

Suggested Reading List for Jordan

Books

Uneasy Lies the Head (*By the Late King Hussein of Jordan*)

This autobiography by King Hussein comprehensively reproduces the early years of his reign up to 1962, providing a fascinating insight into the growth and development of the kingdom and the beginnings of the Palestinian tragedy.

Leap of Faith (*By Queen Noor Al Hussein*)

written by Queen Noor of Jordan, wife of the late Jordanian King Hussein I. Sharing a personal perspective on the past three decades of world history, Leap of Faith highlights Queen Noor's views on Islam and the West; the challenges of rearing her family; her work as Queen and humanitarian activist; and her struggles to protect her husband as he slipped into the illness that would kill him in 1999. She wrote this story after his death, describing her own life before and during their marriage, describing most of the political crisis he went through, including Black September.

Historical Dictionary of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (*Peter Gubser*)

Jordan has been at the crossroads of Middle East events since Biblical times. In contemporary times, the recent Persian Gulf crisis and the long-simmering Arab-Israeli conflict have thrust Jordan into a troublesome but crucial role. But despite its unstable setting, it has experienced remarkably stable leadership since 1953, King Hussein has steered the country through the difficulties of internal strife, Middle East wars, and international pressure. This new historical dictionary provides in a convenient format a broad array of data and descriptive

Jordan in Transition: >From Hussein to Abdullah (*Curtis R. Ryan*)

Jordan has long been regarded as a pivotal country in the Middle East, one whose policy choices carry strong implications for regional stability. Jordan in Transition offers a cogent and compelling analysis of the country's domestic and international politics. Ryan argues that there have been four dramatic transitions in Jordan's recent past: ambitious economic restructuring; efforts toward political liberalization; realignments in foreign relations (culminating in the 1994 peace agreement with Israel); and the succession of King Abdullah II. Exploring these transitions, and how each in turn affects the others, he provides a major contribution to our understanding of Jordan.

Films

Jordan: The Royal Tour (2002)

Join His Majesty King Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein on an eye-opening journey through one of the most exotic countries in the Middle East. From the craggy peaks of Wadi Rum to the depths of the Red Sea, discover Jordan's magnificent scuba diving, explore the beauty of Petra, walk the Roman ruins of Jerash and come face to face with a Bedouin Camel Guard. In all, a remarkable assortment of treasures for you to uncover.

Websites

<http://www.visitjordan.com/>

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/jordan>

Blogs

<https://myammanlife.com/2017/06/08/blogs-about-amman-jordan/>

<https://theblondeabroad.com/jordan/>