

# Educational Resources

## ISRAEL AND THE REGION

Want to learn a bit about Israel and the region? We can help you. While this list is not at all comprehensive, it includes some of our favorite books, podcasts, and resources you might like to use to start exploring.

Written from different experts and perspectives, here are some of our favorite guides to the history of Israel, Palestine, and the Middle East.

### [Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth](#)

by Noa Tishby

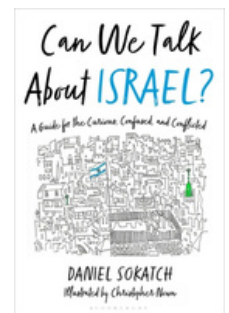
"A 'fascinating and very moving' (Aaron Sorkin, award-winning screenwriter of *The West Wing* and *The Social Network*) chronological timeline spanning from Biblical times to today that explores one of the most interesting countries in the world—Israel." - Goodreads



### [Can We Talk About Israel?: A Guide for the Curious, Confused, and Conflicted](#)

by Daniel Sokatch

"From the expert who understands both sides of one of the world's most complex, controversial conflicts, a modern-day Guide for the Perplexed—a primer on Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian issue." - Goodreads



### [Side by Side: Parallel Histories of Israel-Palestine](#)

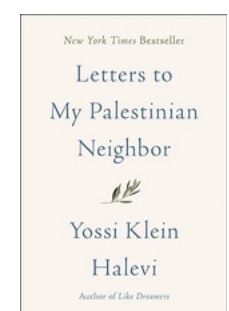
by Sami Adwan, Dan Bar-On, and Eyal Naveh

More than twenty years ago, in the midst of widespread violence in Israel and Palestine, a group of Israeli and Palestinian teachers gathered to address what, to many people, seemed an unbridgeable gulf between the two societies.... The result is a riveting and unprecedented "dual narrative" of Israeli and Palestinian history. Side by Side comprises the history of two peoples, in separate narratives set literally side by side, so that readers can track each against the other, noting both where they differ as well as where they correspond. - Goodreads



### [Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor](#) (with Palestinian Responses) by Yossi Klein Halevi

Attempting to break the agonizing impasse between Israelis and Palestinians, the Israeli commentator directly addresses his Palestinian neighbors in this taut and provocative book, empathizing with Palestinian suffering and longing for reconciliation as he explores how the conflict looks through Israeli eyes. In the epilogue, Palestinian readers have been given a chance to respond through their own powerful letters.



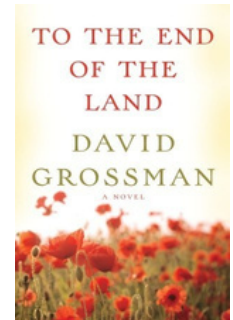
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**Novels:** Historical Fiction can be a meaningful way to understand how communities perceive themselves.

### [To the End of the Land](#) by David Grossman

"A novel of extraordinary power about family life—the greatest human drama—and the cost of war. Just before his release from service in the Israeli army, Ora's son Ofer is sent back to the front for a major offensive. In a fit of preemptive grief and magical thinking, so that no bad news can reach her, Ora sets out on an epic hike in the Galilee. She is joined by an unlikely companion —Avram, a former friend and lover with a troubled past—and as they sleep out in the hills, Ora begins to conjure her son. Ofer's story, as told by Ora, becomes a surprising balm both for her and for Avram" - Goodreads



### [Mornings in Jenin](#) by Susan Abulhawa

"A heart-wrenching, powerfully written novel that could do for Palestine what The Kite Runner did for Afghanistan. Forcibly removed from the ancient village of Ein Hod by the newly formed state of Israel in 1948, the Abulhejas are moved into the Jenin refugee camp. There, exiled from his beloved olive groves, the family patriarch languishes of a broken heart, his eldest son fathers a family and falls victim to an Israeli bullet, and his grandchildren struggle against tragedy toward freedom, peace, and home. This is the Palestinian story, told as never before, through four generations of a single family." - Goodreads



**News Sources:** Looking to stay informed on current events in Israel? Check out these resources to learn what is happening in Israel and what that means for people outside of Israel.

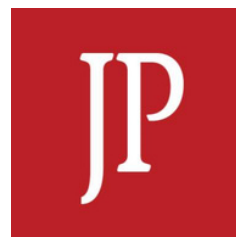
Three of Israel's biggest English-language news sources, each of which has their own daily and weekly line up of podcasts.



[The Times of Israel](#)



[Haaretz](#)



[The Jerusalem Post](#)

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**Podcasts:** These podcasts share personal stories and reflections on Israel and the current moment.

### [Israel Story Podcast](#)

Israel Story is "the award-winning podcast that tells extraordinary tales about ordinary Israelis. Often called "the Israeli 'This American Life,' we bring you quirky, unpredictable, interesting and moving stories about a place we all think we know a lot about, but really don't." - Israel Story



### [The Promised Podcast](#) (TLV1 Studios)

An inside view of how Israel can warm your heart and make your blood boil. It's a show by a journalist, a professor and an NGO professional who live in and love Israel even though it drives them crazy, and who each week discuss the latest in Israeli politics, culture, and society.



### [Unapologetic: The Third Narrative](#)

A podcast that began in the weeks following October 7th featuring two Palestinian-Israeli citizens who are unapologetic about their views and vision for a better future for both Israelis and Palestinians. Ibrahim and Amira share a raw and challenging personal perspective on the war in Israel and Gaza, as well as their vision for the way forward.



### [Unpacking Israeli History](#)

Go behind the scenes of Israeli history with self-confessed history nerd Noam Weissman. Each week, he offers a fresh perspective on some of the most controversial and interesting events in the country's history.

