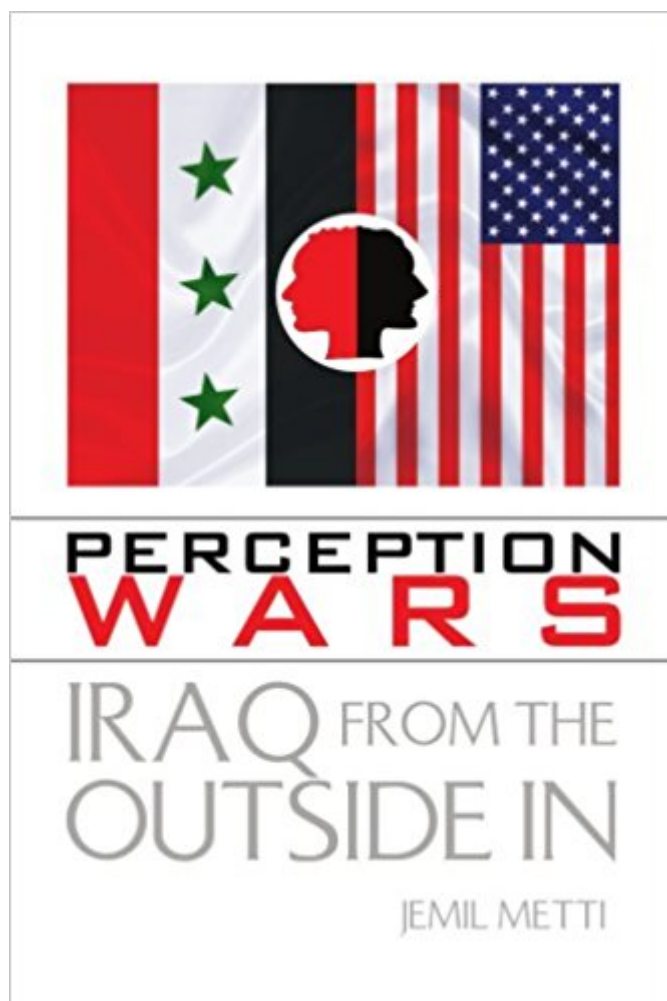


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Dr. Jemil Metti was born on September 26, 1949, in Long Island, New York, to an Iraqi father, Philip Metti, and a Hungarian mother, Juliet Balinth. Following two years of Catholic boarding school, he was uprooted from his birthplace and transferred to Beirut, Lebanon. After being shuffled between three private schools, he was re-uprooted to Baghdad, Iraq, in 1957. There he lived for the rest of his thirteen political-tumultuous teenage years. Dr. Metti returned to the United States in 1970 at age twenty. He attended and graduated with a BA in political science and philosophy from Northern Illinois University in 1975; an MA in International Relations and Comparative Politics of the Middle East from SUNY-Binghamton in 1977; and an Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction and Education Administration from Wayne State University in 1991. Dr. Metti had a practicing interest in broadcast and print journalism, real estate, and education. After a one-year stint with radio news at WWWS FM in Saginaw, Michigan, Dr. Metti's focus shifted to a career in education, commencing as an Arabic-English bilingual tutor in 1978. He simultaneously hooked up as a freelance reporter with the Romeo Observer (1980) and the Advisor Newspapers (1981-1990). In 1981, he also coanchored the first weekly Arabic TV program in the United States known to Middle Eastern viewers as the Arab Voice of Detroit. Between K-12 tutoring, K-College teaching, and administrating a K-12 ESL program, education and writing consumed most of Dr. Metti's career. He continues to teach U.S. government (high school and college) and international relations (college). He is currently working on a novel.

This is a wonderful read from my cousin, Jemil Metti. I have learned so much that I didn't know about him, such as his mom being Hungarian and his dad Iraqi and how he struggled as a youth after his mom passed when he was only an infant and the language barriers while growing up in Iraq. When I first met Jemil in New York I was approximately 12 and remember him as such a well spoken intellectual and kind, always with a smile, philosophical. I met him again years later in Chicago when I would visit my dad and hang out with my cousins and for some reason never knew he grew up in Iraq and always thought he lived and grew up here in the States. Being a "half breed" myself, I can relate to many perceptions he has and his feelings of the war; however, he has such a better insight than me, as I was only born in Iraq and only one year old coming back to the States.

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