

Endorsements

Conflicts in the Persian Gulf: Origins and Evolution

1. “An invaluable resource for anyone in search of a clearer understanding of the causes of conflict in the Gulf. This unique volume combines the highest level of scholarship, compassion and humanity in its explanation of the forces so often misinterpreted by outside observers.” Robert Looney, Distinguished Professor, Naval Postgraduate School
2. “Askari provides a very readable, yet comprehensive and meticulous elaboration of the multitude of tensions and strife so rampant in the Gulf region. *Conflicts in the Persian Gulf* will most certainly elevate the understanding of diplomats, national security scholars, and all those--faculty as well as students-- who desire a better understanding of the Middle East.” Donald L. Losman, Professor of Economics, Eisenhower School, National Defense University.
3. “It may be a cliché to say that the Persian Gulf is in a period of transition, but this is true nevertheless. As pointed out in this timely book, hereditary rulers cannot continue to rule forever. The many reasons are discussed in great detail. This book is a ‘must read’ for all those who are interested not only in oil but in the political and economic future of the Persian Gulf.” Ahmad Ghoreishi, former Chancellor, National University of Iran
4. “This book is as remarkable for its valuable insights as its brevity. Askari has achieved the seemingly impossible task of accounting for the inception, evolution, and consequences of inter- and intra-state conflict in the Persian Gulf region from the 7th Century to the present. Even more significant, however, is his explanation of how/why various social cleavages, especially sectarian differences, have over time morphed into tools through which self-serving elites seek to camouflage their insatiable quest for political and economic power. In Askari’s masterful rendition, effective remedies for resolving conflict should be sought not in changing regimes, but transforming institutions.” Dariush Zahedi, Director of the Berkeley Program on Entrepreneurship and Development in the Middle East