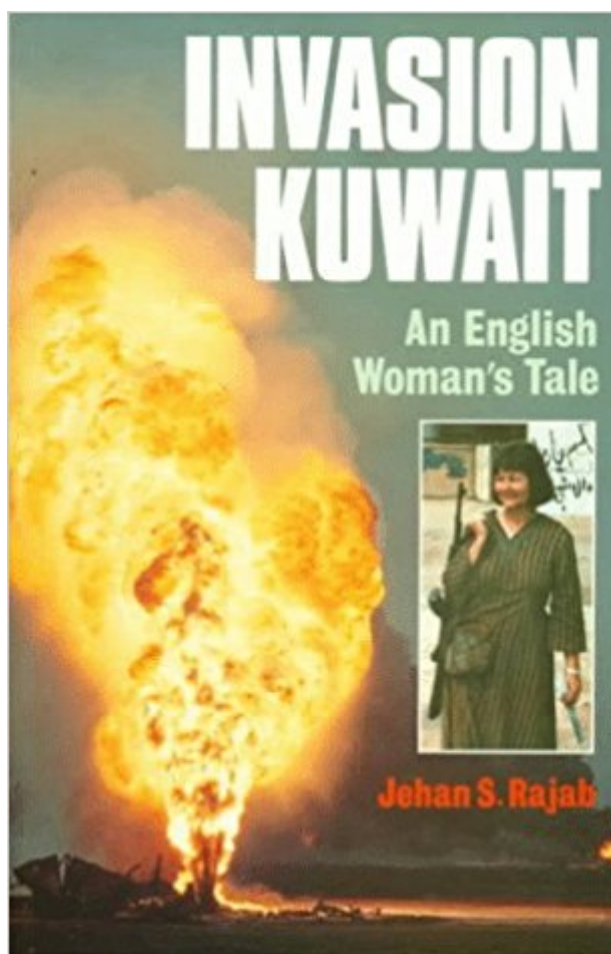


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# Invasion Kuwait: An English Woman's Tale



## Synopsis

In the form of a journal, this book tells the story of the author's experiences in Kuwait during the Iraqi invasion. Jehan Rajab chronicles her fight to preserve normality in the face of persecution and to save the Tareq Rajab Museum, her workplace, from destruction.

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stood by her home against incredible odds. This book is in the class of my own DAYS OF FEAR: The Inside Story of the Iraqi Invasion and Occupation of Kuwait (Motivate Publishing, London/ Dubai, 1997). Mrs. Rajab has done a great service to the history of Kuwait and the Middle East with this book.

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