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READING GUIDE

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Sami Adwan (Editor)

Side by Side, Parallel Histories of Israel-Palestine

2012, PAPER, 398 PAGES

Developed by Israeli and Palestinian teachers, these essays present each society's version of events – literally side by side – highlighting both shared opinions and deep differences.

Simon Goldhill

Jerusalem, City of Longing

2009, PAPER, 368 PAGES

Goldhill shows the layered, multi-religious history of the city through its architecture, organizing his exhilarating guide into a series of seven walking tours (each with map).

Mourid Barghouti, Edward W. Said (Introduction), Abdaf Soueif (Translator)

I Saw Ramallah

2003, PAPER, 184 PAGES

An evocative and powerful memoir, focused on the author's return to the West Bank after 30 years, a place utterly changed and still at the center of the devastating conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians.

Alan Dowty

Israel/Palestine

2012, PAPER, 269 PAGES

The third edition, fully revised and updated, of Dowty's respected introduction to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Insight Guides

Insight Guide Israel

2012, PAPER, 368 PAGES,

This lavishly illustrated guide includes maps and short essays on history, culture and attractions.

ALSO RECOMMENDED

Hela Crown-Tamir

How to Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus and the Prophets

2000, PAPER, 195 PAGES

This pocket guide, geared for Christian pilgrimages to Israel and Jordan, includes scriptural references for biblical sites.

Freytag & Berndt

Israel, Palestine, Holy Land Map

2010, MAP, 1 PAGES

A double-sided, indexed map at a scale of 1:150,000.

Jotischy, Andrew, Caroline Hull

The Penguin Historical Atlas of the Bible Lands

2009, PAPER, 144 PAGES

From the earliest hunter-gatherers to modern Jerusalem, this concise pictorial atlas traces this most complex history in maps and essays.

Simon Sebag Montefiore

Jerusalem, The Biography

2011, PAPER, 650 PAGES

Montefiore tells the history of a Holy City, focus of struggle between the Abrahamic religions, the place of prophets and patriarchs, Abraham, David, Jesus and Muhammad, with grace and balance, tracing the story of Jerusalem through the lives of men and women.

A. Kaiser (Translator), Rene Backmann

A Wall in Palestine

2010, PAPER, 272 PAGES

An incisive report on the West Bank Barrier - one of the most significant developments in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in our lifetime.

Amos Oz

In the Land of Israel

1993, PAPER, 275 PAGES

In this compelling volume, Israeli novelist Amos Oz interviewed dozens of his fellow countrymen from all walks of life. A passionate, candid and diverse portrait of a people and their hopes, fears and prejudices.

Barry Rubin (Editor), Walter Laqueur (Editor)

The Israel-Arab Reader

2008, PAPER, 592 PAGES

Organized chronologically, this newly revised primer includes speeches, letters, articles, timelines and reports dealing with the continuing conflict in the Middle East.

Dale Hanson Bourke

The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Tough Questions, Direct Answers

2013, PAPER, 142 PAGES

With maps, charts, photos, and quotes, Dale Hanson Bourke's skeptic's guide, written from the perspective of an American Christian, answers such tough questions as: What is meant by a two-state solution? Who are the Palestinian Christians? Do other countries help or hurt the peace process? How does the Arab spring affect the conflict?

Donna Rosenthal

The Israelis, Ordinary People in an Extraordinary Land

2005, PAPER, 480 PAGES

Colorful and compelling, this sharp-eyed portrait captures the diversity of modern Israel with humor and authority. 60th anniversary edition.

Sari Nusseibeh

What is a Palestine State Worth?

2011, HARD COVER, 234 PAGES

The president of and a professor at Al-Quds University, the Arab University of Jerusalem, philosopher and former PLO representative in Jerusalem, Nusseibeh offers a tentative way out of the 60-year-old Arab-Israeli conflict.

Thomas Friedman

From Beirut to Jerusalem

2012, PAPER, 530 PAGES

An illuminating and heartfelt exploration of the complex Middle East. Pulitzer Prize winner Friedman provides a personal and a scholarly perspective on the roots of the conflict.

Avraham Burg

The Holocaust Is Over, We Must Rise from Its Ashes

2009, PAPER, 253 PAGES

The son of Holocaust survivors, the former speaker of the Knesset draws on his own family history to inform his views on how the Jewish people can live in peace and security.

Martin Fletcher

Walking Israel

2011, PAPER, 336 PAGES

NBC correspondent in Tel Aviv for three decades, Fletcher breaks from daily headlines for this joyful account of a two-week trek, capturing the cultural diversity, humanity, history and spirit of seaside communities from Lebanon to Gaza along what he calls "the most fascinating, action-packed 100 miles in the world."

David Grossman

To the End of the Land

2011, PAPER, 592 PAGES

Grossman's haunting novel follows an Israeli mother as she walks across Israel to Galilee to avoid the "notifiers" who might arrive with news of her son's death in a military offensive against the Palestinians.

Michael Gluzman (Editor)

Israel, A Traveler's Literary Companion

1996, PAPER, 236 PAGES

Organized geographically, these 16 stories by celebrated contemporary writers including Amos Oz, A.B. Yehoshua and David Grossman reflect the cultural diversity of modern Israel.

Susan Abulbawa

Mornings in Jenin

2010, PAPER, 331 PAGES

This family saga, drawing on the author's own experiences and history, follows four generations of a Palestinian family who lost their home in 1948 with the creation of Israel.

Ari Shavit

My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel

2013, PAPER, 480 PAGES

An authoritative and deeply personal narrative history of the State of Israel, by one of the most influential journalists writing about the Middle East today.