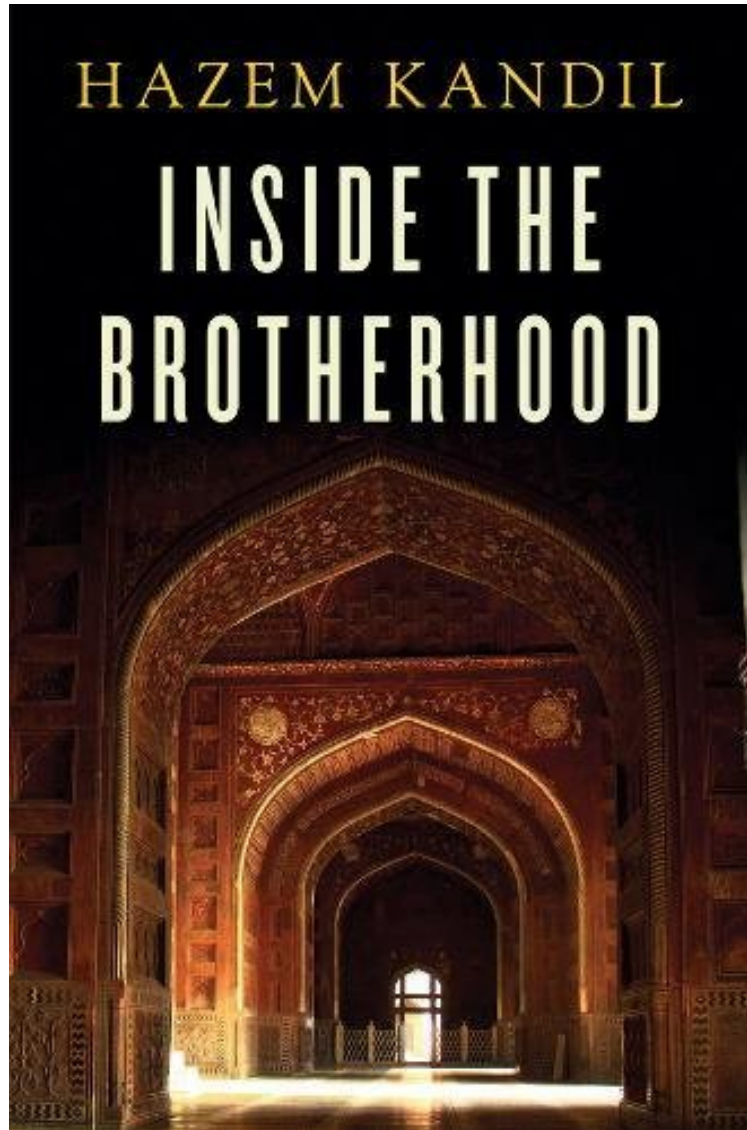


## Inside the Brotherhood

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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Worth a read but with shortcomingsBy Soru TakahashiI would recommend this book, or at least the first half, as it offers some very interesting insights into the inner workings of the Brotherhood (the second half is essentially about how the organisation's political ineptitude lead to its downfall, but this has well documented elsewhere). That having been said, there are a couple of caveats:1. The book is very

repetitive. The Brotherhood operates on the basis of an anti-intellectual philosophy and does not accept critical thinking - this message is hammered again and again from page 1, and after about 20 pages, I felt I had got the idea and started skimming.<sup>2</sup> Connected with the above, the author is overwhelmingly negative about the Brotherhood. Part of this may have to do with the fact that most of his contemporary sources appear to be people who got fed up and left, and, not being an expert on the organisation, I have no real reason to dispute those sources or the author's analysis. However, it's hard not to read the book and wonder if the author didn't purposely set out to write something critical of the Brotherhood, and chose the anecdotes and stories that fit his view. There seems to be precious little thought on why exactly a large number of people are attracted and loyal to the Brotherhood - is it a big Escape from Freedom? Are the people all stupid? I found this aspect a bit wanting. The above caveats regardless, I would recommend the book, because I feel that the first part is worth a read for anybody interested in the history of this very important organisation. At the end of the day, it is worth the ten bucks or so. However, I would certainly say that it should not be the only book one reads on the subject.<sup>0</sup> of 0 people found the following review helpful. UniqueBy Marlyn TadrosOne of the few books about the Brotherhood that portray them in the correct light because of all the insider interviews that author conducted. It is truly great research.<sup>3</sup> of 4 people found the following review helpful. Knocking down the myth of Divine InterventionBy Tarek Salah KamelHazem presents an elaborate insight into the core pillar of Islamism as crafted by the Muslim Brotherhood in the beginning of last century: Religious Determinism .. Or the belief of the Divine Intervention to the Godly cultivated community of Brothers and Sisters ... He shows - in a deep and thoroughly researched logic - how this pillar is deeply entrenched in their mindset really from the internal life of Brothers and Sisters ...Ironically, he explained, how the ideology of the Muslim Brotherhood group has always guaranteed their failure at each junction of political conflict in their whole history .. The book is irrefutable in its logic and the evidences it provides are critical alarming signals to the minds and hearts of the Muslim Brotherhood members, who - unfortunately -are not expected to value intellectuals and read their work with open minds and hearts as they have always not done!!

This is the first in-depth study of the relationship between the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood and its own members. Drawing on years of participant observation, extensive interviews, previously inaccessible organizational documents, and dozens of memoirs and writings, the book provides an intimate portrayal of the recruitment and socialization of Brothers, the evolution of their intricate social networks, and the construction of the peculiar ideology that shapes their everyday practices. Drawing on his original research, Kandil reinterprets the Brotherhood's slow rise and rapid downfall from power in Egypt, and compares it to the Islamist subsidiaries it created and the varieties it inspired around the world. This timely book will be of great interest to students and scholars of the politics of the Middle East and to anyone who wants to understand the dramatic events unfolding in Egypt and elsewhere in the wake of the Arab uprisings.

"The overall thrust of the book presents an interesting and plausible account of recent historical events in Egypt. But the real value of the work lies not in its ideological drive but in the richness of its empirical data and the rare glimpse of this well-known but little-understood religio-political movement 'from the inside'."Middle East Monitor "A deeply intimate portrait of an organisation rightly known as "the mother of all Islamist movements."Morning Star "Hazem Kandil has written a fascinating, highly intimate account of the internal practices of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood. Kandil takes the reader inside the organization to reveal detailed information about everything from recruitment practices to social network formation to construction of an organizational worldview. Inside the Brotherhood is essential reading for anyone who seeks to understand the Muslim Brotherhood's political rise and fall in Egypt." Lisa Blaydes, Stanford University "Hazem Kandil has written an original and challenging interpretation of the organisation and ideology of the Muslim Brotherhood enriched by unique access to members and functions. The subordination of policy and strategy to piety and proselytization helps to explain the Brotherhood's twists and turns at crucial points in modern Egyptian history, and their rise and fall since 2011, as well as the messianic reaction to their defeat and suppression." Sami Zubaida, Birkbeck, University of London" By probing what it means to be a Muslim Brother, exploring how the Brotherhood organization is structured, and placing religion at the center of the movement's amorphous ideology, Hazem Kandil offers helpful new interpretations even when going over familiar ground. The resulting picture is not always flattering, but it helps shed light on the group's sometimes puzzling behavior."Nathan Brown, George Washington University "Kandil's book is able to provide an in-depth, elaborate analysis of the contours of the recruitment and socialisation process as well as the re(construction) of networks."Political Studies About the AuthorHazem Kandil is University Lecturer in Political Sociology and Fellow of St. Catherines College, Cambridge.