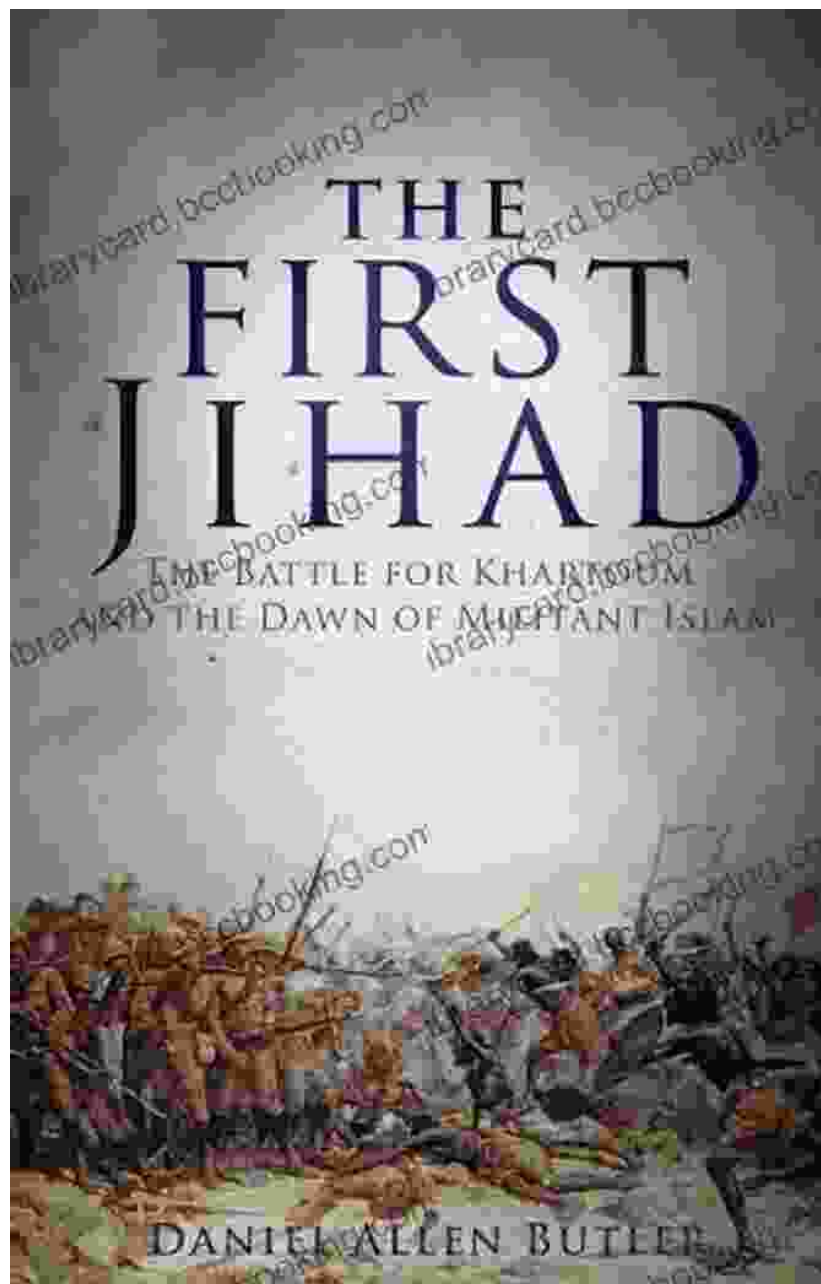


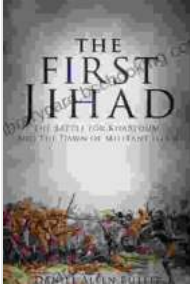
Khartoum: The Dawn of Militant Islam



A Provocative and Insightful Account of a Pivotal Event in Islamic History

In 1885, a small but determined force of Sudanese rebels, led by Muhammad Ahmad ibn Abd Allah, known as the Mahdi, besieged the city of

Khartoum, the capital of Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. The siege lasted for ten months, and when the city finally fell, it marked a turning point in Islamic history.



The First Jihad: Khartoum, and the Dawn of Militant

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The Mahdist Revolution was the first major challenge to European colonial rule in Africa, and it inspired other movements of resistance across the Muslim world. It was also a significant event in the development of militant Islam, as the Mahdi's followers used violence to establish a new Islamic state.

In *Khartoum: The Dawn of Militant Islam*, John O. Voll offers a comprehensive and insightful account of this pivotal event. Drawing on a wide range of sources, Voll provides a detailed narrative of the siege, from the initial uprising to the final battle. He also explores the religious and political ideas that inspired the Mahdi and his followers, and he analyzes the impact of the Mahdist Revolution on the Sudan and the wider Islamic world.

Voll argues that the Mahdist Revolution was a complex event that cannot be reduced to a simple clash between Islam and the West. He shows that the Mahdi's followers were motivated by a genuine desire to create a just and equitable society, and that their use of violence was a response to the oppression and injustice they had experienced under Anglo-Egyptian rule.

However, Voll also acknowledges that the Mahdist Revolution had a dark side. The Mahdi's followers were responsible for the deaths of thousands of people, and they established a repressive regime that stifled dissent. In the end, the Mahdist Revolution was a failure, but it left a lasting legacy of violence and extremism that continues to shape the Middle East today.

Khartoum: The Dawn of Militant Islam is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of Islam, the Sudan, or the Middle East. It is a well-written and thought-provoking book that provides a unique perspective on a pivotal event in Islamic history.

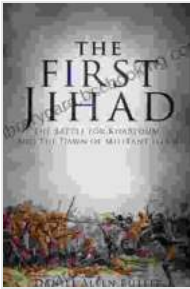
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"Voll's book is a major contribution to our understanding of the Mahdist Revolution. It is a comprehensive and insightful account that provides a unique perspective on this pivotal event." - **Peter Woodward, author of *Sudan, 1898-1956: The Condominium***

"*Khartoum: The Dawn of Militant Islam* is a fascinating and thought-provoking book. Voll's analysis of the Mahdist Revolution is both nuanced and insightful, and he provides a fresh perspective on this important event."

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