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New edition of this widely adopted introduction to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Fully revised and updated, the second edition also includes a new chapter on the so-called fourth stage of the conflict.

Written by one of the world's leading authorities on the conflict, who is recognized for the even-handedness of his approach to this complex and sensitive topic

Assumes no prior knowledge on the part of the reader

Includes an extensive chronology of events at the back of the book

## **Israel/Palestine Details**

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## **From Reader Review Israel/Palestine for online ebook**

### **Jennifer Plummer says**

Dowty meticulously focuses on both sides in the conflict between the Israeli Jews and the Palestinian Arabs. He begins with the early stages of the Middle East and works his way up through the Ottoman Empire, the Cold War, and ends with current issues concerning extremist groups. This is a book for anyone is interested in better understanding the reason for the conflict and he doesn't attempt to sway you to one side of the issue or another. Throughout the reading, I felt myself pulled back and forth in my sympathies.

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### **Michael Griswold says**

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is the most emotionally charged conflict in the entire specter of global conflict. Sadly, the passion and emotion of the conflict is often translated to many of the books written on the conflict. This creates books that tend to lean towards one side or the other, and in some cases have proven downright hostile to the other side. Alan Dowty in the third edition of Israel and Palestine has done something that I truly thought impossible in writing a book that is fairly balanced between the two sides.

Dowty acts as a neutral observer, standing on an imaginary line that divides the two sides. He lays out the Israeli side and Palestinian side without taking sides. Many common myths are dispelled including the myth that the conflict is centuries old, and perhaps most importantly that the conflict is unsolvable. Indeed, Israeli-Palestinian leaders have come tantalizingly close. If you want a solid book to provide the nuts and bolts of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, start here.

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### **Samira Manzur says**

Informative and unbiased.

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### **Lauren says**

Packs a lot of information into a relatively short space. I found this to an extremely helpful, well written and clear explanation of the Israeli/Palestinian situation.

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### **Anoud Alammar says**

Unbiasedness and objectivity are definitely a cherry on top to Dowty's very well written book on the Palestinian/Israeli conflict. I was supposed to read a part of this book for a class, and ended up reading the whole thing. It contains a very easy-to-follow timeline at end of the book.

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### **Pinko Palest says**

a fervently pro-Israel book, masquerading as balanced and unprejudiced. At least, it is not the Likud take on things, but it doesn't even get to grips with the rise of the Israeli right

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### **Jessica says**

Fairly easy read. I enjoyed the way the author tried to look at things from every available angle.

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### **Johanne says**

Good even handed analysis of the historical issues around this area. Not exactly a fun read but informative

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### **Rachele says**

very balanced/objective. very informative.

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### **Liam Arne says**

Excellent for understanding the influence of collective memory for the promotion of Zionist ideology

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### **David Broughall says**

Essential reading for understanding the situation.

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### **raymie says**

#### **Excellent analogy of the Palestine problem**

I have been looking for an accurate and balanced book on this historic subject for a while now and I believe the author has provided it. considered opinions and well sourced.

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### **Hayden Cole-Rajotte says**

Concise, impartial and informative book on the Israel/Palestine conflict. It carefully explains both sides

arguments and rational in the conflict and how positions and perspectives have changed over time. Would like to see a bit more focus on economic and social policy approaches but this is nonetheless a very comprehensive book. I read the Second Edition from 2008, although a third edition released in 2012 is also available. I would not be surprised if a further 4th edition is released in the next couple of years too.

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### **Michael says**

Excellent book it really delves into the issues of Israelis versus Palestinians and the issues that have rose between them. Though it does not give you the complete picture of the issue he covers them about as well as you can in a book without becoming too bland.

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### **Christopher St says**

Outstanding and unbiased. It is unfortunate that a fair look at a situation is less exhilarating than the so many polarized accounts it competes with.

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