Contents

Acknowledgments ix
Introduction xiii

PART I
Iran Recast

1 A View of the Revolution from the Shah’s Palace 3
Strobe Talbott

2 The Revolution’s Broken Promises 8
Ali Fathollah-Nejad

3 Iran’s Economy since the Revolution 18
Populism and Pragmatism
Djavad Salehi-Isfahani

4 Revolution, Reform, and the Future of the Islamic Republic 27
Suzanne Maloney

5 Poppies and Public Health 40
1979 and Narcotics in Iran
Vanda Felbab-Brown and Bradley S. Porter
Contents

6 Girls of Revolution Street
   Iranian Women since 1979
   SUZANNE MALONEY and ELIORA KATZ

PART II
The Revolution and Washington

7 “We Used to Run This Country”
   How the Revolution Upended an American-Iranian Alliance
   SUZANNE MALONEY

8 After 1979, America’s Torch Song for Tehran
   KENNETH POLLACK

9 The Iranian Hostage Crisis and Its Effect
   on American Politics
   ELAINE KAMARCK

10 Washington, the Shah, and the Problem of Autocratic Allies
   TAMARA COFMAN WITTES

11 The Revolution and Washington’s Reliance
   on Economic Pressure
   KATE HEWITT and RICHARD NEPHEW

12 The Rules of the Game
   International Law and Iranian-American Relations
   SCOTT R. ANDERSON

13 1979 and the World’s Second Oil Shock
   SAMANTHA GROSS
PART III

The Ripple Effect of Iran’s Revolution across the Middle East

14 How 1979 Transformed the Regional Balance of Power
   ITAMAR RABINOVI

15 The Iranian Revolution’s Legacy of Terrorism
   DANIEL BYMAN

16 Iraq and the “First Islamic Revolution”
   RANJ ALAALDIN

17 Saddam’s Monumental Mistakes
   BRUCE RIEDEL

18 Hezbollah: Revolutionary Iran’s Most Successful Export
   JEFFREY FELTMAN

19 The Origins of the Saudi-Iranian Battle
   for the Broader Middle East
   SUZANNE MALONEY and BRUCE RIEDEL

20 Coexistence and Convergence in Turkish-Iranian Relations
   KEMAL KIRIŞÇI

21 Israel’s Reverse Periphery Doctrine
   NATAN SACHS

22 Emboldened and Then Constrained
   Repercussions of Iran’s Revolution for Sunni Islamists
   SHADI HAMID and SHARAN GREWAL

23 In Pakistan, Another Embassy Under Siege
   MADIHA AFZAL
Contents

24  Bad Judgment and a Chain of Blunders  192
    Soviet Responses to the Iranian Revolution
    PAVEL BAEV

APPENDIX A
    Iranian Revolution Timeline of Events  197
    SUZANNE MALONEY and KEIAN RAZIPOUR

APPENDIX B
    What to Read to Understand the 1979 Iranian Revolution  203
    SUZANNE MALONEY, ELIORA KATZ,
    and KEIAN RAZIPOUR

Contributors  211

Index  219