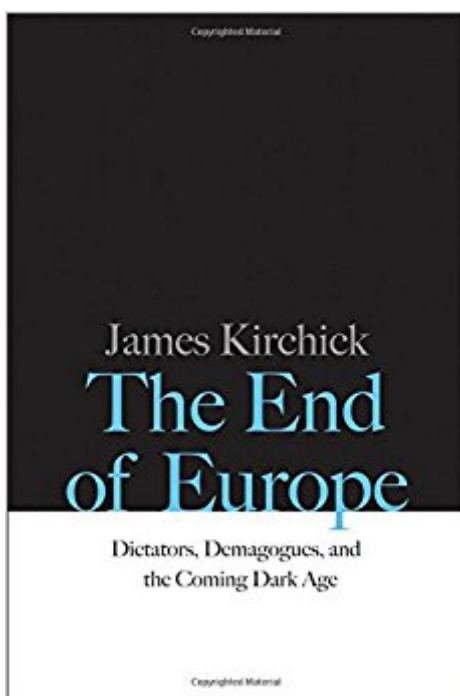


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Once the world's bastion of liberal, democratic values, Europe is now having to confront demons it thought it had laid to rest. The old pathologies of anti-Semitism, populist nationalism, and territorial aggression are threatening to tear the European postwar consensus apart. In riveting dispatches from this unfolding tragedy, James Kirchick shows us the shallow disingenuousness of the leaders who pushed for "Brexit;" examines how a vast migrant wave is exacerbating tensions between Europeans and their Muslim minorities; explores the rising anti-Semitism that causes Jewish schools and synagogues in France and Germany to resemble armed bunkers; and describes how Russian imperial ambitions are destabilizing nations from Estonia to Ukraine. With President Trump now threatening to abandon America's traditional role as upholder of the liberal world order and guarantor of the continent's security, Europe may be alone in dealing with these unprecedented challenges. Based on extensive firsthand reporting, this book is a provocative, disturbing look at a continent in unexpected crisis.

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Kirchick highlights the hypocrisies of politicians from right and left, from Orban to Corbyn, and he balances his anger and criticism with affection and concern for the continent that gave birth to our notions of freedom.

This is a fine and alarming book. A must-read for those not familiar with the current scene in Europe.

I discovered Jamie Kirchick a couple months ago during a podcast with Sam Harris. I was impressed by his tone and intellectual rigor when discussing current events and foreign policy. I was very happy when I found out he had a book coming out. I purchased it immediately when it came out. Kirchick's book is a must read for anyone who is curious about what is happening to Europe. What is currently happening in Europe is connected to the rest of the globe: America, Russia, Africa

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