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This examination of the Middle East's troubled history traces the origins, development and politics of Israel's relationship with the Arab world and the West. It argues that peace with the Palestinians will leave Israel vulnerable to Iraq and Iran.

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Adrian Gabura says

Despite my preconceptions about Bibi, this made for a very interesting read. Oh don't get me wrong, he's a sly one. He loves writing about 5 Arab armies which invaded Israel. Oh please, the Lebanese were hardly a force at all, and committed a token force so as not to displease the other arabs. Then in his chronology he mentions how Begin invited Sadat to Israel yet fails to mention Sadat's initiative for peace in the years before the Yom Kippur war. But Bibi makes a compelling argument in favor of Israel's possession of west bank and the golan. The Arabs understand only force. Anyone would be hard pressed to find a single genuine democracy in the Arab world. Seeming weak would only encourage these regimes to attack.

Gary says

This honest , well balanced and comprehensive account of the circumstances in which Israel finds itself is essential for anyone interested in the truth about the Middle East .One by one Benjamin Netanyahu strips away the lies that have come to characterise the unjust and hostile views in the world today about Israel and the Palestinians.Taking us the the history of the country we learn how the link of the Jewish people to the Promised Land has remained strong throughout history, how there have always been Jews living in Israel and that in period between the destruction of the Temple by the Romans and the creation of the modern Zionist movement there was always a significant Jewish presence

He explains how Britain and the world agreed to a Jewish homeland in the whole of Palestine which consisted of what is today Jordan , the West Bank (Judeo and Samaria) and the rest of Israel and 80% was cut off and awarded to the Arabs in 1922 creating the Hashemite Kingdom Jordan hence already giving the Palestinians their state?

Why should Israel which only consists of 20% of mandatory Palestine be further cut in half to create a second Palestinian state and a 22nd Arab nation

It is impossible to cover all the worthwhile points illustrated in this book but we also learn how there never was a Palestinian nation and the name Palestinian was only adopted in recent decades as distinct identity among Arabs

He points out the double standards prevalent in the world today,a world which so strongly condemns the only democracy in the middle East for surviving while turning a blind eye to the horrific human rights abuses in the Arab world (and elsewhere):

'This is the root of the infamous , twisted standard by which the Arabs remain completely blameless for expelling hundreds of thousands of people -as Saudi Arabia did to its Yemenis in 1990 and Kuwait did to its Palestinians in 1991- while Israel is excoriated for deporting a cadre of terrorists or by which Israel is condemned for maintaining the presence of a few hundred soldiers in a six mile sliver of Lebanon while Syria annexes almost the entire rest of the same country ;or by which Saudi Arabia and Jordanian apartheid laws forbidding Jewish residence go unnoticed ; while Israel , whose Arab citizens are freer than those of Arab states , is accused of racism for quelling riots'

He explains how anti-Israel sentiments are a result of a wider hatred of the West and all it stands for like democracy , freedom and Judaeo-Christian values.While one is left with frustration at the gross injustice of the hate campaign -stronger today than ever- against Israel - he also leaves the reader with hope as he

explains how Israel CAN prevail and how REAL peace can be achieved. His knowledge and straightforward presentation of the truth is a pleasure to read

Luke says

A fantastic read. I started "A Durable Peace" awhile ago and just finished it recently. Got a bit side-tracked but I'm glad I came back to it. Mr. Netanyahu writes an eloquent, cogent apologetic for the legitimacy of the state of Israel and lays out a proposal of how peace between Israel and the Palestinians can be secured and nurtured. Part history lesson, part op-ed, part strategic briefing, "A Durable Peace" was an educational read for me. I thought that I had a pretty firm grasp on the history of the region, but I learned a lot from this book. His statements are footnoted exhaustively and he provides some jaw-dropping references, most memorably is the letter from Ribbentrop (Foreign Minister of Nazi Germany) written to the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, indicating the Nazi regime's pledged support to help the "Arab nation" extinguish the Jewish presence in the region of Israel/Palestine. This Grand Mufti would go on to spawn the PLO and countless other terror organizations. Netanyahu is as talented of a writer as he is a spokesman. I learned a ton from this book and enjoyed it very much. Thanks for taking the time to read my review.

Fiannawolf says

Took a while to read but fascinating.

Sam says

Read this about two years ago, made quite an impact. Regardless of what you think about Benjamin Netanyahu, if you read his book, with an open objective mind, and you know much about Arab and/or Middle East history, you'll discover that it contains much more truth than just wishful thinking. In discussing the Israel/Arab situation, he does slant it a bit towards the Israeli side, but (and this is important), he lays out the facts about why the Arabs hate Israel, will never come to peace terms with Israel, are hell bent on killing Israelis/Jews, and in the same process, are out to kill each other. He spends much time talking about the history, of the Middle East, especially of how and why the Arabs spend much time killing one another and their hatred for Israel and the Jews. One of his bottom lines is this: Even if Israel was not there to blame for all of the evils of the world, the Arabs would still hate and despise the west because it is totally anathema to their way of thinking. Furthermore, they are in total denial because for many centuries, the Jews were treated as 2nd or 3rd class citizens in their own ancestral homeland, but now are in charge and have done wondrous things to the land. At one point, he spends time discussing Arab history and how they have spent hundreds of years killing one another, and then, after the book was printed, had the Arabs pissed off at him because he had the nerve to air their dirty (and obviously true) laundry. Again, good book if you're interested in Middle East / Israel history.

Yousef Abu Ali says

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John says

Well written explanation of Israel's claim to Palestine. Agree or disagree, to be educated is wise when discussing this subject.

Catherine says

the israeli right wing view of things. still a player in israeli politics. worth it to know what he thinks

Vikas Soni says

The book is written with clarity, yields captivating insights and the author shows a deep understanding of the Middle East conflict.

Ben says

A must read book. Never have I read a better account of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. This is history and analysis that has a punch, that matters. I'm sick of reading patronizing vox explainer style pieces about the Middle East filled with sanitized accounts of international law and abstract discussions of isolated events. Netanyahu has a distinct viewpoint and comprehensive ideas about policy solutions and he respects the reader enough to put his arguments on the table and try to persuade him or her. Well worth the read.

Frédrik Chang says

A masterpiece by a great leader. He says what he should say in this book. It's not biased, but simply describes history in an Israeli's perspective. Everything he tells in it is true and if this is what some people call a "racist". Then it is not because of this book, it's because of their own prejudice and know-it-all attitude. In this book Netanyahu does not use any extremist or racist terms or orientations and quotes every piece of story and evidence with clear and telling references. Better say that it's not just from the point of view of an Israeli, but from a civilised citizen who is struggling to exist and to fight against terrorism. It should strike a chord to many people who want terrorism eliminated and peace.

This book should be strongly recommended to all Westerners who have no idea or have biased opinion towards the Jews and Israel and of course, to Bibi Netanyahu.

Stan Crader says

I love this guy; I wish he could run for President. Read this book if you want to understand the Middleeast

and why Amercian must support Israel. Read this book. Don't waste your time reading reviews; read this book!

Adam says

Bibi is his daddy's boy, and basically this book is just a less openly racist, fascist, insane version of Benzion's hate speech and advocacy for literally depriving Arab Israelis and Palestinians of any and all rights, because they are sort of subhuman and what not.

and now Benjy isn't just living with his father's eye on him, preventing him from standing up to settlers and ultra-ultra-far-right loonies even nuttier than his dad, but has made key political alliances with said nutjobs, alliances that will hold and shape Israel's political future for some time.

'A Durable Peace' my ass. Is there even an option other than unilateral action at this point? Can we have Rabin back, please? Heck, even the far right nutcase who shot Rabin would probably write a better book about sorting this mess out than Netanyahu.

Abbas Massalmah says

Loyalty from Israeli perspective, PM. Benjamin Netanyahu.
