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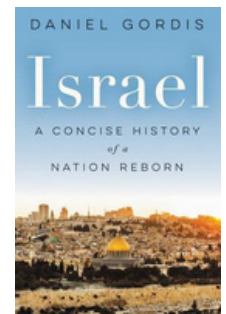
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Want to learn a bit about Israel and the region? We can help you. While this list is not at all comprehensive, it includes some of our favorite books, podcasts, and resources you might like to use to start exploring.

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 Concise History of a Nation Reborn](#) by Daniel Gordis

"The first comprehensive yet accessible history of the state of Israel from its inception to present day, from Daniel Gordis, 'one of the most respected Israel analysts' (The Forward) living and writing in Jerusalem." - Goodreads



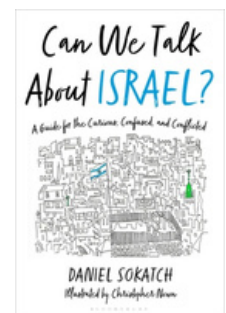
[Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth](#) by Noa Tishby

"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

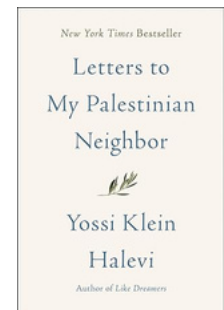


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[Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor](#) (with Palestinian Responses) by Yossi Klein Halevi

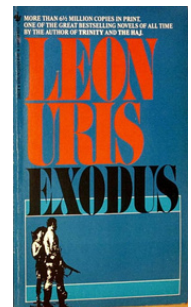
Attempting to break the agonizing impasse between Israelis and Palestinians, the Israeli commentator directly addresses his Palestinian neighbors in this taut and provocative book, empathizing with Palestinian suffering and longing for reconciliation as he explores how the conflict looks through Israeli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



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

[Exodus](#) by Leon Uris

"A classic portrayal of the birth of a new nation in the midst of enemies--the beginning of an earthshaking struggle for power. Here is the tale that swept the world with its fury: the story of an American nurse, an Israeli freedom fighter caught up in a glorious, heartbreaking, triumphant era." - 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 and Podcasts: 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:



[The Times of Israel](#)



[Haaretz](#)



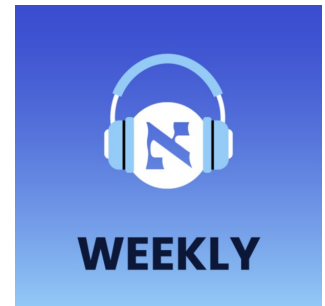
[The Jerusalem Post](#)

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[Haaretz Weekly](#) (Haaretz)

From Haaretz – Israel's oldest daily newspaper – a weekly podcast in English on Israel, the Middle East and the Jewish World.



[The Daily Briefing](#) (Times of Israel)

A short daily update on what's important in Israel, the Middle East and The Jewish World.



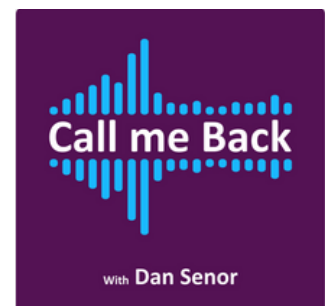
[What Matters Now](#) (Times of Israel)

A weekly deep exploration of one key issue shaping Israel and the Jewish World.



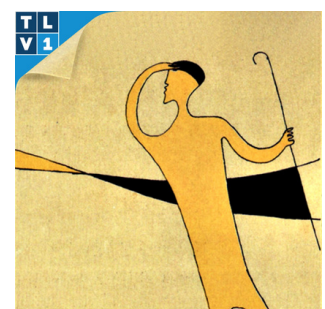
[Call Me Back](#) with Dan Senor

Dan Senor is a veteran American-Canadian columnist, writer, and political adviser. In his weekly podcast, he engages with experts to help understand how the past influences and shapes our current moment.



[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.



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[JPPI's Daily Inside Analysis](#) (Jewish People Policy Institute)

Featuring a rotating team of experienced analysts specializing in Israeli military affairs, the US-Israel relationship, Israel's political system, and the country's diverse society, this podcast will guide you through the fog of war, helping you navigate the bombardment of news - both real and fake - as well as the barrage of tweets, posts, and the confusion of chaos.



[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

