

## Reader's Guide

**W***ar in the Persian Gulf Biographies: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* presents profiles of thirty men and women who participated in or were affected by the U.S.-led wars against Iraq that took place in 1991 and 2003. The volume includes a diverse mix of personalities from the United States, Iraq, and other countries that played key roles in the conflicts. *Biographies* features politicians, diplomats, military leaders, soldiers, journalists, and others involved in the wars.

Detailed biographies of major figures from the 1991 Persian Gulf War (such as George H. W. Bush, Saddam Hussein, Tariq Aziz, and H. Norman Schwarzkopf) and the 2003 Iraq War (such as George W. Bush, Donald Rumsfeld, and Tony Blair) are included. But *War in the Persian Gulf Biographies: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* also provides biographical information on lesser-known, but nonetheless important and fascinating, men and women from both conflicts. Examples include April Glaspie, the U.S. ambassador to Iraq who was accused of encouraging Saddam Hussein to invade Kuwait in 1990; Peter Arnett, the contro-

versial journalist who broadcast the first air strikes of the 1991 war live from a Baghdad hotel; Michael Donnelly, an American fighter pilot who became a champion of veterans suffering from Gulf War syndrome; Jessica Lynch, a U.S. soldier who was captured during the 2003 Iraq War and later rescued by U.S. Special Operations forces; Mohammed Said al-Sahhaf, the Iraqi information minister known for using colorful insults and denying the presence of U.S. troops in Baghdad in 2003; and Ahmad Chalabi, an Iraqi opposition leader who became a member of the Iraq Governing Council following the fall of Saddam Hussein in April 2003.

### **Format**

*War in the Persian Gulf Biographies: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* also features informative sidebars that contain brief biographies and interesting facts about the issues and events discussed in the main body of the text. More than sixty black-and-white photographs illustrate the work. In addition, *War in the Persian Gulf Biographies: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* contains a timeline of key events, a glossary, a “People to Know” section, sources for further reading, and a subject index.

### **War in the Persian Gulf Reference Library: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom**

*War in the Persian Gulf Biographies: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* is only one component of a three-volume War in the Persian Gulf Reference Library: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom. The other two titles in this multivolume set are:

- *War in the Persian Gulf Almanac: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* presents a comprehensive overview of the 1991 and 2003 U.S.-led wars against Iraq. The volume’s twelve chapters are arranged chronologically and cover all aspects of the two conflicts, from Iraq’s 1990 invasion of Kuwait through the fall of Baghdad to U.S. forces in 2003. The *Almanac* begins by describing the history of the Middle East and Saddam Hussein’s rise to power in Iraq and concludes by examining the complex issues involved in the transition to a democratic Iraqi government. More than sixty black-and-white photographs

and maps help illustrate the text. Numerous sidebars highlight interesting individuals and facts. *War in the Persian Gulf Almanac: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* also includes a timeline of important events, a glossary, a “People to Know” section, research and activity ideas, sources for further reading, and an index.

- *War in the Persian Gulf Primary Sources: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* presents twelve full or excerpted documents related to the 1991 and 2003 U.S.-led wars against Iraq. These documents range from notable speeches that mark important points in the conflicts to personal diaries and letters that reflect the experiences of ordinary soldiers and civilians. The excerpts are arranged chronologically, beginning with Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein’s decision to invade Kuwait in 1990 and ending with an Iraqi citizen’s 2003 Internet diary describing conditions in Baghdad under U.S. occupation. Each excerpt has a glossary that runs alongside the reprinted document to identify unfamiliar terms and ideas contained within the material. *War in the Persian Gulf Primary Sources: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* also includes photographs, sidebars, a timeline of key events, a glossary, a “People to Know” section, and an index.
- A cumulative index of all three titles in *War in the Persian Gulf Reference Library: From Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom* is also available.

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