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# On Palestine



## Synopsis

Operation Protective Edge, Israel's most recent assault on Gaza, left thousands of Palestinians dead and cleared the way for another Israeli land grab. The need to stand in solidarity with Palestinians has never been greater. Ilan PappÃ© and Noam Chomsky, two leading voices in the struggle to liberate Palestine, discuss the road ahead for Palestinians and how the international community can pressure Israel to end its human rights abuses against the people of Palestine. On Palestine is the sequel to their acclaimed book Gaza in Crisis. Noam Chomsky is widely regarded to be one of the foremost critics of US foreign policy in the world. He has published numerous groundbreaking books, articles, and essays on global politics, history, and linguistics. Since 2003 he has written a monthly column for the New York Times syndicate. His recent books include Masters of Mankind and Hopes and Prospects. Haymarket Books recently released updated editions of twelve of his classic books. Ilan PappÃ© is the bestselling author of The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine: A History of Modern Palestine and The Israel/Palestine Question. Frank Barat is a human rights activist and author. He was the coordinator of the Russell Tribunal on Palestine and is now the president of the Palestine Legal Action Network. His books include Freedom is a Constant Struggle, Gaza in Crisis, Corporate Complicity in Israel's Occupation, and On Palestine.

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"Chomsky is a global phenomenon . . . he may be the most widely read American voice on foreign policy on the planet."#151;The New York Times Book Review"Ilan PappÃ© is Israel's bravest,

most principled, most incisive historian."#151;John PilgerPraise for Gaza in Crisis by Noam Chomsky and Ilan PappÃfÂ©:"This sober and unflinching analysis should be read and reckoned with by anyone concerned with practicable change in the long-suffering region."#151;Publishers Weekly"Both authors perform fiercely accurate deconstructions of official rhetoric."#151;The Guardian

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For people who have researched the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, most of the content of this book is well known as it describes the current situation and sets the record straight. That being said, the discussions between PappÃfÂ© and Chomsky are beneficial to anyone who wants to know how to ensure the human rights of those living under the occupation. One particular point that is essential is that the United States has to be held accountable for Israel's systematic oppression of Palestinians. This is the thrust of Noam Chomsky's critique of BDS. He believes it will be ineffective/counterproductive unless it clarifies the role the United States plays and includes it in its campaigns. What follows is an intriguing discussion between two of the most renowned scholars on this conflict regarding the solution. This is a MUST READ for pro-Palestinian activists.

I find it offensive when people call Chomsky a "self-hating Jew". Why would a man of such international fame and achievement take up such a cause? Chomsky is Jewish, has a Zionist background and lived in Israel. He is critical of Israel and U.S. Foreign policy because he feels the current situation is morally reprehensible. He is not alone and his story is corroborated by others such as Chris Hedges and basically every other country other than Israel and the U.S. as well as Amnesty International and the UN. Any criticism of Israel is considered anti-semiticism. This

unfortunate label guarantees the world will never solve the problem. Another label is "far left". I simply see him as a caring humanitarian.

One of the best accounts of the troublesome history of that corner of the world. Pappe's courage, his crystal-like flow of discourse make for a remarkable combination of intelligence and participation. Few people can write with similar honesty and clarity on such a muddy reality. I was admired and moved. Strongly recommended

Great book if you know generally the situation in Palestine but feel like you need a deeper understanding!!

Chomsky, Pappe, and Barat have assembled an unvarnished discussion of the current horrors in Gaza and the West Bank imposed by Israel. They are Jewish eyewitnesses who point out all the injustice of the Zionist concept that requires brutal ethnic cleansing to achieve their ultimate goal of an Israel that includes all the land of historic Palestine but contains few Arabs. While grinding to that goal, Israel participates in pseudo peace talks intended only to stall while their campaign of settlement, crushing economic and military assaults advance toward that goal. With Barat's direction, Chomsky and Pappe engage in a thoughtful discussion of why a two-state solution is unlikely to be possible and why only a single, secular and democratic state can prevent Israel from leading to its own destruction. Don't think you understand the Israel-Palestine situation until you read this book.

I wish more Americans would read this book to get a "balanced view of what actually is going on in Palestine

Excellent reading, written by two very knowledgeable teachers and M.E, professors. I would recommend this book as required reading for those who want to know the history and reality of the people who are caught up in a land and culture grab financed by American wealth. In reality we Americans are the Goliath and the Palestinians are the David's. So sad. I cherish many friends and families from having visited Palestine many times.

It went to the heart of many issues. Profound and substantial. Two of the most recognized and competent commentators on the Israeli Palestinian situation.

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