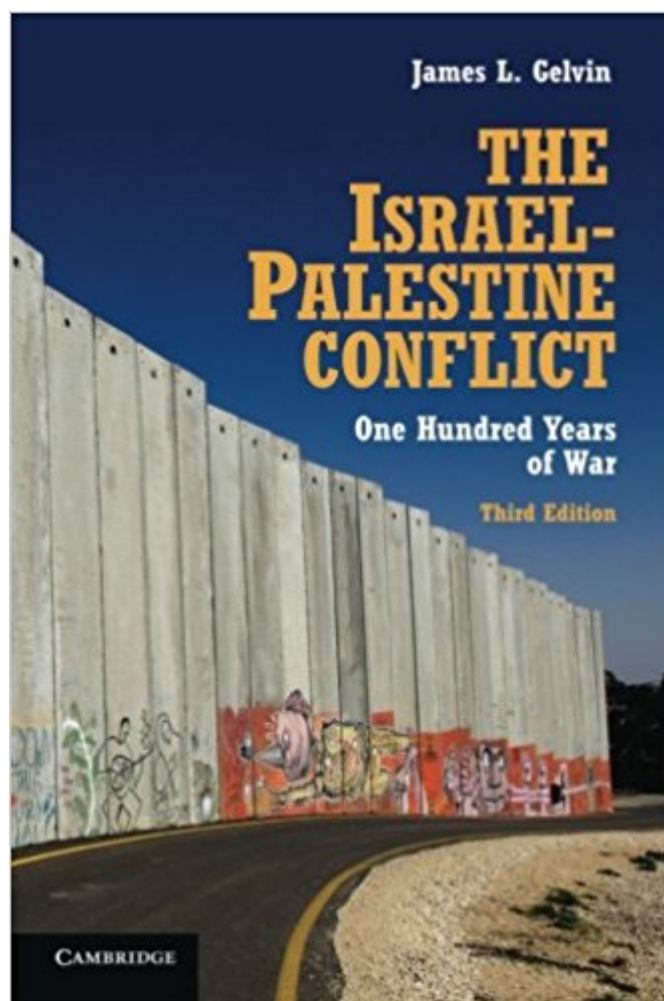


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# The Israel-Palestine Conflict: One Hundred Years Of War



## Synopsis

Now entering its third edition, James L. Gelvin's award-winning account of the conflict between Israelis and their forebears, on the one hand, and Palestinians and theirs, on the other, offers a compelling, accessible, and current introduction for students and general readers. Newly updated to take into account the effects of the 2010-11 Arab uprisings on the conflict and the recognition of Palestinian statehood by the United Nations, the book traces the struggle from the emergence of nationalism among the Jews of Europe and the Arab inhabitants of Ottoman Palestine through the present, exploring the external pressures and internal logic that have propelled it. Placing events in Palestine within the framework of global history, *The Israel-Palestine Conflict: One Hundred Years of War* skillfully interweaves biographical sketches, eyewitness accounts, poetry, fiction, and official documentation into its narrative.

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Now in its third edition, James L. Gelvin's *The Israel-Palestine Conflict: One Hundred Years of War* is a balanced, compelling, accessible, and current introduction for students and general readers. Placing the conflict within the framework of global history, and viewing it as the quintessential nationalist struggle of our time, the book interweaves biographical sketches, eyewitness accounts, poetry, fiction, and official documentation into its narrative.

James L. Gelvin is Professor of Modern Middle Eastern History at the University of California, Los

Angeles. A specialist in the modern social and cultural history of the Arab East, he is author of several books, as well as numerous articles and chapters in edited volumes.

This book frames the conflict as one of competing nationalisms, Israeli-Zionist and Palestinian, products of the rise of nationalism generally during the 19th and early 20th centuries, and sharing much with those other movements. Gelvin does a great job showing the two sides' perspectives, which is the key to understanding this issue - how each side's historical narrative justifies their beliefs and actions, and vice-versa. True believers on both sides will be put off, but those looking for a balanced, general introduction will learn plenty.

Well written, informing history of a difficult part of the world to govern. The author does a very good job of explaining the slow progression of mistakes and illusions on both sides of this never ending conflict. The author cites an extensive list of sources at the end of each chapter. Highly recommended to anyone looking for an objective history of the ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict.

Somewhat of a difficult read.

Great book, even handed and well researched.

A wonderful history of this conflict. There are no heroes.

Easy to read, it takes the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from a succinct, but clear historical point of view. The authors opinion are impartial and direct, criticizing both parties and many orders for their inability to reach a common ground, and stating that is unlikely to happen. I enjoyed the historical facts that justify the roots of the conflict. Worth reading

Thus is an objective presentation of a very complex human rights issue. In a world where people are either on one side or the other, the author has done a great job.

If you only read one book about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, make it this one. Very well written, insightful, and balanced. Five stars.

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