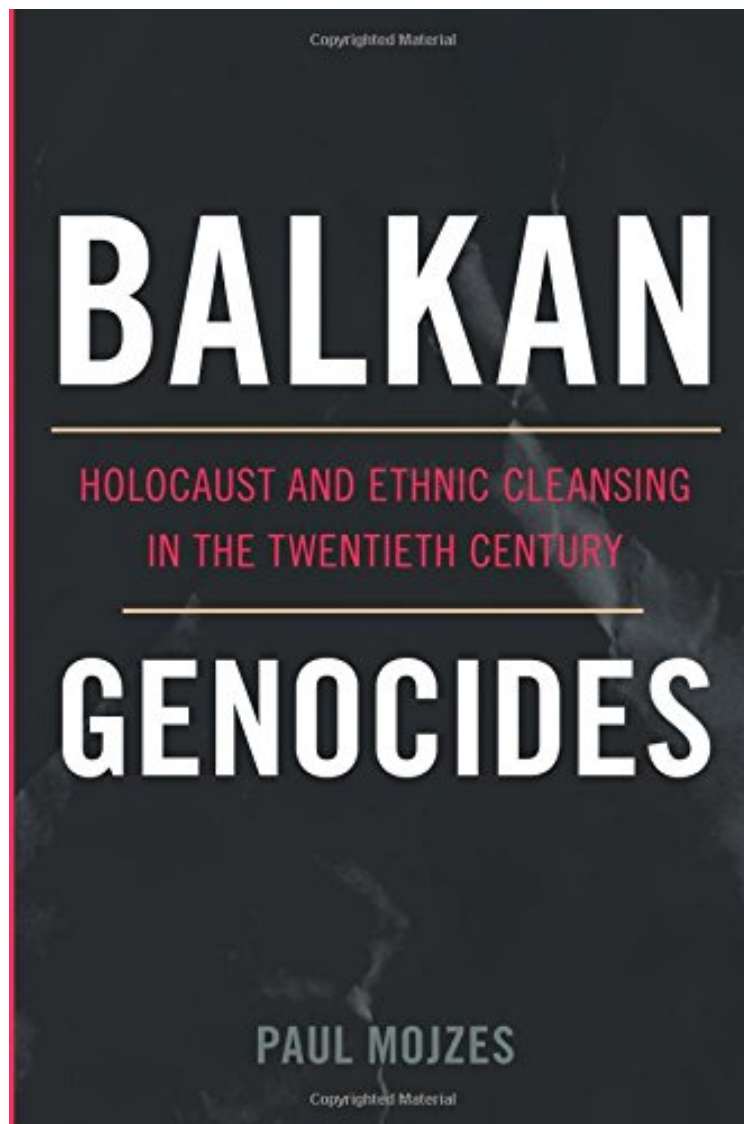


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Offers Balance in a World of Extreme Xenophobia By Joseph Psotka This thoroughly researched and balanced perspective on the many genocides in the Balkans in the twentieth century deserves all the accolades it gets. By laying bare the history of all sides, victims and oppressors, since in this closed space one evil turn often follows the other, it opens up real prospects for dialog, cooperation, and even perhaps, reconciliation. Forgiveness is altogether often too superficial, because it is often based on one-sided condescension. Still, even superficial forgiveness is better than continuing blame and thirst for revenge, or as occurs several times, the oblivion of ethnic homogeneity after genocide. In the Balkans, anything can happen: every group had its turn to oppress and be victimized, sometimes simultaneously. Only by listening closely and carefully to all sides, particularly by the victims to the historical claims of injustice by themselves and their former oppressors, can the xenophobic biases of revenge be replaced with some understanding that raises their eyes from the dark defile of pain and suffering to the broad, sunlit plain of humanity and community. This ever timely book offers that prospect, and even sees it realized in a closing chapter.

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Paul Mojzes is a well-informed and eminent historian of religion with a profound interest in the study of ethno-religion as the rationale for genocide. He offers his readers an excellent comprehensive and systematic, narrative of the horrific events that dominated the first and last decades of the previous century. His analysis and the interpretation of the different wars in the Balkans during the last century, and horrors they produce are very engaging. Mojzes' book adds greatly to our understanding of ethnic conflict and genocide. I highly recommend Balkan Genocides to anyone interested in topics of ethnic cleansing, genocide, ethno-religious nationalism, ethno-religious warfare, and cultural vandalism. (Insight) Balkan Genocides sets out a history of conflict, mass violence, ethnic cleansing, and genocide in the Balkans throughout the Twentieth Century. It is an extremely useful text, providing an overview of such events during that period, and offers readers more of a contextual conception of conflicts in the region. . . . In writing this book, Mojzes is clearly driven by a passion for justice and truth and an acknowledgment of wrongs as a way to move forward and attempt to clear the hostilities of the past. . . . Balkan Genocides is a valuable contribution to the literature, and will be of use on the shelf of any scholar or practitioner in the fields of genocide studies, history, political science, international law, religion, socio-cultural anthropology, and sociology. (E-International Relations) [Balkan Genocides] go well beyond the binary stereotypes of the region East versus West, liberal versus authoritarian, nationalist versus cosmopolitan in their interrogation of what constitutes normalcy for a group of diverse countries with overlapping historical experiences and the frequent misfortune of being stuck between larger, more ambitious powers. (Los Angeles of Books) This book is both comprehensive and even-handed. It stands out as preeminent over everything written on the subject of genocide in Southeastern Europe to date. It is, unquestionably, the premiere work in the field, without a doubt the best. (James Payton, professor of history, Redeemer University College) In this long-awaited book Paul Mojzes finally puts in context and perspective the crimes of genocide in the Balkans in the troublesome twentieth century. Their pervasive and frequent occurrence and ubiquitous diffusion required an explanation beyond the existing isolated case studies, one-sided indictments and slanted accounts. Mojzes offers a new interpretation of the recent Balkan history informed by paradigms from genocide and holocaust studies. Its rich historical narrative is interspersed with theological and philosophical observations and personal reminiscences of a veteran Balkan scholar. I would recommend it to all who are puzzled by recent history of violence in the Balkans and unhappy about its shallow media coverage. Bojan Aleksov (Bojan Aleksov, University College London) I have followed with much interest the continuing, careful, and highly-nuanced scholarship of Paul Mojzes regarding the genocides in the Balkan region, both historical and contemporary. His work is made all the more significant because of his familiarity with the languages of the region and his primary insight regarding ethno-religion as the rationale for genocide in that under-explored area. As one concerned with the nexus between religion and genocide, I applaud Mojzes for this latest contribution and recommend it to the widest possible reading audience of all those concerned with this ongoing horror. (Steven Leonard Jacobs, Aaron Aronov Chair of Judaic Studies, University of Alabama) This is an extremely important book, which has no rival in print. It systematically covers all regions and puts late 20th century events in a much larger historical field. It is unflinching in its consideration of the parties involved and treats all victims with consistent empathy. (Christopher P. Parr, professor of religious studies, Webster University) Mojzes' comprehensive, systematic and well documented book shows how the Balkans in the 20th century finally became an integral part of modern Europe, shaped by the exclusivistic nation-state principle: a bunch of small, monoethnic, irredentistic states, of hostile neighbours instead of friendly and cooperative nations. This was achieved with the same horrific methods as elsewhere, whatever they are called: genocide, mass killings, or ethnic cleansing. All these were not caused by some ancient hatreds, ethnic and

religious differences, irreconcilable national characters, or irrational mentality, but by a deliberate, well planned, and ruthlessly executed power politics. Mojzes' is not only a punctilious study of bloody episodes of the last century in the Balkans, but also a convincing warning from the recent past, what mistakes must not be repeated in the future, at all costs. (Mitja Velikonja, professor of cultural studies, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)As the Founding Director of the Master of Arts Program in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, *Balkan Genocides: Holocaust and Ethnic Cleansing in the 20th Century* is exactly the book for which I have been searching. There has not existed such a comprehensive, user friendly volume in this subject area. Professor Mojzes, a world authority on the history, political and sociological implications of the Balkans, provides precise scholarship, in a readable manner reflecting his many decades of research, scholarship and personal experience in that region of the world. (Marcia Sachs Littell, Richard Stockton College of NJ)*Balkan Genocides* is the first book to provide a comprehensive account of the three major waves of genocide and ethnic cleansing (including the Holocaust) in the Balkan peninsula during the 20th century—from the Balkan wars to World War II to the wars of Yugoslavia's disintegration. By placing the events within their proper historical context, Paul Mojzes raises awareness of the total scope of destruction with while also correcting the misrepresentations which have led to the denial and cover-up of many of the genocides themselves.

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