

## Selected Bibliography on Israel and Palestine Conflict

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Aly, Abdel Momen Said, Shai Feldman and Khalil Shikaki. (2022) *Arabs and Israelis: Conflict and Peacemaking in the Middle East*. Bloomsbury Press.

Amazon: "A distinguished team of authors comprising an Israeli, a Palestinian and an Egyptian present a broader Arab perspective in this innovative textbook that offers a balanced and nuanced introduction to a highly contentious subject. Providing an overview of key developments in the history of the conflict, it explores attempts at resolution, before going on to portray the perspectives of the important parties. It places the events of the conflict within a regional and international context, providing an invaluable insight into the opposing narratives behind the conflict. "

Arendt, Hannah. (1973 [1951]) *The Origins of Totalitarianism*. Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich Publishing.

Amazon: " *The Origins of Totalitarianism*, is an essential component of any study of twentieth-century political history. It begins with the rise of anti-Semitism in central and western Europe in the 1800s and continues with an examination of European colonial imperialism from 1884 to the outbreak of World War I. Hannah Arendt explores the institutions and operations of totalitarian movements, focusing on the two genuine forms of totalitarian government in our time, Nazi Germany and Stalinist Russia, which she adroitly recognizes were two sides of the same coin, rather than opposing philosophies of Right and Left. From this vantage point, she discusses the evolution of classes into masses, the role of propaganda in dealing with the nontotalitarian world, the use of terror, and the nature of isolation and loneliness as preconditions for total domination."

Barnette, Michael, Nathan J. Brown, Marc Lynch, Shibley Telhami. (2023) *The One State Reality: What Is Israel/Palestine?* Cornell University Press.

Publisher's description: "*The One State Reality* argues that a one state reality already predominates in the territories controlled by the state of Israel. The editors show that starting with the one state reality rather than hoping for a two-state solution reshapes how we regard the conflict, what we consider acceptable and unacceptable solutions, and how we discuss difficult normative questions. *The One State Reality* forces a reconsideration of foundational concepts such as state, sovereignty, and nation; encourages different readings

of history; shifts conversation about solutions from two states to alternatives that borrow from other political contexts; and provides context for confronting uncomfortable questions such as whether Israel/Palestine is an 'apartheid state.' "

**Butler, Judith. (2012) *Parting Ways: Jewishness and the Critique of Zionism*. Columbia University Press.**

Amazon: "Butler engages Jewish philosophical positions to articulate a critique of political Zionism and its practices of illegitimate state violence, nationalism, and state-sponsored racism. At the same time, she moves beyond communitarian frameworks, including Jewish ones, that fail to arrive at a radical democratic notion of political cohabitation. Butler engages thinkers such as Edward Said, Emmanuel Levinas, Hannah Arendt, Primo Levi, Martin Buber, Walter Benjamin, and Mahmoud Darwish as she articulates a new political ethic. . . She revisits and affirms Edward Said's late proposals for a one-state solution within the ethos of binationalism. "

**El Kurd, Dana. (2021) *Polarized and Demobilized: Legacies of Authoritarianism in Palestine*. Oxford University Press.**

Review by Jonathan Adler: "El Kurd [argues that ] Palestinians in the West Bank are more polarized and less mobilized than ever before. Local grassroots organizing has disappeared as the Palestinian Authority (PA) has consolidated its power. In addition, a large percentage of the population has come to depend on the PA for salaries and services. Since the Fatah-Hamas split following the 2006 legislative elections, opposition to the PA among West Bank Palestinians has been silenced 'either by cooptation into the PA's patronage networks or through direct repression' (p. 12). The Israeli government, which openly advocates for annexing large parts of the West Bank, has contracted with the PA to carry out the dirty work of maintaining the occupation; those imprisoned by PA forces are 'subject to violent punishments, often in coordination with the Israeli occupation' (p. 76)."

**Graubart, Jonathan. (2023) *Jewish Self-Determination Beyond Zionism: Lessons from Hannah Arendt and Other Pariahs*. Temple University Press.**

Amazon: "*Jewish Self-Determination beyond Zionism* examines the liberal Zionist and Jewish anti-Zionist perspectives that developed in the decades following Israeli statehood. In his timely book, Jonathan Graubart. advances a non-statist vision of Jewish self-determination to be realized in a binational political arrangement that rejects Apartheid practices and features a just and collaborative coexistence of Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs. The book's vision advances a distinct Jewish self-determination committed to cultural enrichment and emancipation, internationalism, and the fostering of new political, social, and economic channels for attaining genuine reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians. *Jewish Self-Determination beyond Zionism* also

engages a Humanist Zionist vision to confront the Zionist movement's foundational sins and demands a full reckoning with the Palestinians. Graubart focuses on two of Humanist Zionism's most insightful thinkers, Martin Buber and Hannah Arendt, putting them "in conversation" with each other, and synthesizing their collective insights and critical Jewish perspectives alongside the ideas of Noam Chomsky, Judith Butler, Ella Shohat, Edward Said, and other philosophers and academics. *Jewish Self-Determination beyond Zionism* concludes that an updated, binational program is the best path forward."

**Khalidi, Rashid. (2021) *The Hundred Years' War on Palestine: A History of Settler Colonialism and Resistance*. Picador Press.**

Amazon: "Khalidi traces a hundred years of colonial war on the Palestinians, waged first by the Zionist movement and then Israel, but backed by Britain and the United States, the great powers of the age. He highlights the key episodes in this colonial campaign, from the 1917 Balfour Declaration to the destruction of Palestine in 1948, from Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon to the endless and futile peace process. "

**Pappe, Ilan. ( 2007) *The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine*. One World Publications**

Amazon: " Renowned Israeli historian, Ilan Pappé's groundbreaking book revisits the formation of the State of Israel. Between 1947 and 1949, over 400 Palestinian villages were deliberately destroyed, civilians were massacred and around a million men, women, and children were expelled from their homes at gunpoint. Denied for almost six decades, had it happened today it could only have been called 'ethnic cleansing'. Decisively debunking the myth that the Palestinian population left of their own accord in the course of this war, Ilan Pappé offers impressive archival evidence to demonstrate that, from its very inception, a central plank in Israel's founding ideology was the forcible removal of the indigenous population. "

**Said, Edward. (1992 [1979] ) *The Question of Palestine*. Vintage Press.**

Amazon: "Edward W. Said traces the fatal collision between two peoples in the Middle East and its repercussions in the lives of both the occupier and the occupied--as well as in the conscience of the West."

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From the introduction by Said:

"What I have tried to do is to show that the Palestinian experience is an important and concrete part of history, a part that has largely been ignored both by the Zionists who

wished it had never been there, and by the Europeans and Americans who have not really known what to do with it. I have tried to show that the Muslim and Christian Palestinians who lived in Palestine for hundreds of years until they were driven out in 1948, were unhappy victims of the same movement whose whole aim had been to end the victimization of Jews by Christian Europe. Yet it is precisely because Zionism was so admirably successful in bringing Jews to Palestine and constructing a nation for them, that the world has not been concerned with what the enterprise meant in loss, dispersion, and catastrophe for the Palestinian natives. Something like an ironic double vision is therefore necessary now in order to see both the very well-known success and the far less known disaster which Hannah Arendt has portrayed as follows: After the [Second World] war it turned out that the Jewish question, which was considered the only insoluble one, was indeed solved—namely, by means of a colonized and then conquered territory—but this solved neither the problem of minorities nor the stateless. On the contrary, like virtually all other events of our century, the solution of the Jewish question merely produced a new category of refugees, the Arabs, thereby increasing the number of the stateless by another 700,000 to 800,000 people.' “

*Segev, Tom. (1998) 1949: The First Israelis. Owl Books.*

This book, originally published in Hebrew in 1986, is the first new history of Israel based on archival documents not available to historians prior to the early 1980s.

Demythologizing the first Israelis, it shows that although some leaders and first generation migrants had goals of justice and equality, the aim of creating a state with an ever expanding border was there from the beginning.

*Segev, Tom. (2001) One Palestine, Complete: Jews & Arabs Under the British Mandate. Picador Press.*

Amazon: “Drawing on untapped archival materials, Tom Segev reconstructs an era (1917 to 1948) of limitless possibilities and tragic missteps. He introduces an array of unforgettable characters, tracks the steady advance of Jews and Arabs toward confrontation, and puts forth a radical new argument: that the British, far from being pro-Arab, consistently favored the Zionist position, out of the mistaken—and anti-Semitic—belief that Jews turned the wheels of history. Rich in historical detail, sensitive to all perspectives, *One Palestine, Complete* brilliantly depicts the decline of an empire, the birth of one nation, and the tragedy of another.”

*Segev, Tom. (2008) 1967: The War and the Year That Transformed the Middle East. Picador Press.*

Amazon: “Segev re-creates the apocalyptic climate in Israel before the war as well as the country's bravado after its victory. He introduces the legendary figures—Moshe

Dayan, Golda Meir, Gamal Abdel Nasser, and Lyndon Johnson—and an epic cast of soldiers, lobbyists, refugees, and settlers. He reveals as never before Israel's intimacy with the White House, and the political rivalries that sabotaged any chance of peace. Above all, Segev challenges the view that the war was inevitable, showing that behind the bloodshed was a series of disastrous miscalculations. “

Tessler, Mark. (2009) *A History of the Israeli Palestinian Conflict*. Indiana University Press.

Amazon: “Mark Tessler's highly praised, comprehensive, and balanced history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from the earliest times to the present—updated through the first years of the 21st century—provides a constructive framework for understanding recent developments and assessing the prospects for future peace. Drawing upon a wide array of documents and on research by Palestinians, Israelis, and others, Tessler assesses the conflict on both the Israelis' and the Palestinians' terms. New chapters in this expanded edition elucidate the Oslo peace process, including the reasons for its failure, and the political dynamics in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza at a critical time of transition. “