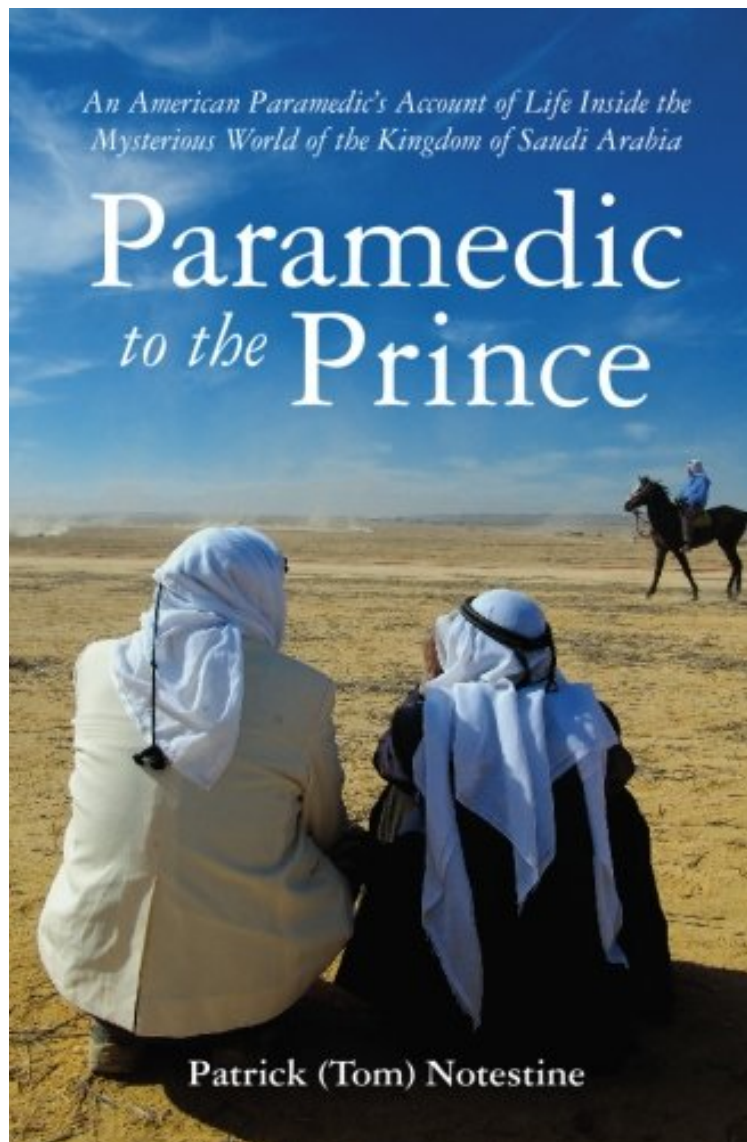


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For Saudi Arabia is truly a separate reality, a whole other planet---its neighboring petro-states do have many similar egregious and surreal characteristics in cultural, economic, and political organization, but none of them can rival the comic extremities of the Saudis which this book details so brilliantly.  
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As for technical features ... It played well on Text-to-Speech. But was difficult to leave a review at close on Kindle due to the length of Authors description. I had to manually delete, delete, delete and rearrange until an acceptable amount of characters were left. So I was not able to send my own opinion to FaceBook or Twitter. Not a big deal, but something for the Author to consider.  
I would have like a little Epilogue at the end to say what the Author is doing now, but maybe he's incognito?

A Californian paramedic answers an advertisement for contract work at a military hospital in Saudi Arabia. So his adventure begins. This is a riveting, factual account of his ten years inside a country seldom seen by the outside world. Working on the private medical staff of King Abdullah, no western writer has ever been this close to the "House of Saud". The author takes you on a journey from the desert camps of the Bedouin to the highest echelons of the Saudi royal family. From meetings between King Abdullah and Yasser Arafat to the death of Edi Amin the author documents it all. Themes explored include the contrast of cultures and the rise of terrorism in a post 9/11 world. The author's unique and often humorous perspective provides a view of Saudi society that has never before been documented by any other book in this genre. The author gives an important insight to events that continue to affect the world today.

About the Author  
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