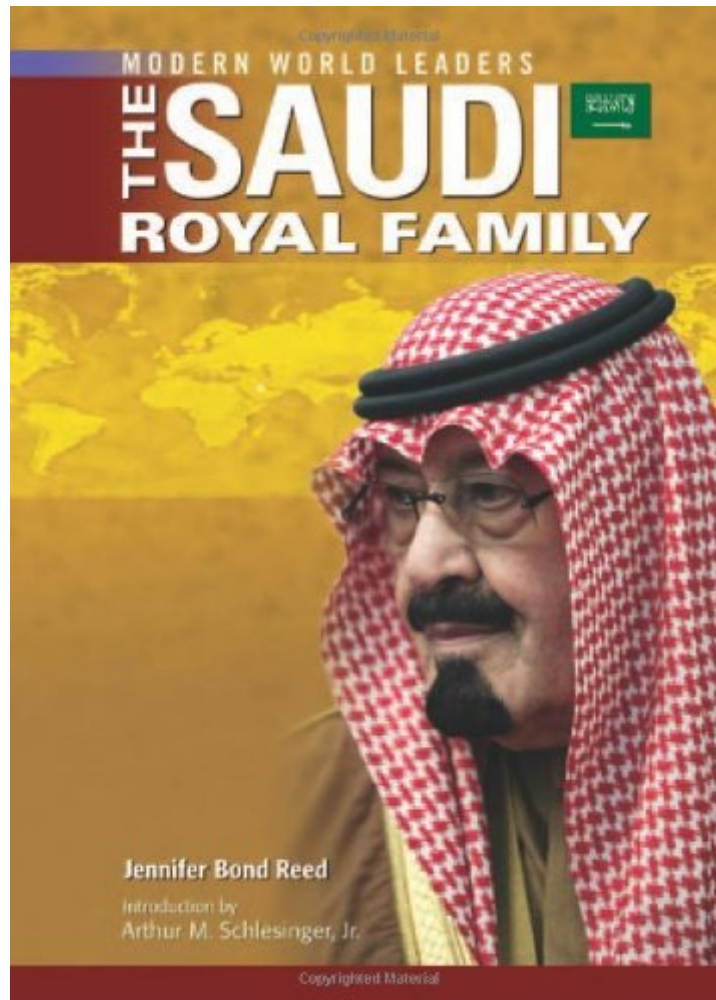




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This publication is a good summary, king by king by king. I thought it would be more detailed.

Perhaps this whole series is of this sort. It's a good summary, but a bit overpriced for the content.

The Saudi Royal Family was well presented for younger children. Reed wrote this in a way that enables young kids to understand not only the Saudi Royal Family but the religion of Islam. She remains objective throughout but as an American questions whether or not the Saudis are our friends. She raises this question in a way that would allow kids to think it through and come to their own conclusion. The photos are wonderful and I liked the color, layout and presentation of the book.

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