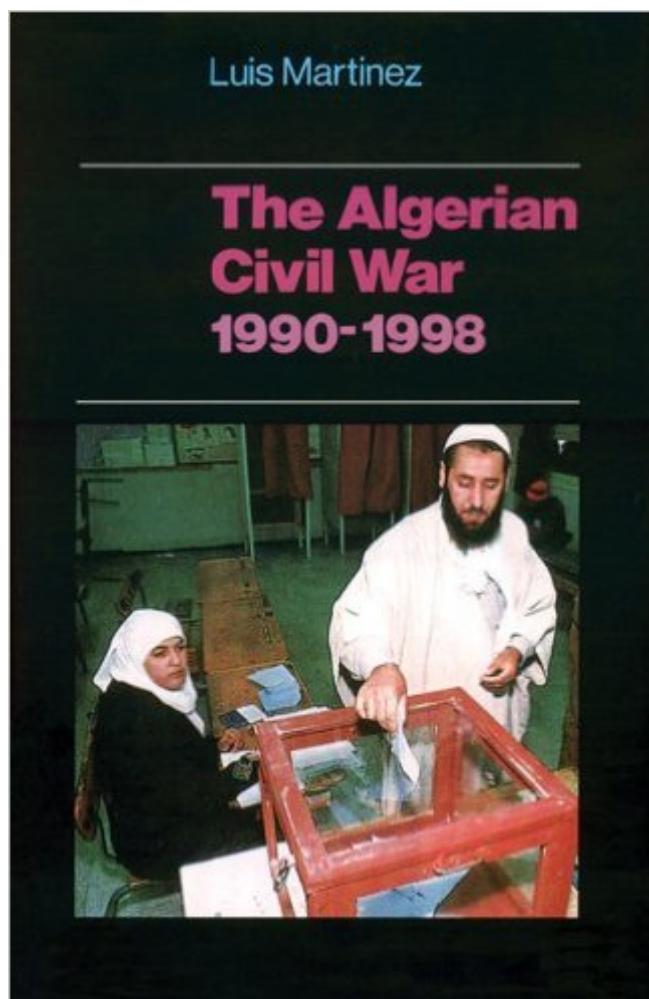


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Synopsis

The civil war in Algeria shows no sign of imminent resolution. Yet little has been written about the conflict, its various participants, and the opinions of Algeriansâ •indeed, even about what exactly is being fought over. Restrictions on movement within Algeria have severely limited the ability of foreign journalists to analyze these issues, and there has been a paucity of firsthand accounts of how the conflict has played out across Algeria. Now, one of Europe's leading authorities on contemporary Algerian politics has gained the kind of access necessary to present a clear, evenhanded account. The author interviewed residents in places in which few journalists have set foot: the impoverished suburbs of the major cities and the infamous "Triangle of Death"â •the stronghold of the Armed Islamic Group and the scene of some of the worst carnage. Rather than presenting a historical account, *The Algerian Civil War* focuses on the strategies employed by the war's main combatants, seeking to understand the significance of the conflict to all parties embroiled in it.

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I work on Algeria issues as a big part of my job so I picked up this book at the library. I was expecting it to be a tedious academic study without much in there for someone who has to deal with the real world. Surprisingly, it was readable and very interesting. I highly recommend this to anyone who either has to work in Algeria commercially (and could use some cultural/political insight) or who has a broader counter-insurgency or Middle East interest.

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