

FATHER OF OUR NATION AND LIFE OF A GREAT LEADER

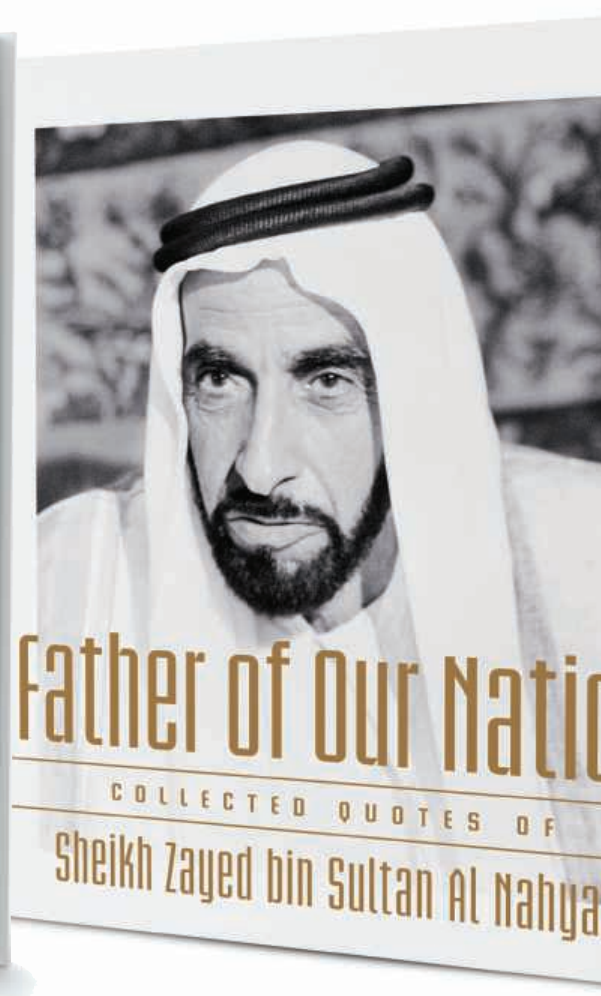
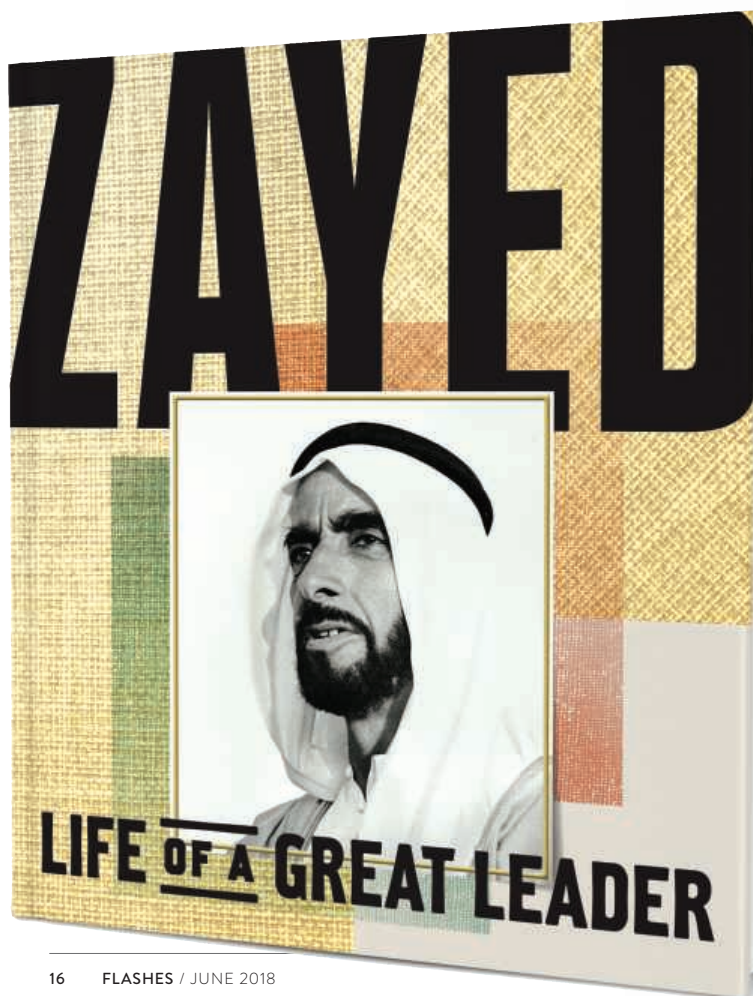
(Motivate)

Statesman, nation builder and humanitarian: the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan was all that and much more. He was an environmentalist who imparted his love for nature to his citizens. He was an advocate of women's rights who emphasised the crucial role of women in society's progress. He valued education as a tool for individual and collective development. Above all, he was a son of the desert whose resolute spirit and perceptive leadership stemmed from his devotion to his land and his people.

In the words of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime

Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai: "History does not forget great men or their contributions... and the Emirati identity will remain faithful to Zayed because he dedicated his life to the construction of man."

Released last year, *Father of Our Nation, Collected Quotes of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan* celebrates the thoughts and ideas that made Sheikh Zayed the remarkable figure he was. Featuring rare historical and contemporary photographs, the book covers the themes of environment, heritage, education, progress, leadership, women and nation.



Its follow up, *Zayed Life of A Great Leader*, released recently in the Year of Zayed, delves a little deeper. It offers an insight into his life from his early days in Al Ain to his greatest achievements as founding father and leader of the UAE.

Both titles preserve Sheikh Zayed's vision and wisdom for future generations.

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Sheikh Zayed certainly did that and these books, either of which would make a welcome gift or keepsake, allow readers to learn the principles this exceptional leader lived by. ↗

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Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong about the World – and Why Things Are Better Than You Think

Hans Rosling (Spectre)

Written by Swedish physician, academic and statistician Hans Rosling before he passed away, the posthumously published *Factfulness* sets out to turn the idea that the world is going from bad to worse on its head. Rosling doesn't deny that there are mad, bad and dangerous events taking place (terrorism, school shootings, extreme weather, etc), but he argues that things are improving on a wider scale.

The percentage of people living in extreme poverty has almost halved over 20 years, access to education has improved and – despite the terrifying headlines – less people are being harmed by natural disasters and it's getting safer to fly.

The crux of Rosling's argument is that it's bad news journalism and a media-driven narrow worldview leading us to believe that things are much worse than they are. Rosling describes this "over-dramatic worldview" as "stressful and misleading" and claims we must learn to control our "drama intake".

The author describes 'factfulness' as "understanding as a source of mental peace". Through the book's pages, Rosling makes a compelling case for looking on the bright side of life and does so in an engaging, example-led way.

Bill Gates called this one of the most important books he's ever read. Describing Rosling as much more than a "data guy", Gates said: "He had an incredibly deep understanding of humanity and a knack for storytelling that went beyond his explanations of numbers. My hope is that this book inspires people to approach the world with as much curiosity and openness as Hans did." ↗