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**Familiar Futures: Time, Selfhood, and Sovereignty in Iraq (Stanford Studies in Middle Eastern and Islamic Societies and Cultures)** by Marie Tyler-McGraw

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Time, Selfhood, and Sovereignty in Iraq explores the complex relationship between time, selfhood, and sovereignty in Iraq. This book draws on a wide range of sources, including literature, film, and ethnography, to provide a nuanced understanding of how Iraqis have experienced and imagined time and sovereignty over the past century.

Jones argues that time is not a neutral or objective phenomenon in Iraq, but rather a contested and politicized concept. The ways in which Iraqis have experienced and imagined time have been shaped by a variety of factors, including colonialism, imperialism, and war. These experiences have led to a sense of disorientation and fragmentation in Iraqi society, and

have made it difficult for Iraqis to develop a coherent sense of selfhood and sovereignty.

Jones's book is a timely and important contribution to the study of Iraq. It provides a fresh perspective on the country's history and politics, and offers valuable insights into the challenges facing Iraq today.

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—**Juan Cole**, University of Michigan

"Time, Selfhood, and Sovereignty in Iraq is a major contribution to the study of Iraq and the Middle East. Jones's book provides a nuanced and insightful analysis of the ways in which time, selfhood, and sovereignty have been contested and negotiated in Iraq over the past century. This book is essential reading for anyone interested in the history, politics, and culture of Iraq."

—**Michael E. Bonner**, University of Michigan

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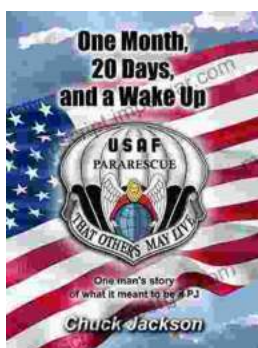
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