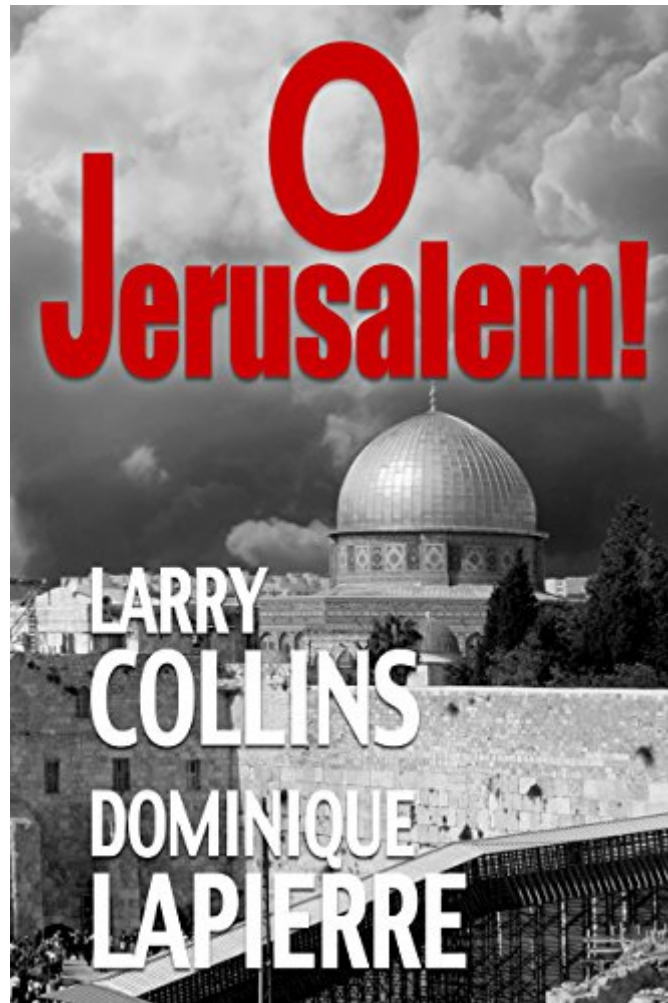




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nonfiction bestsellers, The City of Joy and Beyond Love.

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Customer Reviews

A classic. I was in Israel recently and saw it on sale at the Israeli museum. Before my trip, my wife and I had read the book and agreed that it was an amazing story. It should be required reading for anyone going to Israel for more than a few days. I doubt if 1% of people in the western world are aware of what went on in 1947/8 . To see what has been accomplished by the Israeli community in 60+ years is truly incredible. To see how the Jewish quarter, which was a pile of rubble in 1948, has been rebuilt, is extraordinary. Israel has also become a high tech phenomenon, a leader in agricultural innovation, and the #1 user of desalinization for its water supply. Do read this book if you want to truly understand the transformation of a barren land in under 70 years.

Written by two journalists this volume conveys in a fascinating way, the history of Israel's becoming an independent state in 1948. It reads like a novel. Written by two professional journalists, this volume is a history of the founding of the modern state of Israel. It reads almost like a novel, moving, exciting, and in spots leaves the reader almost breathless. It reveals the laying of the foundation of Zionism, the political maneuvering of Zionists, Arabs and others both to restore the Jewish homeland and to keep

such restoration from occurring. As the U.N. was considering proclaiming the establishment of this new nation there was a flurry of activity by both sides of the issue. From the Truman signing of the declaration, through the announcement from Jerusalem of Israel's birth, to the Arab war to erase Israel just as it started, the authors take the reader through major and many minor events that finally brought an Israeli victory and routing of the overwhelmingly huge Arab forces. The dedication and commitment of Israel's people was amazing, and there are recorded instances that an unbiased view can only call Divine intervention. I was so moved that I read it four times. Here is history that is exciting, especially in light of today's Middle East events.

I bought a copy of this book when it first came out in 1972. I have re-read it throughout the years to remind myself why the evening news still has stories about strife in "Palestine". It is a story of triumph for the Jews in their hard fought struggle culminating in nationhood, and a tragedy for Arabs who imagined they would have a nation as well. It is a story of unparalleled courage by the opposing sides, and of dismal failure by the fledgling United Nations and the western powers to insure stability at the end of the British mandate. It is well written and a gripping read; not a dead spot in the narrative. I bought this edition because I had worn out my first edition. It is as exciting to read today as when I first opened its pages in '72.

Excellent! Brings the events and people to life in a way that makes the reader actually FEEL something. Not just a dry history book or recitation of simple facts. Very good and I recommend it to anyone who is interested in the history and current status of Israel.

Covers an intense period in recent history and one cannot help but be humbled in the face of the suffering, courage and faith that these people experienced. Well written, gripping story - this is a re-read for me, think I first read the book in the 1980s and recent events in that troubled part of the world reminded me of the book and kindled an interest in reading it again, especially after numerous work related trips to the country in recent years. Delivery good, condition of product good

This book is a classic. Read it years ago in college and sent it now to my son. So glad it's still in print.

I love this book. I have it in a paperback, but ordered a hardback because I wanted a copy that would last. This story of the first days of the Israeli-Arab war following Partition is incredible. I have

read it twice, and each time I got more information. I plan to read it again soon. The current (2015) situation between Israel and Palestine makes this book all the more relevant.

Mostly about war. Not what I was looking for. Too many different characters and I got bored quickly.

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