



Usama bin Laden's *al-Qaida*: Profile of a Terrorist Network



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The purpose of this book is not to glorify bin Laden and *al-Qaida*. Rather, it is designed to provide an easily accessible reference for academics, policy makers, reporters and other interested individuals on one of the most notorious terrorist groups. The volume exposes much of *al-Qaida*'s mystique and thereby places it in perspective as one of the many challenges facing the international community in the 21st Century.

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