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Editorial Review

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Sasson and Saudi Princess Sultana follow their earlier accounts of social oppression of women in Arabia with one that focuses on the Saudi royal family and how, despite its wealth and relative freedom from social conventions, its men continue to oppress women. Specific instances include the forced marriage of a young niece to a brutal older man and a cousin's harem of sex slaves. The royal women react with varying degrees of acceptance; an occasional, minor rebellion; and alcohol and drug abuse. Although Sultana's husband is a more enlightened man, she reveals that even she has a drinking problem, brought on by the stress of helplessly witnessing inequities. Sasson and Sultana also detail Islamic culture and teachings and the contradictions between what the Koran teaches regarding women and the cultural interpretations made by men in Saudi society. Sultana has two daughters. One, like her, resists the male-dominated culture, but the other is so traditional that it frightens Sultana. Gossipy but insightful. *Vanessa Bush*
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Review

"Absolutely riveting and profoundly sad..." -- *People*

"Another page turner" -- *Publisher's Weekly*

"Explosive. It is a mark of great courage that Sultana decided to continue her story." -- *Today*

"Must reading for anyone interested in human rights..." -- *USA Today*

Fascinating...one is compelled to read just one more page, one more chapter once one has started this Arabian nightmare. -- *Oxford Review*

From the Inside Flap

Readers of *Princess*, the international bestselling book about Princess Sultana, were gripped by the revelations of life of unimaginable wealth, and shocking human rights abuses inside the royal family of Saudi Arabia.

In *Princess Sultana's Daughters*, the chilling truth of life behind the veil carried on with the compelling stories of Sultana's young daughters, and other members of the Saudi royal family.

Now, with *Princess Sultana's Circle*, the extraordinary story of Sultana continues. The forced marriage of Sultana's niece to a cruel and depraved older man, and Sultana's discovery of the harem of sex slaves kept by a royal cousin, makes her more determined than ever to fight the oppression of women in Saudi Arabia.

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