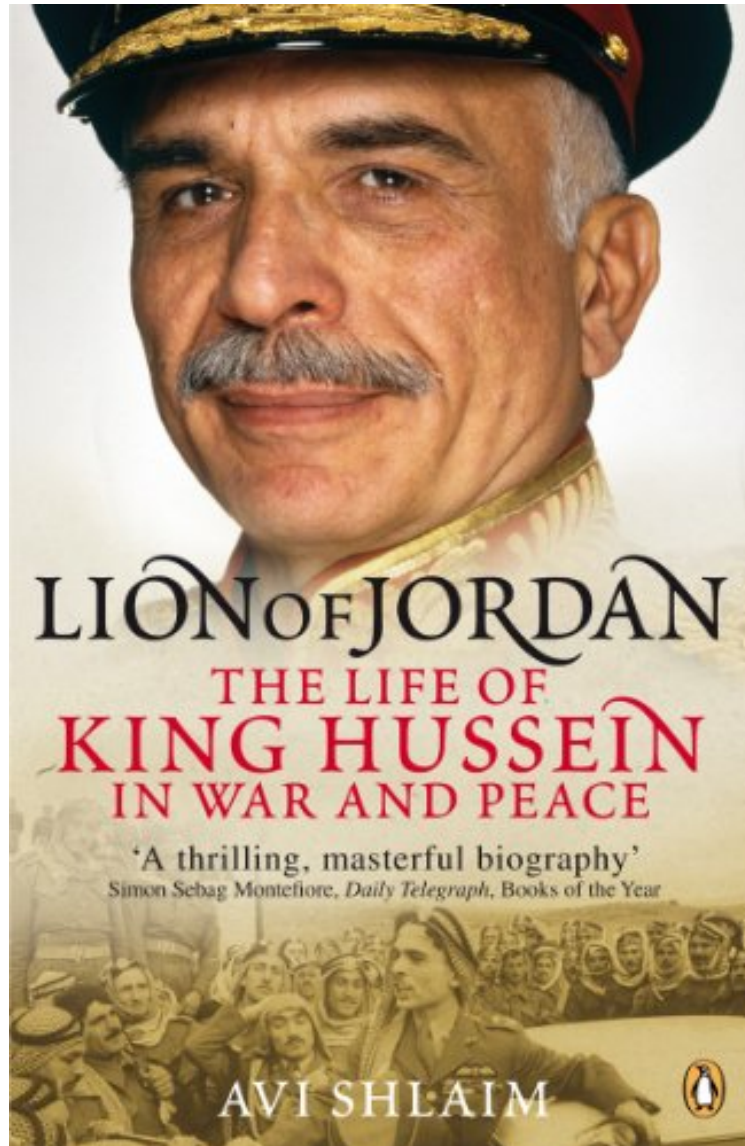


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Versuch, als Vermittler aufzutreten. Und ununterbrochen darum bemüht, sein kleines ohne Unterstützung durch Mächte wie GB oder die USA kaum lebensfähiges Königreich seiner Familie, den Hashemiten zu erhalten. Das bringt uns auch gleich zum ersten und einzigen Kritikpunkt, der Mensch Hussein kommt zwar schon zutage, aber sein Privatleben wird eigentlich nur gestreift. Doch fällt das nicht wirklich ins Gewicht, denn stattdessen erhält man einen hochinteressanten und wie mir scheint objektiven Einblick in den Nahostkonflikt und seine Ursachen. Schon herausgearbeitet ist auch die Sonderstellung der Hashemiten in dieser so turbulenten Region, da diese schon immer eine andere Haltung zu Israel hatten, als der Großteil ihrer arabischen Nachbarn. Als "beste Feinde" bezeichnet Shlaim das ungewöhnliche Verhältnis zwischen Israel und Jordanien. "Lion of Jordan" ist ein hochinteressantes Buch über einen ebensolchen Mann und sollte Pflichtlektüre sein für jeden, der sich für diese Region interessiert.

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