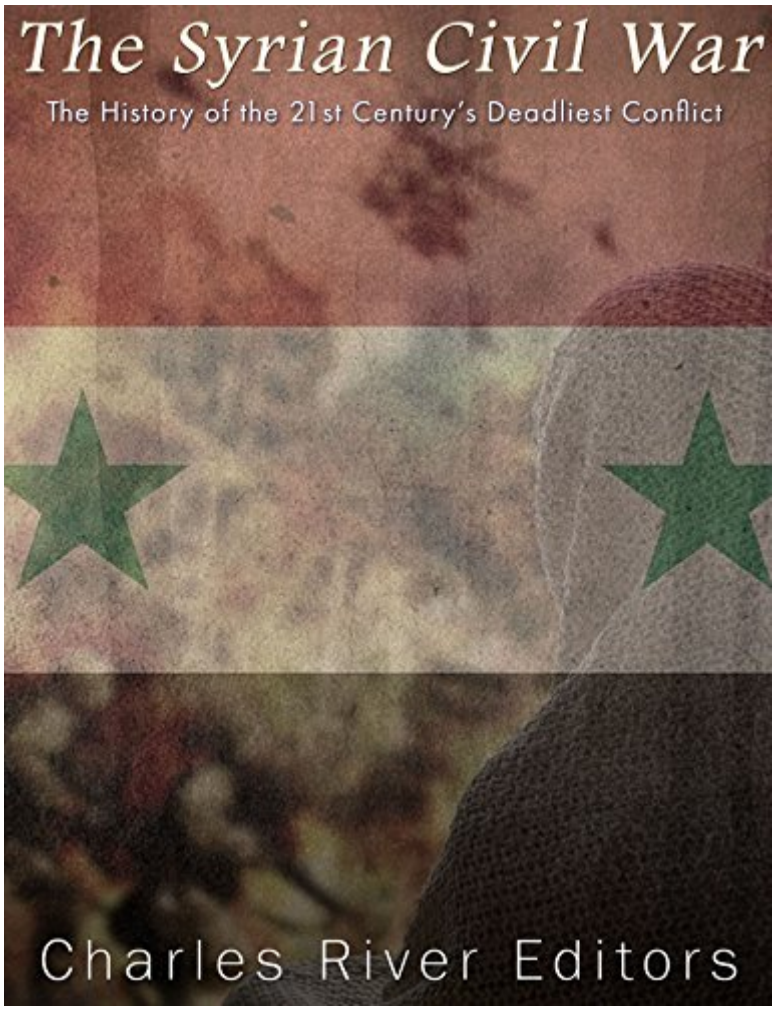
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Synopsis

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are whether Assad will literally and politically survive the civil war, and what SyriaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s future will be in the wake of the civil war. Answering these questions requires an understanding of AssadÃ¢â ¬â„¢s religious sect, the Alawites, the regional strife among Sunni and Shiite nations, Arab nationalism, and the Assad family as a whole. The Syrian Civil War: The History of the 21st CenturyÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Deadliest Conflict looks at the still-raging war and how it has been fought. Along with pictures of important people, places, and events, you will learn about the Syrian civil war like never before.

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