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Denial of genocides in the twenty-first century, ed. by Bedross Der Matossian. Nebraska, 2023. 416p bibl index ISBN 9781496225108 cloth, \$70.00; ISBN 9781496235541 ebook, \$70.00

Der Matossian (modern Middle East history, Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln), author of *Shattered Dreams of Revolution: From Liberty to Violence in the Late Ottoman Empire* (CH, Apr'15, 52-4380), gathers scholars to detail the continuing denial of eight genocides and the deniers' motivations. Some subjects are widely known, e.g., the Armenian genocide and the Jewish Holocaust; others might be somewhat less well-known to Western readers, e.g., the genocides in Bosnia, Rwanda, and Syria and *two* separate genocides in Cambodia. Readers will also learn about how different American administrations and government officials participated in denying the genocides of the Indigenous peoples of North America and the Mayan people in Guatemala at the hands of their own government. This reviewer would have liked to see a chapter on the denial of the Holodomor (the Ukrainian famine). As contributor Samuel Totten observes, "denial contributes to impunity, which may well lead others—both today and well into the future—to believe they can carry out similar criminal actions and not be held accountable" (p. 250). An extremely important book. **Summing Up: ★★★** Highly recommended. Advanced undergraduates through faculty.—*J. A. Drobnicki, York College, CUNY*