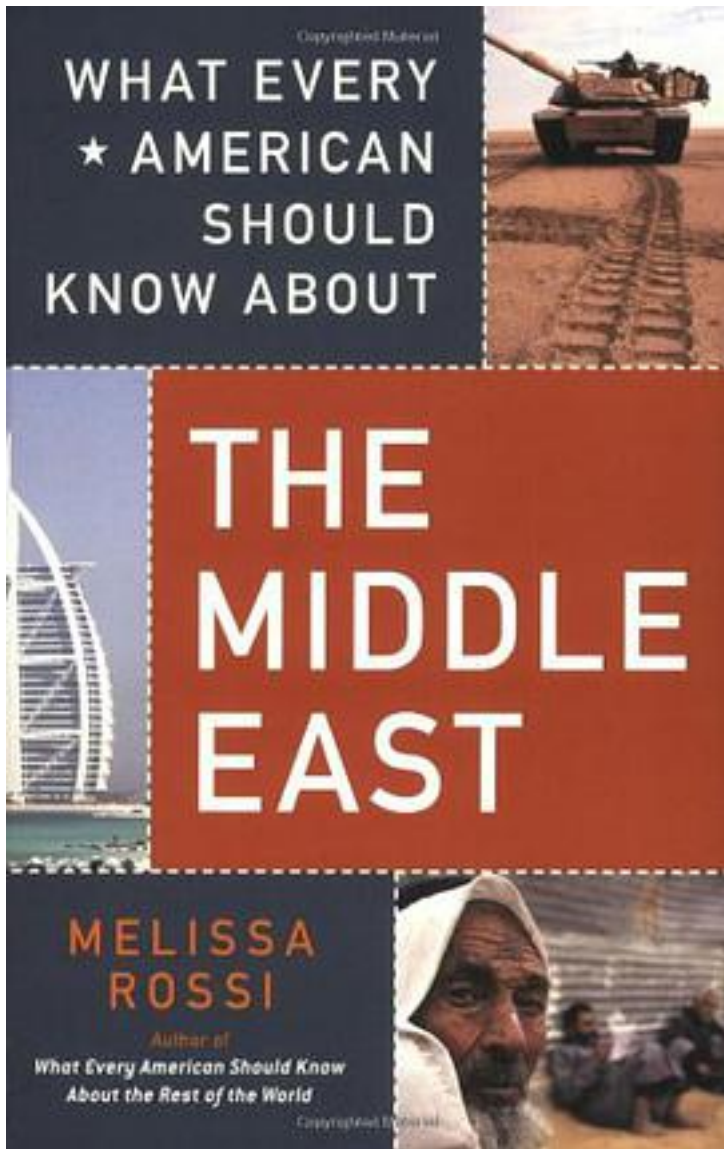# What Every American Should Know About the Middle East

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