

THIRTY-SOMETHING SUGGESTED BOOKS TO READ ABOUT ISRAEL SO YOU'LL KNOW YOUR STUFF*

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GENERAL HISTORY HISTORIES

1. Shapira – Israel: A History
2. Laqueur – History of Zionism
3. Shindler – A History of Modern Israel
4. Avineri – The Making of Modern Zionism: Intellectual Origins of the Jewish State
5. Sachar – From the Rise of Zionism to Our Time
6. Gorenberg -- The Accidental Empire

FOUNDATIONAL CLASSICS

1. Herzl – Altneuland
2. Herzl – The Jewish State
3. Hess – Rome and Jerusalem

HOLOCAUST AND ISRAEL

4. Segev – The Seventh Million
5. Arendt – Eichmann in Jerusalem

WARS

6. Morris – 1948
7. Oren – Six Days of War
8. Klein Halevi – Like Dreamers
9. Morris – Righteous Victims
10. Morris – The Origins of the Palestinian Refugee Problem

* This is, by definition a highly subjective and incomplete list. Almost every volume has another that could have replaced it, so this is largely personal preference on my part. However, anyone who reads these will *really* know what they're talking about – which is the point of this list. There are dozens of other *great* books on Israel ... this is just for starters. [DG]

BIOGRAPHIES

11. Gordis – Menachem Begin
12. Avner – The Prime Ministers
13. Landau – Arik: The Life of Ariel Sharon
14. Schwartzwald – Nine Lives of Israel: A Nation's History Through the Lives of its Foremost Leaders
15. Netanyahu – The Founding Fathers of Zionism
16. Halkin – Jabotinsky
17. Avineri – Herzl
18. Shapira – Ben Gurion
19. Klabgsbrun – Golda Meir (forthcoming)

NOVELS, POETRY AND MEMOIRES

20. Oz – A Tale of Love and Darkness
21. Grossman – To the End of the Land
22. Shalev – A Pigeon and a Boy
23. A B Yehoshua – Mr. Mani
24. Shavit – My Promised Land
25. Yehuda Amichai – Poems of Jerusalem and Love Poems

VERY MODERN ISRAEL

26. Friedman – From Beirut to Jerusalem
27. Senor & Singer – Start-Up Nation
28. Ross – The Missing Peace
29. Troy – Moynihan's Moment
30. Dershowitz – The Case for Israel
31. Gordis – Saving Israel

PALESTINIAN WRITINGS

32. Nusseibeh – Once Upon a Country
33. Kashua – Dancing Arabs