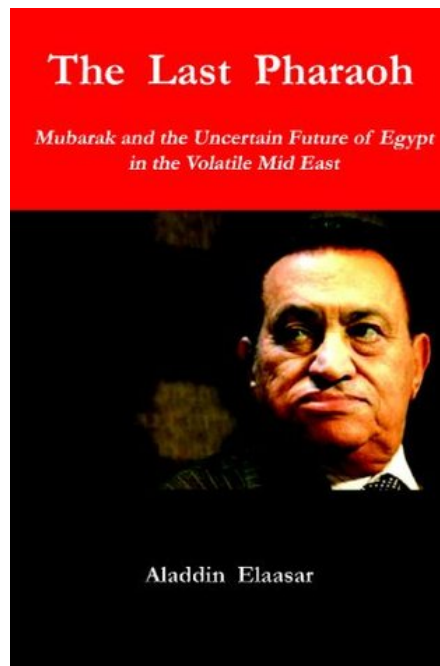




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An Eye Opener

This banned book is a must read. As Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak enters his 28th year in power and his ninth decade, Egypt's future is more uncertain than ever. Egyptian society is stagnant. Despite having a glorious heritage and a sense of nationhood that goes back millennia, Egyptians are pessimistic about the future of their country.

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Also recommended Silent Victims: The Plight of Arab & Muslim Americans in Post 9/11 America

The Most Important Book of our decade

The coincidence of Will Smith's movie of a similar name and Elaasars' courageous book is no accident. "The Last Pharaoh" is on his "last leg" as it were and the rest of the world seems for the most part ignorant or at best apathetic toward "the most dangerous political vacuum in the world"

A country armed to the teeth - with state of the art American weapons and an oppressed and starving population sound familiar?

The coming disaster is nothing short of a Napoleonic nightmare in the making and one can imagine several scenarios of cataclysm starting with a replay of Bastille day and ending with occupation, death and genocide throughout Africa (a country begging for unification) Eastern Europe and the middle east. Throw in an easily manipulated America, with a limping military and an almost uncanny knack for double edged diplomacy and you have got Armageddon in the offing.

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In this book, Egyptian-American writer Aladdin Elaasar offers the next American president his blunt assessment of Egypt's near-term outlook. Elaasar believes Mubarak, America's "strong man" in Egypt and the recipient of billions of dollars in U.S. military and development aid, is losing his grip on power after 28 years of autocratic rule.

The author believes there are many signs that time is running out for Mubarak, who succeeded Sadat after the 1981 assassination. Elaasar says Egypt's severe economic problems are just one sign that Mubarak's grip on power is loosening. "There is about 37% unemployment in Egypt," Elaasar notes. "There is about 2% to 5% of the people who monopolize the economy and these people are elites around Mubarak and his party. And there is at least 40% of the people in Egypt who live under the poverty line. So there are a lot of indications of social ailments and illnesses and we need to pay attention to that."

Elaasar cites the Mubarak government's well-documented use of repression and police-state tactics to intimidate or silence its political opponents. Those tactics earned Mubarak strong rebukes from the U.S. and other countries following the 2005 presidential election, which critics claim was massively rigged to ensure a Mubarak victory. And Elaasar sees a rising tide of popular frustration and dissatisfaction with Mubarak that encompasses labor unions, teachers, lawyers, judges and youth throughout the country.

The situation in Egypt today is similar of Iran just before the 1979 overthrow of the Shah by Islamic fundamentalists. Mubarak reminds me of the last days of the Shah. He was living a life of extravagance and surrounded by his elites. He was so oppressive. And that paved the way for the extreme right to come in. And we know the rest of the story.

In *The Last Pharaoh*, Elaasar writes that the next American president can expect one of several difficult scenarios to unfold in Egypt in the months ahead. "The Mubarak regime is preparing itself for the next step," the author explains, "which is making his son, Gamal Mubarak, to be the next president of Egypt. But the other scenario that can play out is that there are other political powers, so it could be the extreme religious right that can take over, or things can get out of control because of the poverty level and the suffering of the Egyptian people, so the people in the street can do something when things reach a very desperate level." Author Aladdin Elaasar urges the next American president to shift U.S. policies on Egypt toward strategies that promote democracy in the country.

"We really need to make sure that there would be democracy and change," Elaasar warns, "because if this does not start, people reach the extent of desperateness. And then desperateness breathes out all kinds of violence and all kinds of extremism that opens the door for extremists to jump in and pretend they have the solution."

The author says the worst-case scenario in Egypt would be a military coup, which would turn Egypt into what he describes as a "God-knows-what" regime.

Whatever the fate of the Mubarak regime, author Aladdin Elaasar believes significant change in Egypt's government will have profound effects on the region, and on U.S. interests in the Middle East. For that reason, he believes, the next U.S. President will need to follow developments in this Arab nation with a watchful and wary eye.

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But with the global recession now reaching down deeply into emerging markets, serious cracks emerge in the Mubarak regime's facade. Unemployment is - unofficially - somewhere north of 30 percent. Worse, it's highly concentrated among youth, whose demographic bulge currently generates 800,000 new jobseekers every year.

That's the bold prediction offered by journalist Aladdin Elaasar in his book, "The Last Pharaoh." Elaasar argues that American policymakers could soon face the same tough choice on Egypt that they once suffered with Iran's faltering Shah: step in with maximum effort during a succession crisis or let the chips fall where they may.

The specter of an unstable Egypt abutting the already highly unstable and violent Horn of Africa (e.g., Sudan, Somalia) looms large in our near-term worries.

Like Palestine's Hamas and Lebanon's Hezbollah, the Muslim Brotherhood has made a serious effort at providing social services to a disgruntled population of 80-plus million that receives the slimmest of safety nets from a government more interested in political order than social justice.

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Wondering why this book is exiting to many?- Read the title "The Last Pharaon" then roll your eyes down to the front cover cartoon (by Kjell Nilsson-Maki)and should you turn the book you will see Barak Obama (this credit goes to the book cover designer Neal Wiegert)- all this makes an exiting but also easy digestible meal. Oh yes, don't skip the Chronology (Egyptian history told in bullets) it's the appetizer!

The book's first half brought back to me some peculiar memories of growing up and questioning all the heroism I was supposed to digest. The "heroes" for children in many countries are either dead or ruling the country – it can't get fishier! (or so I thought :) That sorts of memories would have been all to the book for me if, while still reading it, I didn't see an all American movie - Great Balls of Fire. The movie has many layers but the story of the two cousins was the yummiest for me– the two men grow up to be different (goals and lifestyles) both have different drives to all sorts of things in life but one peculiar exception... the way they relate to women is identical. Back to the book – it hints and in some chapters provides evidence that, after all, people's drive to relationships isn't that individual but it goes together with the society they live in.