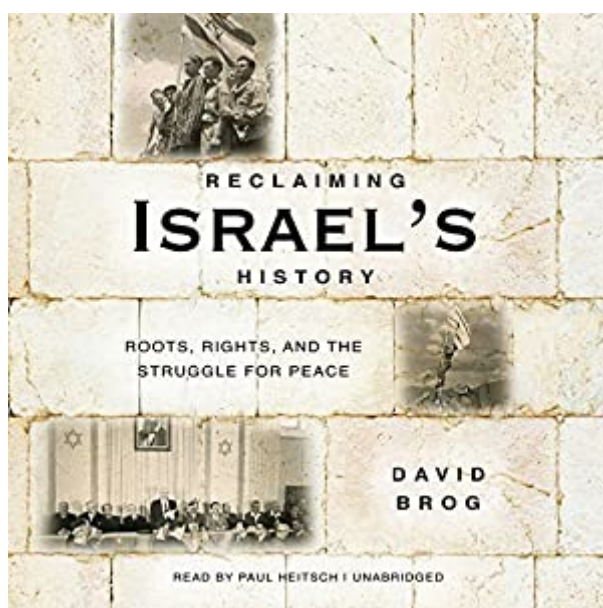


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Reclaiming Israel's History: Roots, Rights, And The Struggle For Peace



Synopsis

There was a time when Israel could do no wrong in America's eyes. That time is long past, and justly so - no nation is absolutely perfect, particularly not one that is engaged in a conflict as long as the Arab-Israeli conflict. But the myth of the perfect Israel has been supplanted by a far more deleterious myth: the myth of the evil Israel. This new myth has so pervaded contemporary culture that the history of Israel - as well documented as it is - has been recast and retold to fit a false narrative of Israel as violent occupier.

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Customer Reviews

"Reclaiming Israel's History" by David Brog, 2017. Initially, regarding this book, I thought: "What another repetitious history of Israel like so many other similar books?" Much to my surprise, and I have read dozens of books regarding Israel, but I surprisingly found that I learned much new information regarding the history of Israel since the 1930s. The main question that the author asks is: "Why is Israel a recognized State, but the Palestinians have failed to achieve Statehood?" The author brings new and fresh perspectives in looking at the legal/political issues of how a people make up a nation, and how after WWII many European and Asian countries forcibly removed German families that had lived for centuries in their countries back to Germany, and how vast numbers of Hindu-Indians & Muslim-Pakistanis moved between their countries following India's division. The author analyzes these forcible migrations in comparison with the exodus of "Palestinians" from Israel in 1948 and Jews from Arab countries thereafter. The author recounts

some of the early history of the Zionist movement in the early 1900s, but surprisingly doesn't mention the Belfour Declaration nor its influence (no citation in the index). While the author briefly mentions some of the highlights of the various Israel-Arafat & Obama-Abbas "peace" negotiations, the author barely mentioned how the issue of the "right of return" of Palestinian refugees was the major stumbling block in why these negotiations eventually collapsed -- although he finally notes this issue about pages 170-172. The author reviews the anti-Jewish riots of the 1920s in the British Mandate of Palestine, and how the British took on an anti-Zionist view during the 1930s, and curtailed Jewish immigration during WWII to appease the Arabs into not supporting the Nazi war effort. The major shortcoming of this book is that while the author noted the long fraction between the Israeli-Jews and Palestinian-Muslims, he didn't get into analyzing "why" the Muslims held such animosity and hatred towards Jews or of an independent Jewish state. To understand this one needs to read "The Complete Infidel's Guide to the Koran" by Robert Spencer. All of this leads the author to postulate, essentially: The Palestinians haven't achieved Statehood because their leaders have consistently declined to establish Statehood if that means they need to recognize a State (Israel) for the Jews. "While "another book about Israel", I found this book to provide new and fresh analysis of the Jews struggle in reclaiming their homeland -- and how despite the "peace" treaties with Egypt and Jordan remain fragile, as Palestinian Authority (PA) & Hamas warlords continue their anti-Jewish media propoganda and violent "lone wolf" attacks around Jerusalem. A fine read.

Important reading for all, especially college students.

An excellent book. Easy to read, and Brog lets the facts speak for themselves. I was so impressed with this book, that I purchased another copy as a gift for my father. Looking forward to reading more books by Mr. Brog.

I have been aware of the phony claims that the Palestinian leaders have been putting out for the last one hundred years; their implacable, irrational hatred of the Jewish people; their permanent refusal to ever co-exist with them; their fanatical determination to murder every single Jew in Israel and in the rest of the world; their deceit, lies, manipulative propoganda; and their practice of intimidating and killing any of their own people who dare to disagree with their fanaticism or want personal peace with Israelis. But this is the first book that I have ever seen that has so brilliantly and readably documented the whole one hundred year Palestinian lie and the clear, unpalatable fact that there will never be peace for the Israeli people. The Israelis are, and have to be, in a state of everlasting

military alert and readiness backed by possibly the best intelligence system in the world. And they also have to cope with the hatred of every Islamic nation in the world, the blindness of the leaders of so many other nations, and the perversity of so many journalists and media who constantly swallow and publish skillful Palestinian propaganda.

A very informative, unbiased read, by a highly educated writer. Very well written.

Very interesting and informative. Learned a lot. I recommend it to anyone interested in the facts about Israel. Hard book to put down.

Brog's book not only chronicles the 3400 year history of Israel in the land, but also the very recent development of the concept of an Arab Palestinian nationality. He also follows Israel's efforts to establish a peaceful coexistence and the Arab's documented inability to do so. This is a view which you will not get from the Arabs, the news media or anywhere for that matter. But one that is none the less very accurate.

An absolute must read for anyone seriously wishing to understand the Arab-Israeli conflict, its roots, history, and the reality of that seemingly impossible dream of peace, wars and all.

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