errors"—a statement that is rich in a book review that doesn't even spell the name of the book author correctly.

As a concluding note, suffice it to say that other members of the Middle East studies community have been less dismissive of the book; in fact it was recently shortlisted for the prestigious Book Prize of the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies and received an honorable mention. The judges commented that the book was "a solidly researched and insightful single-volume history of the Iraqi Communist Party from its inception to its annihilation by Saddam" and "a highly readable and instructive history of secular political ideologies in Iraq." I leave it to *IJMES* readers to decide which is the fairer assessment.

A REPLY TO JOHAN FRANZÉN

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the author's reply to my review of *Red Star over Iraq*. In scholarship, the devil is in the details, and so, as Johan Franzén suggests, when evaluating a scholarly endeavor, I do indeed consider "it worthwhile to devote . . . [my] whole review to details." If the facts are inaccurate, it follows that the conclusions are flawed. Beyond this, my only other comment is that I find the tone and tenor of Franzén's reply to be cast in personal terms and as such unprofessional.

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