

E. Burke Inlow. *Shahanshah: A Study of the Monarchy of Iran*. Delhi, Motilal Banarsidass, 1979.
xxi + 279 pages.

The book is more misleading than useful. The historical section is drawn from a narrow selection of secondary sources, including the *Shah-Namah* in translation. It is full of inaccuracies. The part on the modern monarchy is not based on any systematic study of the available literature but on a few secondary sources, newspaper articles and personal reminiscences.

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Tim Niblock, ed. *State, Society and Economy in Saudi Arabia*. New York: St. Martin's press, 1981.
314 pages, index. \$27.50

The papers in this book were originally presented at a 1980 symposium held at the University of Exeter's Centre for Arab Gulf Studies. As with the papers of the Centre's inaugural 1979 conference on the Arab Gulf, the contributions to this volume are timely and generally of high quality. They cover topics as diverse as the establishment of the Saudi state, the political economy of domestic development, foreign relations in the region and with the superpowers, secular and religious opposition, oil policy, and the banking system. An essential book for country and regional specialist, and a worthy sequel to the Centre's earlier *Social and Economic Development in the Arab Gulf* (1980), also edited by Niblock.

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