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### Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths • Karen Armstrong

RELIGION • 1997 • PAPER • 472 PAGES

A popular history of Jerusalem by the author of *A History of God*. Armstrong tackles big subjects -- and this book is no exception: a comprehensive, concise portrait of the city over the last 5,000 years written with the traveler in mind. She appreciates the unique hold of this sacred city on all three faiths. A member of the Association of Muslim Social Services in Jerusalem, she's a former Roman Catholic nun who teaches Judaism. With site diagrams, maps and some illustrations. (ISR10, \$18.00)



### In the Land of Israel • Amos Oz

CULTURAL PORTRAIT • 1993 • PAPER • 275 PAGES

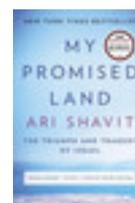
In this compelling volume first published in 1983, Israeli novelist Amos Oz interviewed dozens of his fellow countrymen from all walks of life. A passionate, candid and diverse portrait of a people and their hopes, fears and prejudices. (ISR03, \$14.95)



### My Promised Land, The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel • Ari Shavit

CULTURAL PORTRAIT • 2014 • PAPER • 464 PAGES

Israeli journalist Ari Shavit opens this extraordinary history of his land with the tale of his British great-grandfather, the Right Honorable Herbert Bentwich, and his 19th-century pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Deeply researched in dusty archives of once-important villages and drawing on interviews over the decades, each chapter deftly illuminates a particular place at a pivotal moment: the orange groves of Rehovot, brave early settlements, transformation of Masada into symbol, the tragic battle over Lydda Valley in 1948 -- often through the lens of his own family and experience. (ISR122, \$17.00)



### Eyewitness Guide Jerusalem: Israel, Petra & Sinai • Eyewitness Guides

GUIDEBOOK • 2014 • PAPER • 328 PAGES

This compact, gorgeously illustrated guide provides a thorough overview of Israel and Western Jordan, including Petra, Wadi Rum and Amman. (ISR46, \$25.00)



### Israel, Palestine, Holy Land Map • Freytag & Berndt

GUIDEBOOK • 2010 • MAP • 1 PAGES

This up-to-date map covers Israel, Palestine and the Holy Land in detail at a scale of 1:150,000. It includes a booklet with an index, descriptions of 10 top sights and a street plan of Jerusalem's Old City. One Side. 43x29 inches. (ISR09, \$14.95)



## Also Recommended

**Israel Adventure Map • National Geographic Society** • Printed on waterproof and tear-resistant paper, this double-sided map shows Israel at a scale of 1:275,000. (ISR116, \$11.95)

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**Frommer's Israel** • [Anthony Grant](#) • GUIDEBOOK • **COMING IN NOVEMBER** • A comprehensive, practical guide to the region with excellent recommendations for hotels, restaurants and excursions. With two-color maps throughout. (ISR145, \$16.95)

**Insight Guide Israel** • [Insight Guides](#) • GUIDEBOOK • This lavishly illustrated guide includes maps and short essays on history, culture and attractions. (ISR01, \$24.99)

**Lonely Planet Hebrew Phrasebook & Dictionary** • [Kate Mathews](#) • GUIDEBOOK • This handy pocket phrasebook includes pronunciation, basic grammar and essential vocabulary. (ISR118, \$8.99)

**Moon Israel & the West Bank, Including Petra** • [Genevieve Belmaker](#) • GUIDEBOOK • **COMING IN NOVEMBER** • A practical guide in the Moon series, packed not only with travel necessities (hotels, restaurants, sights) but also with a good overview of history and destinations throughout Israel. (ISR144, \$19.99)

**The Holy Land, An Oxford Archaeological Guide** • [Jerome Murphy O'Connor](#) • GUIDEBOOK • Half of this indispensable, authoritative guide is devoted to the Roman temples, Byzantine synagogues and other monuments -- Christian, Jewish and Muslim -- of Jerusalem itself. (ISR12, \$37.95)

**The Penguin Historical Atlas of the Bible Lands** • [Jotischy, Andrew](#) • [Caroline Hull](#) • REFERENCE • From the earliest hunter-gatherers to modern Jerusalem, this concise pictorial atlas traces this most complex history in maps and essays. (MDE171, \$20.00)

**Jerusalem, A Cookbook** • [Sami Tamimi](#) • [Yotam Ottolenghi](#) • FOOD • Ottolenghi and Tamimi return to the city of their youth in this remarkable culinary tribute, including traditional, age-old dishes, inspired modern recipes, tales of childhood and essays on the flavors and complexity of Jerusalem. With evocative photographs and 120 recipes that you'll want to try. (ISR117, \$35.00)

**A History of Modern Israel** • [Colin Shindler](#) • HISTORY • Shindler charts the tumultuous foundation and course of the modern state of Israel over the last 60 years in this balanced and lucid account, now in its second edition. (ISR65, \$29.99)

**From Beirut to Jerusalem** • [Thomas Friedman](#) • HISTORY • An illuminating and heartfelt exploration of the complex Middle East. Pulitzer Prize-winner Friedman provides a personal and a scholarly perspective on the roots of the conflict. (MDE03, \$20.00)

**Israel, A History** • [Anita Shapira](#) • HISTORY • Beginning in 1881 with the emergence of the Zionist movement, eminent Israeli historian Anita Shapira chronicles Israel's history through its nation-building in the '50s and '60s to years of stalemate and hope in the late 20th century. (ISR123, \$29.95)

**Israel: A Concise History of a Nation Reborn** • [Daniel Gordis](#) • HISTORY • **COMING IN OCTOBER** • Gordis hits the highlights of Israeli history as context to understanding the nation's current state of affairs in this accessible and concise overview. (ISR143, \$29.99)

**Jerusalem, City of Longing** • [Simon Goldhill](#) • HISTORY • Goldhill shows the layered, multi-religious history of the city through its architecture, organizing his exhilarating guide into a series of seven walking tours (each with map). (ISR63, \$23.00)

**Jerusalem, The Biography** • [Simon Sebag Montefiore](#) • HISTORY • Montefiore's masterful history of the Holy City focuses on the struggle between the Abrahamic religions and the place of prophets and patriarchs -- including Abraham, David, Jesus and Muhammad -- with grace and balance, tracing the story of Jerusalem through the lives of men and women. (ISR99, \$20.00)

**Judaism, A Very Short Introduction** • [Norman Solomon](#) • RELIGION • Succinctly sketching the history, religious traditions and practice of Judaism. (REL38, \$11.95)

**Passage to Israel** • [Karen Lehrman Bloch](#) • CULTURAL PORTRAIT • **COMING IN NOVEMBER** • Filled with lush photographs, this coffee table book features work from 25 groundbreaking photographers who have captured the heart and soul of Israel. The sun sets over the Dead Sea, the markets of Tel Aviv are a flurry of color and the faithful gather at the Western Wall. (ISR142, \$45.00)

**The Amos Oz Reader** • [Amos Oz](#) • [Mitza Ben-Dov](#) • CULTURAL PORTRAIT • This choice anthology includes excerpts from Oz's celebrated novels and nonfiction. (ISR73, \$22.95)

**The Israelis, Ordinary People in an Extraordinary Land** • [Donna Rosenthal](#) • CULTURAL PORTRAIT • Colorful and compelling, this sharp-eyed portrait captures the diversity of modern Israel with humor and authority. 60th anniversary edition. (ISR53, \$17.00)

**The Story of Israel** • [Martin Gilbert](#) • CULTURAL PORTRAIT • Gilbert's balanced, authoritative and well-illustrated survey includes historic documents, posters, letters and memorabilia. Starting with the First Zionist Congress in Basel in 1897, Gilbert charts the history of the Jewish state up to the present. (ISR66, \$34.95)

**The Story of the Jews, Finding the Words 1000 BC-1492 AD** • [Simon Schama](#) • HISTORY • A marvelously readable, far-reaching chronicle of three thousand years of Jewish history. (ISR125, \$39.99)

**A Tale of Love and Darkness** • [Amos Oz](#) • BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR • A family saga and portrait, Oz writes of growing up in Jerusalem in the 1940s, his family's origins and his life as a novelist and commentator. Big in scope, A Tale of Love and Darkness is, in part, the story of Israel and its people. (ISR45, \$16.95)

**I Saw Ramallah** • [Mourid Barghouti](#) • [Edward W. Said](#) • [Ahdaf Soueif](#) • BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR • An evocative and powerful memoir, focused on the author's return to the West Bank after 30 years, a place utterly changed and still at the center of the devastating conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians. (MDE73, \$15.00)

**Jerusalem: Chronicles from the Holy City** • [Helge Dascher](#) • [Guy Delisle](#) • BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR • In the follow-up to his acclaimed *The Burma Chronicles* (BMA58), Delisle uses the graphic novel format to recount the time he spent in East Jerusalem during the Gaza War. (ISR137, \$19.95)

**Meet Me in Gaza, Uncommon Stories of Life Inside the Strip** • [Louisa B. Waugh](#) • TRAVEL NARRATIVE • **COMING IN JUNE** • Replete with comical and eye-opening experiences, this touching account of life in Gaza is a poignant portrait of a Mediterranean land and its people. (ISL110, \$14.95)

**Native, Dispatches from an Israeli-Palestinian Life** • [Sayed Kashua](#) • BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR • Humorous, heartfelt and very entertaining, the collected newspaper columns of award-winning journalist Sayed Kashua chronicle his life as an Arab in Jerusalem between 2006 and 2014. (ISR141, \$24.00)

**The Lemon Tree, An Arab, a Jew and the Heart of the Middle East** • [Sandy Tolan](#) • BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR • This biography tells the story of a friendship between a Palestinian man and an Israeli woman pulled together by a house with a lemon tree behind it. Their story, told against the backdrop of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, carries a heartfelt message of reconciliation and hope. (MDE232, \$18.00)

**Exodus** • [Leon Uris](#) • LITERATURE • A blockbuster novel, this book is mandatory reading for its sweeping overview of Israel and Palestine. (ISR05, \$7.99)

**Israel, A Traveler's Literary Companion** • [Michael Gluzman](#) • ANTHOLOGY • Organized geographically, these 16 stories by celebrated contemporary writers including Amos Oz, A.B. Yehoshua and David Grossman reflect the cultural diversity of modern Israel. (ISR06, \$14.95)

**Mornings in Jenin** • [Susan Abulhawa](#) • LITERATURE • This family saga, drawing on the author's own experiences and history, follows four generations of a Palestinian family who lost their home in 1948 with the creation of Israel. (MDE186, \$17.00)

**To the End of the Land** • [David Grossman](#) • LITERATURE • Grossman's haunting novel follows an Israeli mother as she walks across Israel to Galilee to avoid the "notifiers" who might arrive with news of her son's death in a military offensive against the Palestinians. (ISR95, \$15.95)

**The Dead Sea and the Jordan River** • [Barbara Kreiger](#) • NATURAL HISTORY • In this historical profile, scholar and Dartmouth professor Barbara Kreiger jumps into the history of the Jordan River and the Dead Sea, bodies of water that hold immense religious and historical significance, but present a modern-day conservation crisis. (JRD40, \$28.00)

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