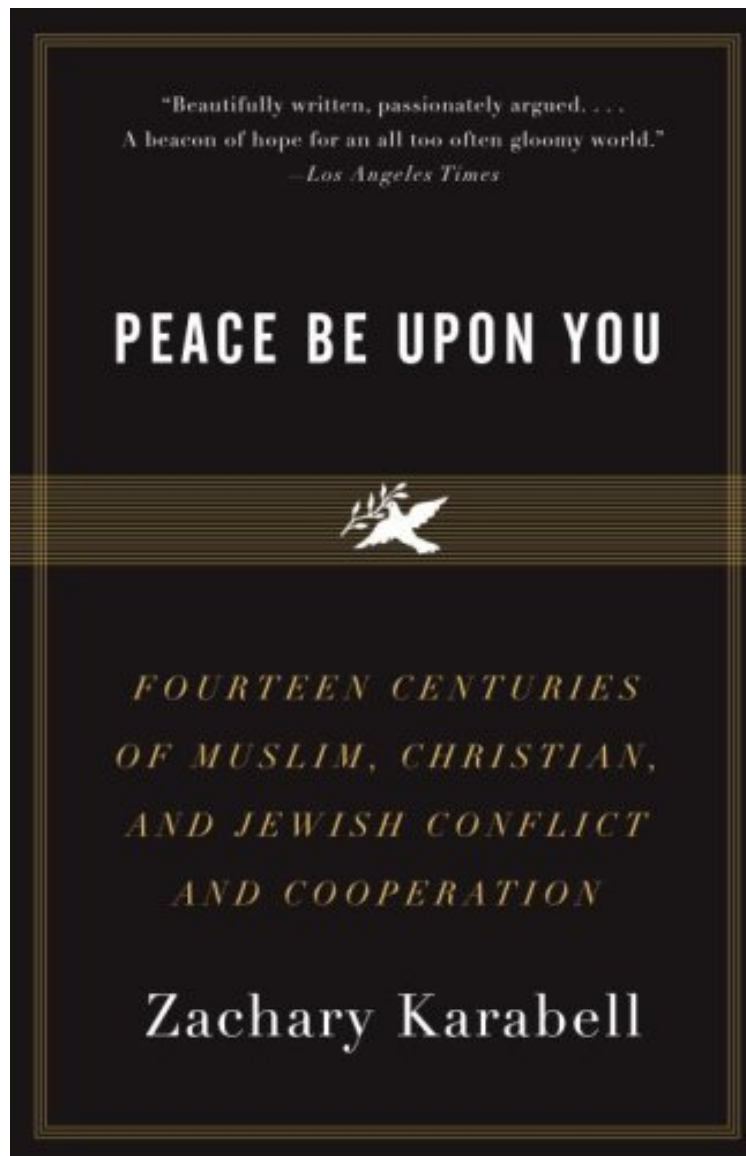


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**Zachary Karabell : Peace Be Upon You: Fourteen Centuries of Muslim, Christian, and Jewish Conflict and Cooperation** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Peace Be Upon You: Fourteen Centuries of Muslim, Christian, and Jewish Conflict and Cooperation:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very Enlightening. Highly recommended. By Santa Barbara YannI came to this book because it was quoted in a column by Fareed Zakaria. I am glad I did. Although I have long been interested in history of the region, I must admit that I was under informed, and this book was a very enlightening primer. The overall message is wonderfully positive. Karabell shows a historical record that demonstrates (perhaps against current conventional wisdom) that Muslims, Christians, and Jews are not fated to fight each other. Or, more realistically, that they have not historically fought each other any more than they have fought amongst themselves. The lessons are: a) By and large, it's not the religions differences between those faiths that have caused the strife which ignites periodically between them. b) Strife between these religious groups have been the exception rather than the rule. For most of history, these groups have managed to coexist and cooperate. Karabell exposes his thesis without preaching, while unfurling a detailed historic tapestry, weaving historical characters to general ethnological descriptions. It is a well balanced, well written book, which leads you to a "cautiously optimistic" conclusion, while leaving the reader plenty of space for his/her own reflection. Highly recommended. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great Read! By Bruce E. McLeod Jr. Zachary Karabell's book "Peace Be Upon You" is a beautifully written book which outlines the history and the relationship of Islam to Judaism and Christianity. His writing is remarkable. He brings a sense of historical knowledge and insight to the subject. It's readable and holds your interest. An advocate of "Peace" seems to be challenged by some based on the rhetoric espoused by the "hardliners" in today's world. Although the book reflects on the halcyon days of yore and pictures a tranquil and cooperative environment, it does not delineate any solutions to present day dilemma. Islam is the only major religion which has not reformed as other religions have. Islam's presence is felt globally. It reveals what many Americans do not know about the origins of Islam and its religious dogmas. This book is historical in its format and should be read to gain a perspective on the ingrained hostilities and what precipitated the sectarian religious divide and perceived perceptions. This is a treasure trove of history. This book should be on high schools reading lists. Great read! Bruce E. McLeod, Jr. 25 March 2015 Las Vegas, Nevada 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Nicely written. We needed this type of book to ... By Customer Nicely written. We needed this type of book to show people that Islam is a peaceful religion. It is very tragic that a few may be 000.1 % of 1.6 billion muslims have created such a bad image. I wish our media especially CNN anchors should read this book.

In a narrative that is at once thoughtful and passionate, an award-winning historian reveals the history of peaceful coexistence between Muslims, Christians, and Jews over the course of fourteen centuries until the present day. The harsh reality of religious conflict is daily news, and the rising tensions between the West and Islam show no signs of abating. However, the relationship between Muslims, Christians, and Jews has not always been marked with animosity; there is also a deep and nuanced history of peace. From the court of caliphs in ancient Baghdad, where scholars engaged in spirited debate, to present-day Dubai, where members of each faith work side by side, Karabell traces the forgotten legacy of tolerance and cooperation these three monotheistic religions have enjoyed a legacy that will be vital in any attempt to find common ground and reestablish peace.

From Publishers Weekly Conventional wisdom says that Christians, Jews and Muslims cannot get along and have never gotten along; the Crusades, the Inquisition and September 11 have all fueled the flames of constant religious intolerance. In a pedantic and frustrating study, journalist Karabell (*The Last Campaign*) challenges this view by pointing to numerous but little-known periods of peaceful coexistence among the three religions. For example, he points to John of Damascus's condemnation of Islam as a Christian heresy as a powerful indication of the close connection between the two faiths in the early Middle Ages. During the Crusades, Christian rulers often adopted the policies of the Muslim governments they had supplanted, while in the 19th century, some Muslim nations attempted to emulate the progress of Europe and to coexist more peacefully with European nations. Karabell points to Dubai as an area in which such ironic coexistence still occurs and wonders whether Dubai holds the key to the future. Regrettably, the moments of peaceful coexistence are hard to spot in Karabell's narrative, since the largest portions are occupied with the ways that Christians, Jews and Muslims have failed to get along. (Mar. 2) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist \*Starred\* Historians have so often focused on religious conflict--crusades, jihads, pogroms--that Karabell fears many readers have forgotten how often the devout have lived in peace with those of different faiths. To dispel this unfortunate forgetfulness, he develops a wide-ranging narrative highlighting epochs of interfaith toleration and cooperation. Readers visit, for instance, ninth-century Baghdad, where a Muslim caliph invited Christian, Jewish, and Buddhist theologians to compare beliefs; later, the tour moves on to thirteenth-century Toledo, where Muslims, Jews, and Christians collaborated in translating important classical texts; and, still later, Karabell turns to mid-twentieth-century Beirut, where disparate religions hammered out a national pact for sharing governance. Karabell concedes that some regimes have pursued ecumenical harmony merely to secure economic and political advantage, but he insists that such harmony actually reflects peace-fostering doctrines central to all of the Abrahamic faiths. Applying such doctrines, Karabell concedes, has grown more difficult in a modern world transformed by the rise of Islamic Fundamentalism. But he understands that

Fundamentalists can pursue their bloody aims only by reducing the past to a litany of grievances crying out for vengeance. A book restoring to that past the complexities of peace and cooperation greatly enhances the prospects for the future. Bryce Christensen Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved Beautifully written, passionately argued. . . . [A] beacon of hope for an all too often gloomy world. Los Angeles Times A hopeful, historical meditation. . . . Lucid, well written and persuasive. The Washington Post Book World A fine, wise and important book. . . . It shows that Christians and Muslims have known prosperous, co-existent peace before-and could do so again. The Times, London Reminds us of the possibility of a better future. Fareed Zakaria, editor, Newsweek International