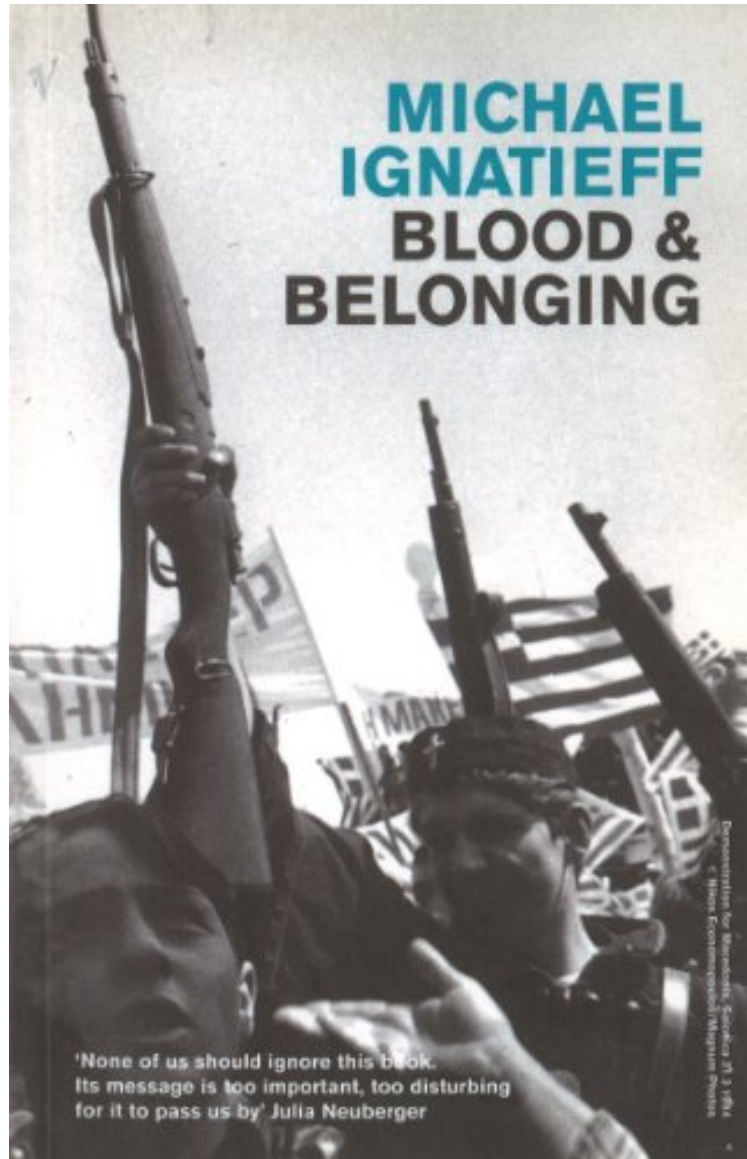


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Von Michael Ignatieff : Blood And Belonging: Journeys into the New Nationalism before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Blood And Belonging: Journeys into the New Nationalism:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A redefinition of nationalism?Von Ein KundeIgnatieff makes a clear difference between the ethnic and civic

nationalisms. While praising the latter, the author explains the roots and the consequences of the politics of ethnicity and belonging. He rightly points out that ethnic nationalism is based on division, while civic nationalism is based on the union of different peoples (such as the case in the United States). But what Ignatieff fails to realize is that civic nationalism can be as dangerous, cruel and vicious as ethnic nationalism. Another weakness of the book is that its six examples, except Kurdistan, reflect conspicuously the purely European views and practices of nationalism. It is true that "nationalism" as a political ideology was developed by the German romantics, but the essence of nationalism has its roots since times immemorial. Finally, the book contains a couple of factual mistakes: Iranian Air Force does not have Mirages!
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Von Ein Kunde
It has been awhile since I have read this book so I will be unable to give too many details. The one thing I remember is the clarity with which Ignatieff writes and the myths he is able to dispel about some of these troubled countries. Despite the depth of the topic I believe that the book is accessible to the researcher and lay reader alike. His easy writing style makes this an easy book to sit down and enjoy. It was the first one that I had read by Ignatieff but I enjoyed it so much that I went on to read both his other ones. (The Needs of Strangers and The Warriors Code) This one is indeed a rare find. A book that has depth of topic yet easily understandable. An important read for anyone who is even remotely interested in these countries or the impact of modern day nationalism.

Kurzbeschreibung
With *The Warrior's Honor* and *Virtual War, Blood Belonging* forms part of the acclaimed trilogy by Michael Ignatieff on the face of modern conflict. In 1993 Michael Ignatieff set out on a journey to the former Yugoslavia, the Ukraine, Germany, Quebec, Kurdistan and Northern Ireland in order to explore the many faces of modern nationalism at its worst. Modern nationalism is a language of blood: a call to arms that can end in the horror of ethnic cleansing. But it is also a language of belonging: a call to come home. In *Blood Belonging* Michael Ignatieff explores both sides of nationalism in a personal odyssey that begins in the nightmare of the former Yugoslavia and ends with his return to his adopted homeland, Great Britain's disunited kingdom. From Publishers Weekly
To understand the current upsurge of nationalist tensions, Ignatieff (*The Needs of Strangers*) traveled through war-torn former Yugoslavia, then to reunited Germany, Ukraine, Quebec, Kurdistan and Northern Ireland. In a compelling mix of interviews, history, vivid impressions and sharp reportage, he argues that nationalism can be a constructive, welding force, but that, in its extreme, authoritarian form, it serves as a collective escape from reality, whose adherents, inhabiting a delusional realm of noble causes and tragic sacrifice, strait jacket themselves and other groups in the fiction of an irreducible ethnic identity. Ignatieff includes a firsthand look inside a Kurdish guerrilla camp in northern Iraq, a meeting with a neo-Nazi skinhead in Leipzig, an interview with octogenarian Yugoslav dissident Milovan Djilas (author of *Conversations With Stalin*) and encounters with Cree Indians of northern Canada who, adding their voices to the separatist chorus of French-speaking Quebecois, are demanding self-determination in an effort to stave off encroaching hydroelectric development. Photos. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist
Companion to a six-part BBC-TV series PBS will broadcast this year, Ignatieff's probing analysis of the meanings and consequences of "the new nationalism" in Croatia and Serbia, Germany, the Ukraine, Quebec, Kurdistan, and Northern Ireland provides crucial insights into the fragility of "civic nationalism" and the "liberal virtues [of] tolerance, compromise, reason." Ignatieff, a supreme cosmopolitan himself--ethnically Russian and British, born and raised in Canada, a British writer and broadcaster for much of his adult life--has compiled a nuanced portrait of the post-Cold War traumas and terrors that contribute to the appeal and the violence of ethnic nationalism in the 1990s. His account explicates the international realities that frame the explosion of nationalism around the world and reminds believers in a global economy and a postnationalist world that a cosmopolitan tolerance of differences is a luxury likely to gain support only where a secure nation-state holds individual and tribal fear and vengeance in check.
Mary Carroll