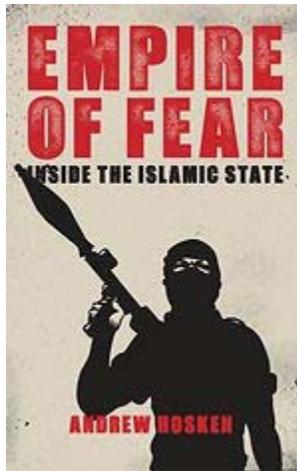


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Empire of Fear

Inside the Islamic State

"An exploration of the spreading terror of the self-proclaimed new caliphate. Senior BBC reporter Hosken, who has covered 9/11 and the Arab Spring, among other major world events, has been tracking the rise of the

Islamic State since 2003, as it took root with the United States-led invasion of Iraq. **There are enormously complicated yet logical steps to the terrorist organization's horrifying rise, and the author does a thorough job of building the chronology.** The first Jordanian leader of IS, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, was radicalized in prison by Islamist extremism and the idea of eradicating apostasy, in the form of anyone not subscribing to the narrow Salafist ideology—e.g., Shia Muslims, Yazidis, Christians, and many others. From 1996 to 2003, followers adhered to a specific blueprint and embraced a bloodthirsty campaign of purging Shia enemies (the majority in Iraq) and employing widespread terrorism, culminating in the declaration of a caliphate by 2014—embodied with the capture of Mosul. The U.S.'s disastrous decision to dissolve the Ba'ath Party led many embittered generals to join the insurgency. After al-Zarqawi's death in June 2006, the next leader and future caliph of IS, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, followed the terror strategy laid out in a manual called *The Management of Savagery*: suicide bombs, massacres, beheadings, abduction and rapes of women and children, terrorizing the population of Anbar province. Al-Baghdadi made the crucial decision to enter the Syrian civil war in 2011, which gave the group deadly new impetus leading to the declaration of a caliphate. **Hosken does an excellent job** of sorting out the American reaction, the failure of the Iraqi leadership in the form of Nouri al-Maliki and others, and how IS has become the richest terrorist group in the world. **A tremendously useful, insightful study** of the frightening spread of a culture of death." - *Kirkus Reviews, starred review*

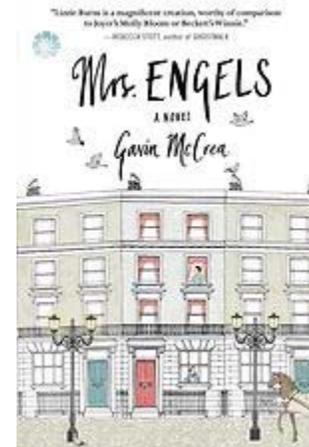
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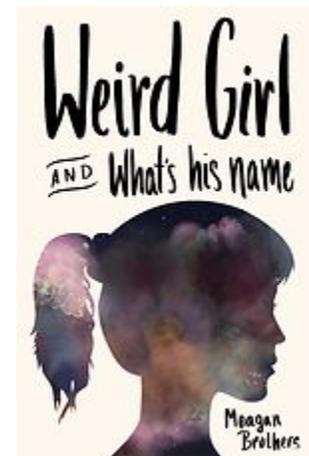
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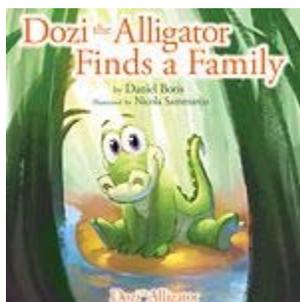
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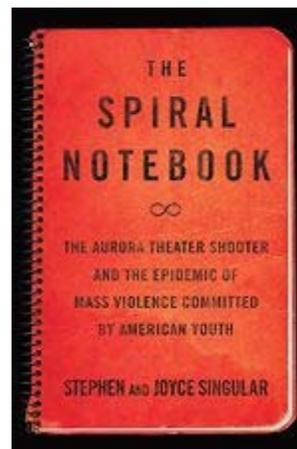
symbols throughout. **Carefully and subtly imagined.**" - *Kirkus Reviews*, review

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The Spiral Notebook

"If you look at how the James Holmes case has played out, it's amazing how the themes [of other shootings] line up," true-crime author Stephen Singular, who collaborated with his wife, Joyce, on the new book *The Spiral Notebook*." - *Vice.com*, interview with author



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