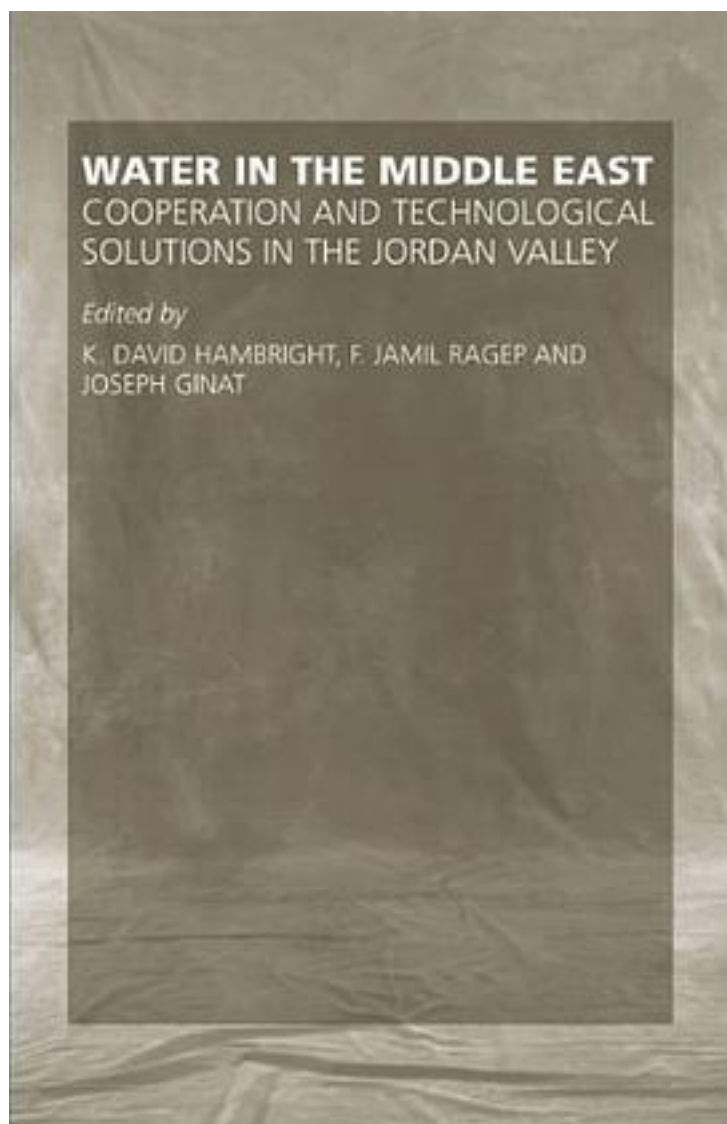


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Scarcity of water is a problem in many areas around the world. In this sense the Middle East which suffers from frequent droughts and a shortage of potable water, is not unique. However, when political disagreements among states combine with issues of fair and equitable access to common water resources, the problems associated with water scarcity seem intractable. In this sense the Middle East, and particularly the Jordan River Valley, is indeed unique.

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