



BEST OF ENEMIES

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A History of US and Middle East Relations
Part Two: 1953-1984

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The second volume of Jean-Pierre Filiu and David B.'s graphic novel history of US-Middle East relations begins in the 1950s with the Eisenhower Doctrine and ends with the Lebanese War of 1982. *Best of Enemies Part Two* covers a particularly turbulent era of US-led intervention, from the Suez Crisis to the Six-Day War, the 1979 Iranian Revolution to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. It's a history of the significant events that took place across the prominent countries of the Middle East including Egypt, Syria, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Intelligent, accessible and beautifully drawn, *Best of Enemies* brings to life a period of history that remains a crucial part of international relations today. The first volume, which covers the period 1783-1953, has already been added to university reading lists and is a compulsory set text for Political Science students at MIT. Filiu has condensed the complex social, economic, and political aspects of the whole region with merciless clarity and this is mirrored in David B.'s clean black and white illustrations, which keep the narrative flow tight but compelling. Together they bring focus on the main events and people who have been at the centre of this thirty-year period of modern

history, including figures such as US Presidents Eisenhower, Carter and Reagan, Egypt's President Nasser, Henry Kissinger, Israeli President Menachem Begin, P.L.O.'s Yasser Arafat, King Hussein of Jordan, and the Ayatollah Khomeini.

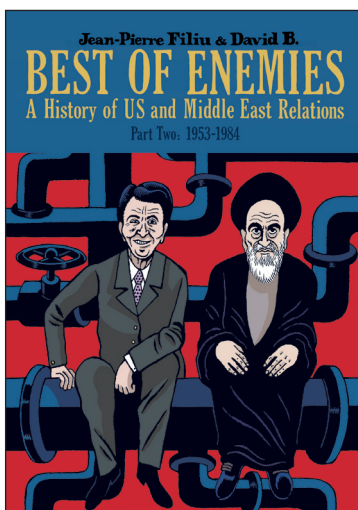
Similar in vein to graphic novels like Joe Sacco's *Palestine* and Marjane Satrapi's *Persepolis*, *Best of Enemies Part Two* offers an important educational commentary on the events that have shaped a region of the world that remains the focus of huge media attention.

Coinciding with the release of the second book, *Best of Enemies Part One* will be available on the digital graphic novels App Sequential.

About the creators

Jean-Pierre Filiu is a world-renowned expert on the Middle East. The author of numerous books, he has advised the French Minister for the Interior and regularly lectures at Harvard University.

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