

PALESTINE-ISRAEL RESOURCES

This is a detailed list of resources to help you understand and engage with the situation in Palestine and Israel. The whole conversation about this issue is highly convoluted and charged, which is further problematized by the one-sided biased attitude on the issue in Western political discourse, mainstream media outlets and churches.

The list below includes easy and quick content like podcasts, social media profiles, articles, documentaries, and youtube videos. There are also books on history, politics, as well as theology and the Bible.

VIDEO

[The Israel-Palestine conflict: a brief, simple history](#) (10 mins)

A short video by Vox about the history of the Israeli Palestinian conflict. This is highly recommended as a quick introduction before you examine the issues more thoroughly.

[How Palestinians were expelled from their homes](#) (16 mins)

Around the time that Israelis celebrate Independence Day, Palestinians commemorate “The Nakba,” or “The Catastrophe.” The Nakba was a series of events, centered around 1948, that expelled hundreds of thousands Palestinians from their homeland and killed thousands. The Nakba isn’t the beginning of the story, but it’s a key part of Palestinian history — and the root of Israel’s creation.

[The U.S. Media Has a Palestine Problem](#) (10 mins)

This is a very important video we want you to watch just because you come from the West, and there exists a default prejudice against Palestine and Palestinians that has, consciously and subconsciously, influenced the way you think about the Middle and Palestine/Israel.

[Inside Israeli Apartheid](#) (22 mins)

For decades Palestinians have accused Israel of the crime of Apartheid: one system that privileges Jews, and another that discriminates against Palestinians. Now, the rest of the world is catching up. In the past few years, leading global and Israeli human rights groups have joined their Palestinian counterparts in calling Israel an Apartheid state. From the occupied West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza, to Palestinian communities inside Israel, this is a look Inside Israeli Apartheid. This video here is made by Mondoweiss, an Israeli news outlet. Check out other excellent videos by [Amnesty International](#), and [AJ+](#).

DOCUMENTARIES

1913: Seeds of Conflict

Examines seeds of the Middle East conflict sown in pre-WWI Ottoman Palestine.

Watch: [1913 Seeds of Conflict](#) (Youtube)

Occupation 101: Voices of the Silenced Majority

This (slightly dated) documentary focuses on the current and historical root causes of the

Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It covers a wide range of topics, which include the first wave of Jewish immigration from Europe in the 1880s, the 1920 tensions, the 1948 war, the 1967 war, the first Intifada of 1987, the Oslo Peace Process, settlement expansion, the role of the United States government, the second Intifada of 2000, the Separation Barrier, and the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, as well as many heart-rending testimonials from victims of this tragedy. Although it's a bit dated, the documentary provides an excellent primer into the roots and manifestations of the conflict.

Watch: [Occupation 101](#) (Youtube)

5 Broken Cameras

Nominated for a 2012 Academy Award, is a first-hand account of protests in Bil'in, a West Bank village affected by the Israeli Separation Wall.

Watch: [5 Broken Cameras](#) (Vimeo); [5 Broken Cameras](#) (Youtube)

The Law in These Parts

Winner of the Documentary Grand Jury Prize at Sundance, *The Law in These Parts* is a revelatory investigation into the judicial and moral complexities of Israel's military legal system for governing Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Watch: [Watch The Law in These Parts](#) (Amazon)

The Stones Cry Out

A documentary that tells the stories of Palestinian Christians, in their voices, from the Nakba of 1948 through the present.

Watch: [The Stones Cry Out](#) (Vimeo)

With God on Our Side

A documentary that examines the theology of Christian Zionism and demonstrates a biblical alternative that promotes peace and reconciliation for both Jews and Palestinians.

Watch: [With God on Our Side](#) (youtube)

Till Kingdom Come

A documentary that investigates the political alliance between American evangelicals and Israel's right wing, and their influence on the Trump administration's foreign policy.

Watch: [Til Kingdom Come](#)

Naila & The Uprising

Watch: [Naila and the Uprising](#) (Vimeo)

The Gatekeepers

Israeli documentary nominated for a 2012 Academy Award. It tells the story of the Israeli internal security service, the Shin Bet, through the lens of six of its former directors

Watch: [Watch The Gatekeepers](#) (Amazon Prime)

Encounter Point

It follows a former Israeli settler, a Palestinian ex-prisoner, a bereaved Israeli mother, and a wounded Palestinian bereaved brother who risk their lives and public standing to promote a nonviolent end to the conflict.

Watch: [Encounter Point](#) (Amazon Prime)

Afterward

Afterward delves into the secret wounds carried by victims as well as victimizers as the Jerusalem-born filmmaker seeks to make sense of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the wave of anti-Semitism sweeping the globe.

Watch: [Afterward](#) (Amazon Prime)

Roadmap to Apartheid

Narrated by award-winning journalist Alice Walker, this film compares what is happening in Palestine to South Africa when it was under Apartheid.

Watch: [Roadmap to Apartheid](#) (Amazon Prime)

The Wanted 18

A film that follows the story of 18 cows purchased by the town of Beit Sahour during the first intifada to provide milk for the community.

Watch: [The Wanted 18](#) (Amazon Prime)

The Occupation of the American Mind: Israel's Public Relations War in the United States

Released in 2016, the documentary takes an eye-opening look at pro-Israel public relations efforts within the U.S. Narrated by Roger Waters and featuring leading observers of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and U.S. media culture, the film explores how the Israeli government, the U.S. government, and the pro-Israel lobby have joined forces, often with very different motives, to shape American media coverage of the conflict in Israel's favor.

Watch: [The Occupation of the American Mind](#) (Vimeo)

Killing Gaza

In Killing Gaza, Jewish journalists Max Blumenthal and Dan Cohen documented Israel's 2014 war on Gaza. Yet this film is much more than a documentary about Palestinian resilience and suffering. It is a chilling visual document of war crimes committed by the Israeli military, featuring direct testimony and evidence from the survivors.

Watch: [Killing Gaza](#) (Vimeo)

MOVIES

The Present

This short film was released on Netflix and nominated for a 2021 Academy Award. Is a short film about a father and daughter in Israeli-Occupied West Bank trying to buy a wedding anniversary gift.

Watch: [The Present](#) (Netflix)

The Lemon Tree

This film follows the legal efforts of a Palestinian widow to stop the Israeli Defense Minister, her next-door neighbor, from destroying the lemon trees in her family farm. At the same time, she develops a human bond with the minister's wife.

Watch: [Lemon Tree](#) (Amazon Prime)

***When I Saw You* (2021, 1h 37m)**

Longing to reunite with his missing father in the wake of the Six-Day War, an 11-year-old Palestinian boy sets out on a life-changing journey.

Watch: [When I Saw You](#) (Netflix)

Omar (2013, 1h 38m)

With his girlfriend, Nadia, living on the other side of an Israeli-built boundary wall, young Palestinian Omar regularly scales it to visit her.

Watch: [Omar](#) (Netflix)

Salt of This Sea (2008, 1h 45m)

A Palestinian American woman travels to her homeland to retrieve her grandfather's savings, which had been frozen since his exile during the Nakba.

Watch: [Salt of This Sea](#) (Netflix)

TV SHOWS

Mo

Mo is the first American show created by a Palestinian and showing a Palestinian family on TV. It's a comedy-drama starring Mo Amer as the titular character and is loosely based on Amer's own life as a Palestinian refugee living in Houston, Texas.

Watch: [Mo](#) (Netflix)

Fauda

The widely popular, yet controversial, Israeli TV show depicts the exploits of Israeli intelligence in the West Bank and Gaza. Palestinians are critical of the show because of its hurtful stereotypes and one-sided portrayal of Palestinians. [Read here a critical review by a friend of Daniel.](#)

Watch: [Fauda](#) (Netflix)

Shtisel

An Israeli TV show about a Haredi family living in an ultra-Orthodox neighborhood of Jerusalem that reckons with love, loss and the doldrums of daily life.

Watch: [Shtisel](#) (Netflix)

PODCASTS

A Palestinian Christian Perspective on the Recent Violence in the Holy Land

A conversation between Daniel Bannoura (!) and pastor Jason Miller of South Bend City Church about the violent events of May 2021.

Listen: [South Bend City Church](#) (Spotify)

Haaretz Weekly

A weekly podcast in English by Haaretz, Israel's oldest daily newspaper, covering Israel, the Middle East and the Jewish World

Listen: [Haaretz Weekly](#) (Spotify)

This is Palestine

A podcast hosted by the Institute for Middle East Understanding (IMEU) that highlights people, issues, and events around Palestine. The podcast brings stories from the ground in Palestine, and speaks with experts and activists to bring unique perspectives and analysis about Palestine from across the world.

Listen: [This Is Palestine Podcast](#) (Spotify)

Occupied Thoughts

A podcast hosted by the Foundation for Middle East Peace (FMEP) that dives deep into issues related to Israel, Palestine, and the occupation.

Listen: [Occupied Thoughts](#) (Spotify)

The Mondoweiss Podcast

A podcast by Israeli news agency Mondoweiss that covers the movements, activists, and policymakers who affect what's happening in Palestine. It covers Palestinians' stories of occupation, resistance and hope -stories that show us all how the world's struggles interconnect.

Listen: [The Mondoweiss Podcast](#) (Spotify)

SOCIAL MEDIA

IMEU

Giving you access to untold stories, facts, and expert sources on all things Palestine—politics, culture, art, and activism.

[IMEU \(@theimeu\)](#)

Jewish Voice for Peace

A U.S. based advocacy organization, JVP members are inspired by the Jewish tradition to work together for peace, social justice, equality, human rights, respect for international law, and a U.S. foreign policy based on these ideals.

[Jewish Voice for Peace \(@jewishvoiceforpeace\)](#)

IfNotNow

American Jews organizing our community to end U.S. support for Israel's apartheid system and demand equality, justice, and a thriving future for all.

[IfNotNow \(@ifnotnoworg\)](#)

NEWS OUTLETS

Aljazeera English – <http://english.aljazeera.net/news/middleeast/>

Almayadeen - <https://english.almayadeen.net/>

+972 Magazine – <http://972mag.com>

Mondoweiss – <http://mondoweiss.net>

Electronic Intifada – <http://www.electronicintifada.net>

Palestinian News Network (PNN) – <http://english.pnn.ps/>

ORGANIZATIONS

Adalah – A legal center for Arab minority rights in Israel. <http://www.adalah.org/eng/>

Addameer – A Palestinian prisoner support and human rights center. <http://www.addameer.org>

Al Haq – A Palestinian human rights organization in Ramallah. <http://www.alhaq.org>

Alternative Information Center – A partnership of Israelis and Palestinians to promote the joint struggle for freedom and national rights of Palestinians. <https://aicpalestine.org/index.php/en/>

Applied Research Institute of Jerusalem – ARIJ prepares high quality, professional research studies and maps that track settlement expansion, movement restrictions, and control of natural resources, among other issues. The ARIJ website is an excellent resource for maps. <http://www.arij.org>

BDS Movement – A movement established by Palestinian civil society calling for the boycott, divestment and sanctions of Israel. <http://www.bdsmovement.net/make-an-impact>

Badil Resource Center – Conducts advocacy related to UN Resolution 194 and supports refugees throughout the West Bank. <http://www.badil.org>

Breaking the Silence – Israeli ex-soldiers tell stories about their experiences in enforcing the occupation. <http://www.breakingthesilence.org.il>

B'tselem – An Israeli human rights group that researches and publishes data on human rights abuses in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza. B'tselem's website includes an interactive map that highlights human rights abuses. <http://www.btselem.org>

Challenging Christian Zionism – The website of the Institute for the Study of Christian Zionism provides analysis on the devastating impact of Christian Zionism and works to disseminate a theology of biblical justice. <http://www.christianzionism.org>

Christian Peacemaker Teams – A North American Christian organization with a “violence reduction presence” in Hebron since 1995. <http://www.cpt.org>

Christ at the Checkpoint – In March 2016, Bethlehem Bible College hosted their fourth Christ at the Checkpoint conference. This website includes lectures and articles from the conference. <https://christatthecheckpoint.bethbc.edu/>

Gisha – Gisha is an Israeli not-for-profit organization whose goal is to protect the freedom of movement of Palestinians, especially Gaza residents. <http://www.gisha.org>

Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions – An Israeli peace organization that works to end the occupation and confront the Israeli policy of house demolitions. <http://www.icahd.org>

Jewish Voice for Peace – A U.S. based advocacy organization, JVP members are inspired by Jewish tradition to work together for peace, social justice, equality, human rights, respect for

international law, and a U.S. foreign policy based on these ideals.

<https://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/>

Kairos Palestine: A Moment of Truth – A Palestinian Christian response to the occupation.

<http://www.kairospalestine.ps>

Lajee Center – Lajee Center's main aim is to provide refugee youth with cultural, educational, social and developmental opportunities. <http://www.lajee.org>

MennoPIN – The Mennonite Palestine/Israel Network is an independent grassroots network which relates to the Peace and Justice Support Network of Mennonite Church USA.

<http://mennopin.org/>

Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs – A research and publishing organization with a full range of historical and current maps of Palestine/Israel.

<http://www.passia.org/>

Palestinian Center for Human Rights – A non-profit organization dedicated to protecting human rights, promoting the rule of law, and upholding democratic principles in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. <http://www.pchrgaza.org>

Rabbis for Human Rights – RHR was established with the purpose of giving voice to the Zionist ideal and the Jewish religious tradition of human rights. <http://rhr.org.il/eng/>

Sabeel – The Palestinian ecumenical liberation theology center. <http://www.sabeel.org>

Stop the Wall – A grassroots organization that connects the Popular Committees Against the Wall from across Palestine. <http://www.stopthewall.org>

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs – OCHA's website has good maps, slideshows, and reports on closures, checkpoints, and the humanitarian situation in Gaza and the West Bank. <http://www.ochaopt.org>

United States Campaign for Palestinian Human Rights – A national network of activists and organizations who are committed to freedom, justice, and equality for the Palestinian people and who work to end U.S. complicity in their oppression. <https://uscpr.org/>

Who Profits? – A project of the Coalition of Women for Peace that tracks and publishes the names of Israeli and international companies that profit from the occupation of Palestine.

<http://www.whoprofits.org/>

Yesh Din – Yesh Din is an Israeli human rights organization working to achieve long-term structural improvement in the human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

<http://www.yesh-din.org>

Zochrot – An Israeli organization that works to raise awareness of the Nakba in Israel.

<http://zochrot.org/en>

ARTICLES

There are a plethora of articles written on Palestine and Israel. Instead of overwhelming you with articles as well as books, we chose to include only a small number of articles here, while giving you many more options of books that would help you to thoroughly examine the issues at hand.

Identifying Antisemitism and Racism in Talk about Israel and Palestine

Lisa Schirch

This is an excellent article to help you identify antisemitism and anti-Palestinian racism that are rife in current conversations about the conflict.

[Identifying Antisemitism and Racism in Talk about Israel and Palestine – Lisa Schirch](#)

Israel's apartheid against Palestinians: Cruel system of domination and crime against humanity

This is a significant and detailed report released recently by Amnesty International, the world-renowned human rights organization.

[Israel's apartheid against Palestinians: Cruel system of domination and crime against humanity - Amnesty International](#)

When the foundations are being destroyed, what does the peacemaker do?

Rula Khoury-Mansour

[When the foundations are being destroyed. what can the peacemaker do?](#)

Kairos Palestine

[Kairos Document](#)

BOOKS

FICTION

The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East

Sandy Tolan

Tolan focuses on one small stone house in Ramla—once an Arab community, but now primarily Jewish. Built in 1936 by an Arab family but acquired by a Jewish family after the Israelis captured the city in 1948, this simple stone house has anchored for decades the hopes of both its displaced former owners and its new Jewish occupants.

Buy: [The Lemon Tree](#) (Amazon)

Mornings in Jenin

Susan Abulhawa

Mornings in Jenin is a multi-generational story about a Palestinian family. Forcibly removed from the olive-farming village of Ein Hod by the newly formed state of Israel in 1948, the Abulhejos are displaced to live in canvas tents in the Jenin refugee camp. We follow the Abulhejo family as they live through a half century of violent history. Amidst the loss and fear,

hatred and pain, as their tents are replaced by more forebodingly permanent cinderblock huts, there is always the waiting, waiting to return to a lost home.

Buy: [Mornings in Jenin](#) (Amazon)

Footnotes in Gaza

Joe Sacco

A graphic novel that illustrates daily life in Khan Younis and Rafah, spanning fifty years of narrating the stories of war and occupation in Gaza.

Buy: [Footnotes in Gaza](#) (Amazon)

Unfortunately, It Was Paradise: Selected Poems

Mahmoud Darwish

Mahmoud Darwish is critically acclaimed as one of the most important poets in the Arabic language, and beloved as the voice of his people the Palestinians. A legend in Palestine, his lyrics are sung by fieldworkers and schoolchildren. This collection spans Darwish's entire career, nearly four decades, revealing an impressive range of expression and form.

Buy: [Unfortunately, It Was Paradise](#) (Amazon)

Palestine's Children: Returning to Haifa & Other Stories

Ghassan Kanafani

Kanafani is what one of the most prominent Palestinian writers of all time. In *Palestine's Children*, each story involves a child who is victimized by political events and circumstances, but who nevertheless participates in the struggle toward a better future. As in Kanafani's other fiction, these stories explore the need to recover the past the lost homeland by action. At the same time, written by a major talent, they have a universal appeal.

Buy: [Palestine's Children](#) (Amazon)

THEOLOGY

The Other Side of the Wall: A Palestinian Christian Narrative of Lament and Hope

Munther Isaac

Munther Isaac is an Evangelical Lutheran pastor from Beit Sahour.¹ In his book, Isaac gives the perspective of Palestinian Christians on the other side of the separation wall surrounding most Palestinian West Bank cities today. Isaac reflects theologically on what's happening on the ground, laments the injustices suffered by the Palestinian people, holds out hope for a just peace and ways to befriend and love his Jewish and Muslim neighbors.

Buy: [The Other Side of the Wall](#) (Amazon); Listen: [The Other Side of the Wall](#) (Audible)

Through My Enemy's Eyes: Envisioning Reconciliation in Israel-Palestine

Salim J Munayer and Lisa Loden

This book addresses the universal theological dimension of reconciliation in the context of the Israeli Messianic Jewish and Palestinian Christian divide. Palestinian Christians and Israeli Messianic Jews share a belief in Jesus as the son of God and Messiah. Often, though, that is all

¹ Beit Sahour is the biblical Shepherds Field, located east of Bethlehem. We will be staying most of the time over there. Munther Isaac is also a good friend of Daniel -as well as his pastor and previous boss.

they have in common. This remarkable book, written in collaboration by a Palestinian Christian and an Israeli Messianic Jew, seeks to bridge this gap by addressing head on, divisive theological issues (as well as their political implications) such as land, covenant, prophecy and eschatology which separate their two communities. The struggle for reconciliation is painful and often extremely difficult for all of us. This unique work seeks to show a way forward.
Buy: [Through My Enemy's Eyes](#) (Amazon)

Whose Land? Whose Promise?

Gary Burge

An exploration of evangelical attitudes towards the politics and theology surrounding Israel and Palestine through personal anecdotes and biblical exegesis, written by Wheaton College professor Gary Burge.

Buy: [Whose Land? Whose Promise?](#) (Amazon)

Jesus and the Land: How the New Testament Transformed 'Holy Land' Theology

Gary Burge

The relationship of 'land' to 'theology' has been a motif living within the Jewish tradition since the patriarchal era: one mark of the covenant with Abraham was the promise of land. Gary Burge explores what the New Testament says about 'the land' and outlines the various ways in which these passages have been interpreted.

Buy: [Jesus and the Land](#) (Amazon)

Whose Promised Land? The Continuing Conflict over Israel and Palestine

Colin Chapman

The conflict between Israel and the Palestinians has profoundly affected the Middle East for almost seventy years, and shows no sign of ending. With two peoples claiming the same piece of land for different reasons, it remains a huge political and humanitarian problem. Can it ever be resolved? If so, how? These are the basic questions addressed in a new and substantially revised fifth edition of this highly acclaimed book.

Buy: [Whose Promised Land?](#) (Amazon)

Christian Zionism: Road-map to Armageddon?

Stephen Sizer

Sizer provides here a thorough examination of the historical development, variant forms, theological emphases and political implications of Christian Zionism. His excellent and informative survey is interwoven with critical assessment that repudiates both nationalistic Zionism and anti-Semitism.

Buy: [Christian Zionism](#) (Amazon)

More Desired than Our Own Salvation: The Roots of Christian Zionism

Robert O. Smith

Millions of American Christians see U.S. support for the State of Israel as a God-ordained responsibility. American sympathies for the State of Israel are consistently and often substantially higher than for Arab states or Palestinians. *More Desired than Our Own Salvation* is a compelling historical look at how this consensus came to be.

Buy: [More Desired than Our Own Salvation](#) (Amazon)

A Palestinian Theology of Liberation: The Bible, Justice and the Palestine-Israel Conflict

Naim Ateek

Addressing what many consider the world's most controversial conflict, Naim Ateek offers a succinct primer on liberation theology in the context of the Palestinian struggle for freedom and self-determination. Beginning with the historical roots of this struggle, he shows how the memory of the Holocaust served to trump the claims and aspirations of the native inhabitants of Palestine, and how later Israeli occupation and settlements in the West Bank have contributed to their suffering and oppression.

Buy: [A Palestinian Theology of Liberation](#) (Amazon)

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Blood Brothers: The Dramatic Story of a Palestinian Christian Working for Peace in Israel

Elias Chacour

Chacour is a Melkite priest born in Kufr Bir'im, a depopulated Christian Palestinian village in the Galilee. In *Blood Brothers* he blends his riveting life story with historical research to reveal a little-known side of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and the birth of modern Israel.

Buy: [Blood Brothers](#) (Amazon)

Yet in the Dark Streets Shining: A Palestinian Story of Hope and Resilience in Bethlehem

Bishara Awad

Released in 2021, *Yet In the Dark Streets Shining* details the little-known story of Palestinian Christians through the heartbreaking but inspiring account of a boy who grew up to be a spiritual and community leader in Bethlehem. Bishara Awad was just a child when his father was killed by a sniper during the Israeli-Arab war of 1948. After the family fled their Jerusalem home, Bishara and his siblings grew up as refugees. His spiritual journey brought him through poverty and danger, while witnessing loss and death. Under the shadows of persecution and war, he learned how to live his Christian faith in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ. When Bishara learned how to forgive, he became a firebrand of faith and hope. Rising to the many challenges, he launched Bethlehem Bible College, the first Bible college in the West Bank. Through the dashed hopes of one war after another, as well as opposition on all sides, Bishara's story conveys how he and other Palestinian Christians continue to live their faith and envision a better future.

Buy: [Yet in the Dark Streets Shining](#) (Amazon)

Palestinian Memories: The Story of a Palestinian Mother and her People

Alex Awad

This story of Huda Awad is a portrait of the history of modern Palestine as told through a Palestinian life of courage, motherhood, and family, told by her son, Pastor Alex Awad from Jerusalem.

Buy: [Palestinian Memories](#) (Amazon)

In Search of Fatima

Ghada Karmi

Karmi's memoir relates her childhood in Palestine, flight to Britain after the Nakba, and coming of age in a Jewish suburb in London. This book narrates the experience of displacement and struggles with identity as a Palestinian in the diaspora.

Buy: [In Search of Fatima: A Palestinian Story](#) (Amazon)

HISTORY

Palestinians and Israelis: A Short History of Conflict

Michael Scott-Baumann

Published in 2021, this is a very useful and well-written book that provides much more than a concise history of the conflict. The value of the book is enhanced significantly by the inclusion of an index, a helpful glossary of key terms and people, a chronological timeline and a bibliography for further study. The book will also prove useful for interactive group discussion as each chapter begins with key questions answered and concludes with personal testimonies to illustrate the human impact of the conflict.

Buy: [Palestinians and Israelis](#) (Amazon)

The Hundred Years' War on Palestine: A History of Settler Colonialism and Resistance, 1917–2017

Rashid Khalidi

An authoritative and important book about the history of one hundred years of war waged against the Palestinians written by the foremost US historian of the Middle East, told through pivotal events and family history.

Buy: [The Hundred Years' War on Palestine](#) (Amazon)

My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel

Ari Shavit

Named one of the best books of the year by the New York Times book review and the Economist. 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.

Buy: [My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel](#) (Amazon)

Palestine: A Four Thousand Year History

Nur Masalha

This rich and magisterial work traces Palestine's millennia-old heritage, uncovering cultures and societies of astounding depth and complexity that stretch back to the very beginnings of recorded history.

Buy: [Palestine: A Four Thousand Year History](#) (Amazon)

The Invention of the Jewish People

Shlomo Sand

A historical *tour de force*, *The Invention of the Jewish People* offers a groundbreaking account of Jewish and Israeli history. Exploding the myth that there was a forced Jewish exile in the first century at the hands of the Romans, Israeli historian Shlomo Sand argues that most modern Jews descend from converts, whose native lands were scattered across the Middle East and Eastern Europe.

Buy: [The Invention of the Jewish People](#) (Amazon)

The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine

Ilan Pappé

Ilan Pappé is a prominent Israeli historian. In this book he provides archival evidence of the planned destruction of Palestinian villages from 1948. He argues that if such an act were to take place today, it would be called ethnic cleansing.

Buy: [The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine](#) (Amazon)

POLITICS

The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Tough Questions, Direct Answers

Dale Hanson Bourke

The author sheds light on the places, terms, history, and current issues surrounding the conflict that exists between Palestine and Israel. Offering a fairly balanced presentation of a range of views on the most controversial issues, she provides a framework for American Christians to use in understanding why the conflict occurred, why it continues—and what remains to be done.

Buy: [The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict](#) (Amazon)

On Palestine

Noam Chomsky and Ilan Pappé

Ilan Pappé and Noam Chomsky, two leading Jewish intellectuals, discuss the road ahead for Palestinians and how the international community can pressure Israel to end its human rights abuses against the people of Palestine.

Buy: [On Palestine](#) (Amazon)

Justice for Some: Law and the Question of Palestine

Noura Erakat

Justice for Some offers a new approach to understanding the Palestinian struggle for freedom, told through the power and control of international law. Focusing on key junctures—from the Balfour Declaration in 1917 to present-day wars in Gaza—Noura Erakat shows how the strategic deployment of law has shaped current conditions. Over the past century, the law has done more to advance Israel's interests than the Palestinians'. But, Erakat argues, this outcome was never inevitable.

Buy: [Justice for Some](#) (Amazon)

Behind the Wall: Stories from Occupied Palestine

Rich Wiles

Wiles offers a glimpse inside the West Bank's refugee camps through a collection of oral histories, vignettes, and photographic portraits

Buy: [Behind the Wall: Life, Love, and Struggle in Palestine](#) (Amazon)

Decolonizing Israel, Liberating Palestine: Zionism, Settler Colonialism, and the Case for One Democratic State

Jeff Halper

This book explores how the concept of settler colonialism provides a clearer understanding of the Zionist movement's project to establish a Jewish state in Palestine, displacing the Palestinian Arab population and marginalizing its cultural presence. Jeff Halper argues that the only way out of a colonial situation is decolonization: the dismantling of Zionist structures of domination and control and their replacement by a single democratic state, in which Palestinians and Israeli Jews forge a new civil society and a shared political community.

Buy: [Decolonizing Israel, Liberating Palestine](#) (Amazon)

Occupied with Nonviolence

Jean Zaru

Jean Zaru, the longtime activist and Quaker leader from Ramallah, discusses the pain and

central convictions that animate Christian nonviolence and activity today.

Buy: [Occupied with Nonviolence: A Palestinian Woman Speaks](#) (Amazon)

Freedom is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a Movement

Angela Davis

A collection of essays, interviews, and speeches in which world-renowned activist and scholar Angela Y. Davis illuminates the connections between struggles against state violence and oppression throughout history and around the world.

Buy: [Freedom Is a Constant Struggle](#) (Amazon)