

# Globalizing Morocco : transnational activism and the postcolonial state (/review/10.5860/CHOICE.217509)

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Stenner (Christopher Newport Univ.) here offers a synthesized approach to the independence movement of Morocco. He effectively illustrates how Moroccan nationalists, spread between French and Spanish protectorates as well as the international zone in Tangier, tapped into a transnational anti-colonial network to bring about independence, which is visualized in an excellent appendix. Utilizing extensive archival sources and secondary works in English, French, Spanish, and Arabic, the author reveals the way nationalists navigated a complex postwar world. Stenner masterfully situates the independence movement within the context of the rise of NATO, the UN, and the Arab League. He also integrates the story of Morocco's independence struggle with the larger milieu of decolonization and the Cold War. Further, *Globalizing Morocco* integrates the story of the nationalist movement within the Spanish protectorate into the larger narrative of the nationalist movement across Morocco and highlights the role of private citizens and corporations as advocates for Moroccan independence. Taken altogether, this study offers an integrated, balanced account of the Moroccan nationalist movement situated within international events of the global 1940s and 1950s.

**Summing Up:** Highly recommended. Upper-division undergraduates through faculty.

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