9–11
Was There An Alternative?
Noam Chomsky

Recipient of the annual City of Sydney Peace Prize for 2011 and visiting Australia in November, Professor Noam Chomsky’s new release bridges the information gap around the World Trade Center attacks.

In 9–11: Was There An Alternative?, the internationally renowned thinker cuts through the tangle of political opportunism, expedient patriotism, and general conformity that choked off American discourse in the months immediately following.

Chomsky places the attacks in context, marshaling his deep and nuanced knowledge of American foreign policy to trace the history of American political aggression at the same time as warning against America’s increasing reliance on military rhetoric and violence in its response to the attacks.

He makes the critical point that the mainstream media and public intellectuals were failing to make: any escalation of violence as a response to violence will inevitably lead to further, and bloodier, attacks on innocents in America and around the world.

9–11: Was There an Alternative? includes essays based on interviews immediately after the attacks, as well as an essay written in the weeks following the assassination of Osama Bin Laden.

Published following the tenth anniversary of 9-11, this book reminds us that today, just as much as ten years ago, information and clarity remain our most valuable resources in the struggle to prevent future violence against the innocent, both at home and abroad.

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Noam Chomsky is internationally renowned and has written and lectured widely on linguistics, philosophy, contemporary issues, international affairs and U.S. foreign policy. His works include: Peace in the Middle East?; The Culture of Terrorism; and Rogue States.