



Follow the Pipelines

Uncovering the Mystery of a Lost Spy and the Deadly Politics of the Great Game for Oil



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“Charlotte Dennett has written an excellent book summarizing the geopolitics of the Middle East historically through to current events. . . This is an amazing piece of historical writing. . . Students, foreign affairs ‘experts’ and officials should have this work as required reading.”

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While unraveling the mystery of a master spy’s death, an investigative journalist reveals the truth behind an era of endless wars in the Middle East by following the pipelines

In 1947, Daniel Dennett, America’s sole master spy in the Middle East, was dispatched to Saudi Arabia on a top-secret mission to study the route of the proposed Trans-Arabian Pipeline. It would be his last assignment. The plane carrying him from Saudi Arabia to Ethiopia went down under mysterious circumstances, killing everyone on board.

Follow the Pipelines recounts investigative journalist Charlotte Dennett’s decades-long quest to uncover the true cause of her father’s death, exposing a high-stakes post-war Great Game for Oil between the Americans, British, French, and Russians—and later their proxies in the Middle East—all competing for geopolitical and economic influence.

Through vivid storytelling, extensive research, and deep analysis of region-defining maps, she reveals how feverish competition among intelligence networks, military, and Big Oil interests have fueled indiscriminate attacks and targeted killings that continue to this day.

Part detective story, part deft critique, *Follow the Pipelines* offers vital insights into the politics and power struggles of international relations when oil wealth hangs in the balance.

About the Author

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