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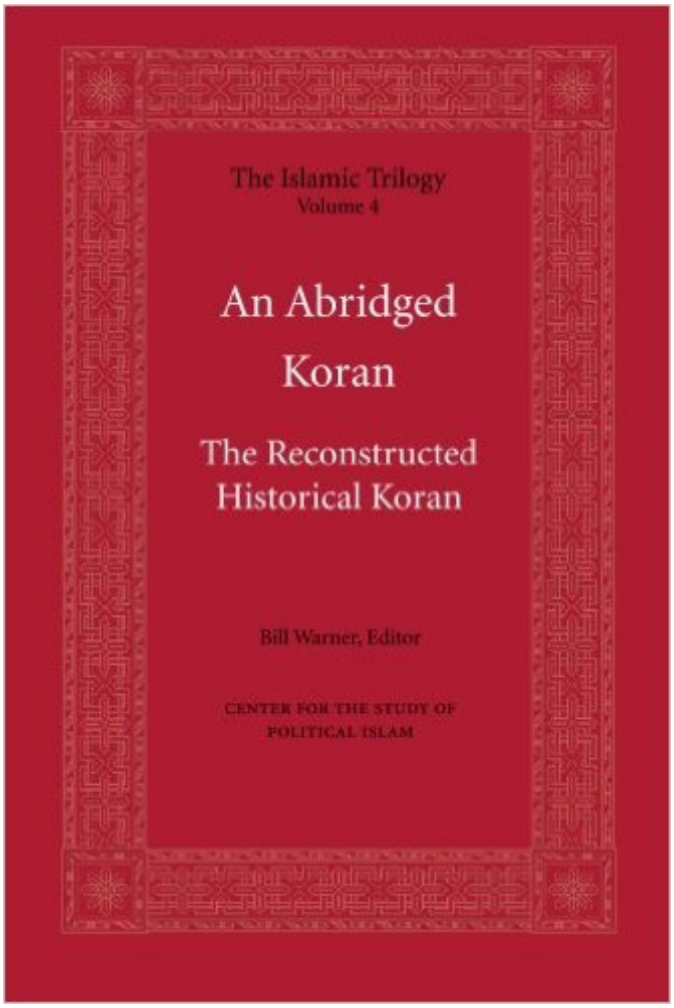

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Synopsis

The standard Koran is arranged by length of chapter. The longest chapter is at the beginning and the shortest chapters are at the end. This makes it confusing and hard to understand. You can read and understand AN ABRIDGED KORAN. The words of the Koran are woven back into Mohammed’s life. This is the way the Koran unfolded in the first place. It was recorded over the course of Mohammed’s life. AN ABRIDGED KORAN recreates the historical order of the Koran of Mohammed’s day. The first chapters start with Mohammed’s first recitation and the last chapters are those he recited before he died. Mohammed’s life gives the Koran clarity, meaning, and order. When the Koran and Mohammed’s life are brought together, the Koran becomes a powerful epic story. AN ABRIDGED KORAN is identical to A SIMPLE KORAN except it has all of the repetition removed. For instance, the story of Moses and the Pharaoh is told 39 times. In AN ABRIDGED KORAN the story is told only once. Read AN ABRIDGED KORAN. It will change the way you see the world.

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In 1964 a paperbound volume was published by the government of Communist China that shook the world: "Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-Tung" (original transliteration from the Chinese of the Chairman’s name), a/k/a "The Little Red Book." This book laid out the doctrinal threads of Chinese Communism.The Center for the Study of Political Islam’s (CSPI) new English version of the Koran does the same for political Islam, also called "Islamism" - "Islamicism" - "Islamic fundamentalism" - "Islamofascism" - "Radical Islam" by post-9/11 pundits, theoretically so as to

contradistinguish it from putative plain old "Islam." Whether there is any distinction between Islam per se and "political Islam" is, in the last analysis, for the theologians to decide. But, in any event, you can get a great leap forward on your political-Islam learning curve by reading all 216 pages of this brilliant little red paperback book.According to "An Abridged Koran: Readable and Understandable" (at p. ix), Volume 4 in CSPI's incredible ten-volume series, the Koran is so difficult for your average Western reader because it is organized like a mystery novel from which one has torn out the book's spine, then has the book rebound, not topically, not chronologically, and not logically, but soley according to the length of each chapter! In contrast to all other English versions of the Koran, this book presents VERBATEM quotations from the Koran, in easily readable "newspaper"/middlebrow English, WHICH ARE ORGANIZED topically, chronologically and logically by the CSPI scholar-editors. The only reason this edition is termed "abriged" is that the Koran's many redundant ayas (verses) are excised. For instance, there are over thirty versions of the story of Moses and the Pharaoh. (N.B.

I haven't finished reading this yet, but find it so much easier to follow the chronology of his message than 'A Simple Koran', which I originally purchased, because all of the repetition of the whole unabridged Koran has been edited out. Muhammed tries to warn the unconvinced with monotonous re-runs of similar verses of veiled threats along the lines of 'hey dont forget how God fracked so-and-sos' shed up for daring to disbelieve' and by constantly repeating a rehash of the same tale sophisticated modern readers can easily lose the desire to wade through what they've already been told just to get to his next new 'revelations'. Perhaps this repetition is precisely why the Koran was taken apart and reordered, since the chronological order keeps all the repeated crap together, while the traditional order of longest to shortest chapter nicely disguises some of the repetitive nature of his 'revelations'.This abridged Koran also nicely interjects the revelations of Muhammad with updates of the situation that Muhammad and his muslims were in each time. This helps to highlight how conveniently his revelations served the interests of him and his men rather than serving any God, such that serving 'Allah' always nicely serves Muhammad and his followers, either by answering a question in his favour or changing the accepted rules of the contemporary culture to achieve his personal goals, like allowing war in the sacred months of non-aggression if it helps the muslim cause.I'm about a third of the way through the book, and from what I understand the Meccan chapters (surahs) are supposed to be the more peaceful start of Islam, yet the aggression and intolerance is already apparent even in these, his earliest revelations.

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