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Résumé ou extrait : "This book offers an exploration of ballistic missile proliferation in the Middle East, and also delves into the geopolitical landscape to unveil a narrative of contemporary Middle Eastern history. The central focus of the book is to decipher the pivotal moments when three regional powers of the Middle East -- Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Iran -- embraced ballistic capabilities as a strategic response to military vulnerabilities. The authors contend that the very essence of ballistic proliferation incorporates a tactical rationale provided by military needs that varies from one state to another, and it is upon the assessment of these military needs that the decision to procure ballistic missiles is made. Offering a blend of theoretical insights and primary sources-based case studies, the book dissects the decision-making processes that spurred these states to choose ballistic missiles, despite their inefficiencies in delivering conventional payloads. The absence of an effective air force emerges as a catalyst, triggering what the authors terms a 'moment of ballistic consciousness'. Spanning three diverse regimes, the work provides a rich historical tapestry and untangles the complexities of political decisions with military implications, providing a fresh perspective on global power dynamics. This narrative sheds light on the intersection of military strategy, geopolitical realities, and the pursuit of ballistic capabilities that shapes the world's security landscape. This book will be of much interest to students of arms control, nuclear proliferation, Middle Eastern politics and International Relations." (pages liminaires)

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