A book like *Israel: A Concise History of a Nation Reborn*, by definition covers Israel's history from a bird's-eye view. Every event, issue, and personality discussed in these pages has been the subject of much investigation and writing. There are many wonderful books that, by focusing on subjects much more specific, are able to examine the issues the issues covered in this book in much greater detail. The following are my rather idiosyncratic recommendations for a few that will be of interest to the general reader interested in delving more deeply into some of the issues raised in this book. There are many other superb books, not listed here, equally worth reading.

I would be pleased to receive your recommendations for works to consider adding. Please feel free to click on the “Contact” button on my website to be in touch.

**Introduction: A Grand Human Story**

- Center for Israel Education online resources: [https://israeled.org/](https://israeled.org/)

**Chapter 1: Poetry and Politics—The Jewish Nation Seeks a Home**

Chapter 2: Some Spot of Native Land—The Jewish Roots of Zionism


Chapter 3: A Conversation, Not an Ideology—Zionism Divisions at the Turn of the Century


Chapter 4: From Abstract Dream to First Glimmers of Reality—A Jewish Revival in Palestine


Chapter 5: The Balfour Declaration—The Empire Endorses the State


Chapter 6: Nowhere To Go, Even if They Could Leave—The Second World War and the Holocaust


**Chapter 7: The Yishuv Resists the British, the Arabs Battle Partition**


**Chapter 8: Independence—The State Is Born**


**Chapter 9: From Dreams of a State to the Reality of Statehood**


**Chapter 10: Israel enters the International Arena—The Sinai Campaign of 1956**


Chapter 11: Israel Confronts the Holocaust


Chapter 12: Six Days of War Change a Country Forever


Chapter 13: The Burden of Occupation


Chapter 14: The Yom Kippur War—The “Conception” Crashes


**Chapter 15: Revolution within the Revolution—The Rise and Revenge of Israel’s Political Right**


**Chapter 16: Taking a Page from the Zionists—The Rise of Palestinian Nationalism**


**Chapter 17: The Peace Process Stalls**


Chapter 18: A Jewish Renaissance in the Jewish State


Conclusion: A Century After Balfour—“A National Home for the Jewish People”


Maps


Photographic Collections


Music Collections

- *Gadalu Yachad [We Grew Up Together]*, a CD collection of Israel’s 240 Greatest Songs—includes Hebrew folk music and Israeli and Yiddish songs

DVD Histories

- *Pillar of Fire: A Television History of Israel’s Rebirth*, 3 DVD set. Israel Broadcasting Authority. Covers from the beginnings of Zionism until the rise of the Jewish State.