers to help them understand not only how these organizations are structured but also how they operate and the ideas that animate them." (William Martel, The Fletcher School, Tufts University) About the Author Joshua L. Gleis is an independent scholar and international security consultant. Benedetta Berti is a lecturer in Middle Eastern studies at Tel Aviv University and an associate fellow at the Institute for National Security Studies.