



Book Reviewed – Son of Hamas

Author – Mosab Hassan Yousef with Ron Bracken – Investigative Journalist

What's it about – The shocking **true** story of a Hamas insider who rejected his violent destiny – and is now risking everything to expose closely guarded secrets and show the world a way to peace.

Also seen on ABC's *Lateline* programme, 23rd March 2010.

Back of the book says:

Since he was a small boy, Mosab Hassan Yousef has had an inside view of the deadly terrorist group Hamas. The oldest son and heir apparent of Sheikh Hassan Yousef, a founding member of Hamas and its most popular leader, young Mosab assisted his father for years in his political activities while being groomed to follow in his footsteps. But everything changed when Mosab embraced the teachings of another famous Middle East leader instead. What he learned changed his life and could alter the course of his country's future, forever. In *Son of Hamas*, Mosab reveals new information about the world's most dangerous terrorist organization and unveils the truth about his own secret role, his agonizing separation from family and homeland, his dangerous choices, and his belief that the mandate to "love your enemies" is the only way to peace in the Middle East.

Other comments??:

This book details Mosab's troubled childhood and adolescence. His battles with the Israeli authorities and his six year journey to faith, which began in a Bible study in Jerusalem and culminated in his baptism in Tel Aviv. Now living in America, Mosab initially kept quiet about his background, but eventually decided to write a book telling his story.

The book takes the reader into Israeli jails, Palestinian villages and the offices of the Israeli secret service, Shin Bet, for whom Mosab eventually worked. It offers a fascinating insight into the issues that have dominated the headlines for so long, all seen through the eyes of a man who understands both sides, and who recognizes that only in Christ can there ever be lasting peace.