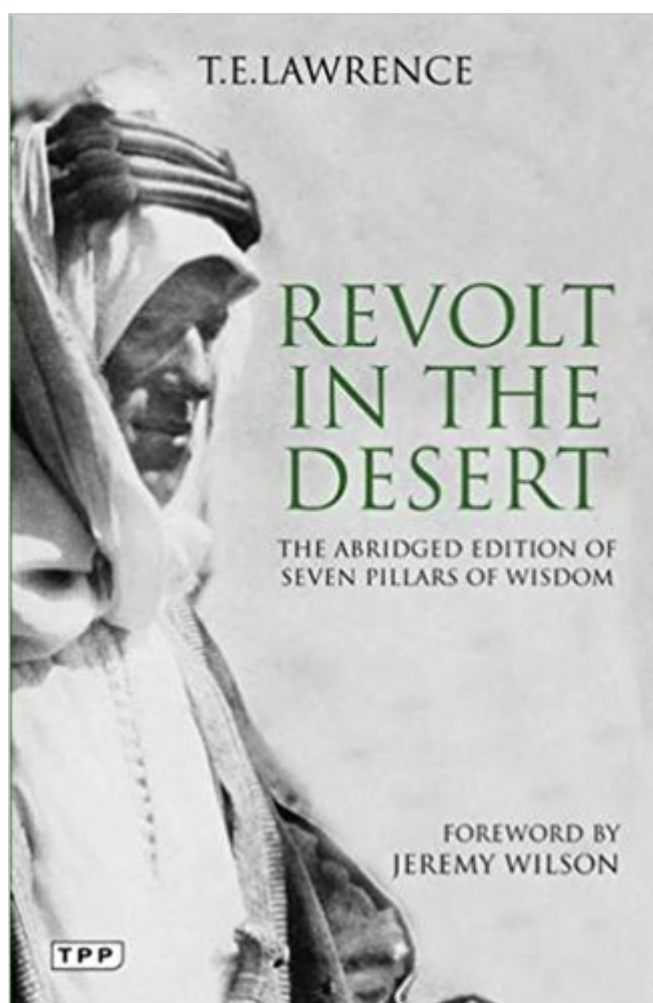


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# Revolt In The Desert: The Authorised Abridged Edition Of 'Seven Pillars Of Wisdom' (Tauris Parke Paperbacks)



## Synopsis

T.E. Lawrence, also known as \*Lawrence of Arabia,\* wrote *Seven Pillars of Wisdom: A Triumph* from his memories of serving as a liaison officer with rebel forces during the Arab Revolt against the Ottoman Turks (1916-1918). Possessed of a brilliant military mind and an unmatched knowledge of the region and the Arab people, Lawrence led the revolt alongside the charismatic Faisal I, sounding the death knell for the Ottoman Empire and paving the way for a new colonial power in the region: the British. Writing from memory after his original manuscript and detailed notes were lost, Lawrence was able to privately publish a polished version of his autobiographical account in 1922. It is from this edition that he created the abridged version in 1927 which would become a best-seller, titling it *Revolt in the Desert*. This important historic work vividly portrays one of the most turbulent periods in the history of the Middle East while offering a rich insight into one of Britain's esteemed national heroes.

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\*The race of heroes is not dead. [This book] is a great epic of deeds. Lawrence himself is already a legend. But seldom does the hero of a legend write his own account of his acts and deeds. More seldom still does his legend survive the writing. But Lawrence triumphs over everything.\* -- New York Times Book Review  
\*Not a dull or empty sentence from end to end.\*-- George Bernard Shaw, writer

T.E. Lawrence (1888-1935) was educated at Oxford, and later made a research fellow of All Souls College. In 1921, he became Advisor on Arab Affairs in the Colonial Office. In 1927, uncomfortable with his \*Lawrence of Arabia\* legend, Lawrence changed his name to Shaw and joined the British Royal Air Force (RAF). He was killed in a motorbike accident in 1935 at the age of 47. Lawrence is best known for his classic work, *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, an account of the Arab Revolt.

Bought this book along with "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" which is the complete book Lawrence wrote. "Revolt in the Desert" is an abridged version of "Seven Pillars". Lawrence was an amazing man. I became intrigued by him after seeing the great film "Lawrence of Arabia" when I was a kid. But I never really looked into his life until I bought another book earlier this year: "Hero" by Michael Korda, which is a biography of Lawrence. After reading that book I had to buy "Seven Pillars" and this "Revolt" to see exactly what Lawrence had to write about his experiences. I must admit that I haven't read this book as of the date of this review. The volume I bought was used and had a cut-out newspaper article with Lawrence's obituary in it. Very unique.

This is the "for public consumption" version of Lawrence's *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*. While much more readable than *Pillars*, it lacks the personal insight of the larger work.

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Revolt in the Desert Though this work centers on the Arab uprising during WWI to push the Turks from the Arabian Peninsula, some of the aspects of the uneasy relationship between the Arabs and the British troops are identical to some of the obstacles faced by coalition forces there today. There are discussions on aspects of strategy from von Clausewitz which are also aspects of Sun Tzu's "Art of War." It is also a good treatment of the history of that region as well. When finished, my copy was donated to the Wounded Warrior Library at Ft. Sam Houston, TX.

Great read

A must for anyone who wants to understand the Middle East and the bungles that led us to today's problems.

Shipping is amazing, but book is not interesting unless interested in Arabian war history

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