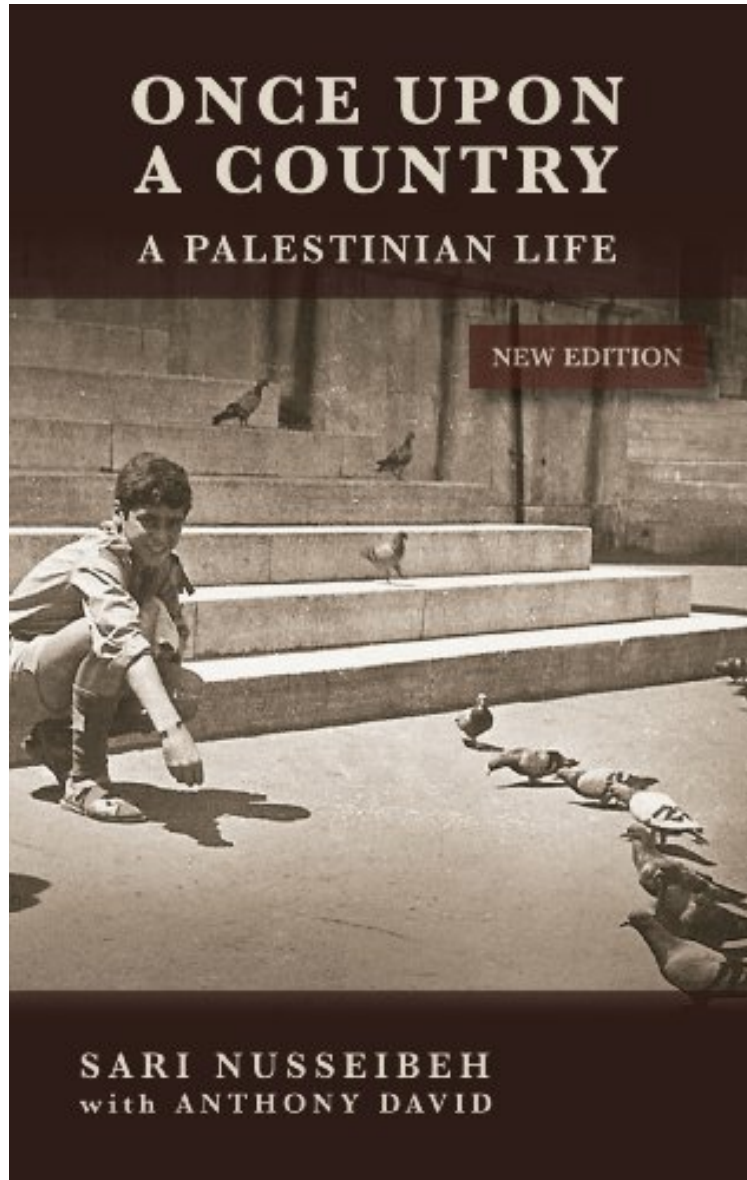


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**Von Sari Nusseibeh : Once Upon A Country: A Palestinian Life** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Once Upon A Country: A Palestinian Life:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen6 von 7 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Eindrucksvolle Autobiographie aus einem politischen Pulverfass.Von D. FlackDas Buch von Sari Nusseibeh ist aus verschiedenen Grnden sehr empfehlenswert: Die L eserin/der Leser begleitet Sari Nusseibeh nicht nur durch sein

Leben und seine intellektuelle Entwicklung, sondern bekommt sehr intensive Einblicke in den Nahost-Konflikt, insbesondere in die Entwicklung der letzten 40 Jahre. Tief beeindruckend ist Nusseibehs grundstzlich gewaltfreie Einstellung und seine stndige Bereitschaft, zu verhandeln, miteinander zu reden, friedlich und normal-menschlich miteinander umzugehen. Er hat diese Einstellung, obwohl er, mit kurzen Unterbrechungen, seit mehr als 40 Jahren den Schikanen und Menschenrechtsverletzungen seitens der israelischen Regierung und ihrer Armee gegenber den Palstinensern in der West Bank und Ost-Jerusalem ausgesetzt ist. Besonders interessant sind auch die Vorgnge um die, zunchst ja noch im Exil lebende, PLO-Fhrung, die Einblicke in die erste und die zweite Intifada, sowie die nunmehr wohl als gescheitert zu betrachtenden Osloer Friedensverhandlungen, in deren Folge die von einem zuknftigen palstinensischen Staat nichts weiter als isolierte Inselchen in der West Bank brig geblieben sind. Fr den an Palstina Interessierten ist das Buch ein wesentlicher Baustein. Leider ist es auf Deutsch kaum, bzw. nur zu horrenden Preisen erhltlich. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Interesting and informative

Von CustomerNusseibeh, the main author, is a professor of phylosophy and, as his father, was very much involved into the palestinian politics during the recent decades. He is a palestinean trained in Oxford/UK and worked also as an accademic in Massachusetts. The book is more or less an eyewitness report embeded in a historic development, in this case in the middle east. It starts during world war II and ends at the beginning of this century. Although quite critical, Nusseibeh describes the palestinian position of the constant palestinian-jewish conflict in the middle east. The english language stil is quite formidable but good readable even for me as a non-native English speaker. I liked this book because it describes the political and social developement of the recent decades in the middle east, which I only knew from the histroy books or reports from the media. It opened my eyes how complicated life in Israel for Palestinians, as well as in general the arabic-jewish conflic is, and how difficult living conditions of the ordinary arabic people in this region are.

KurzbeschreibungAs a child growing up in East Jerusalem, the world puzzled Sari Nusseibeh: the prosaic co-existed too closely with the mythical and sacred whilst the political world seemed to him ever-changing and incomprehensible. The young Nusseibeh revelled in the city's rich past. He played in the streets of his beloved Old City which were steeped not only in the histories of the three great religions but also in his family's history: for the Nusseibehs had lived here for thirteen centuries serving as judges, teachers, Sufi sages, politicians and, most extraordinary of all, as doorkeeper to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It is perhaps this intimate knowledge of the interconnections between the three religions which led to an open-mindedness in Nusseibeh rarely seen in, let alone expressed by, any protagonist in the Palestine-Israel conflict. Like most Palestinians, his family suffered the upheavals and displacements - if not the economic consequences - of the first Arab-Israeli war of 1948, which we witness through his father's active participation in defining, and infinitely disputed, moments in the Palestine-Israel conflict. Simultaneously a pan-Arab idealist and healthy sceptic, his father became a legendary figure who never succumbed to nationalist ideology or rhetoric. A philosopher by training and profession, Nusseibeh's political activism developed after his education at Oxford and Harvard, and was both gradual and reluctant. A firm and idealistic believer in the possibility of a one-state solution where Jews and Arabs could co-exist in dignity, he was forced to re-assess these ideas as the Israeli occupation affected Palestinian life irrevocably. While teaching at Birzeit University in the West Bank, he was appointed head of the union, which soon brought him into direct confrontation not only with Israeli military law in the West Bank, but also with the PLO leadership. From then on Nusseibeh realized the power of civil disobedience and developed this into a strategic political tool, coupled with his innate respect for personal freedom and his ability to think rationally. Not afraid to criticize either the Israelis or the Palestinians, he has managed to receive death threats from extremists on both sides and has even been termed "the smiling face of Palestinian terror" by some Israelis. Appointed by Arafat as the PLO representative in Jerusalem in 2001, Nusseibeh's relationship with him had long been tenuous and reserved. Always aware of Arafat's achievements, he nevertheless remained highly critical of many aspects of his leadership as well as of the second intifada. Nusseibeh's unflinching opinions are a fascinating and rare insider's view into the workings of the first Palestinian Authority. Sari Nusseibeh sees himself on a double mission. He is fighting the Israeli occupation from eradicating the Arab civilization he loves from his native Jerusalem. And at the same time, building the Palestinian institutions necessary to achieve peace, while battling the corruption of Palestinian politi and the extremism of political Islam. Seen by some as a local Don Quixote, his vision of a healthy, democratic society based on respect and tolerance for others and on the freedom of ideas, is crucial to the modern world.

From Publishers WeeklyStarred . Philosophy professor and political leader Nusseibeh, as the Oxford and Harvard-educated descendant of an ancient and influential Jerusalem family, draws on deep roots in his account of a dramatically displaced life. That's one reason why, despite his relative privilege, his autobiography dovetails persuasively with the larger story of Palestinian dispossession and struggle in the 20th century. Nusseibeh, as a former PLO representative, also has the vantage of a political insider. Equally instructive are his differences from his fellow Palestinians, many of whom he encountered as his students in the classrooms and cafes at Birzeit University in the

West Bank, and later as president of Al Quds University in Jerusalem. These interactions, among others, give shape to the story of this curious but reticent loner's immersion into national politics, which is overshadowed by the memory of his father (a fiercely independent former Jordanian minister and governor of Jerusalem). In relating the Palestinian perspective on the expulsions, expropriations and deprivations during and after the wars of 1948, 1967 and beyond, Nusseibeh convincingly interweaves personal experience and tectonic historical shifts, while charting his own political evolution and eventual and resolute insistence on a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict. (Apr.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Nusseibeh is head of the only Arab university in Jerusalem. His ancient family roots in Palestine go back 1,300 years. Without histrionics, this detailed insider's account blends Nusseibeh's personal experience as son, husband, father, intellectual, and activist leader with the raging politics of his homeland over the last 40 years. Striving for a two-state solution, he calls for civil disobedience against the Israeli Occupation, never for violence. He is close to the Israeli Peace Now movement, always believing that Palestinians and Jews are natural allies: " Hamas and the Wall both slam the door shut on dialogue." He is unflinching, however, in detailing instances of Israeli torture and children shot dead, and he quotes Sharon's references to creating apartheid-type Bantustan barriers. His campaign against arrests, torture, and expulsions of his people eventually landed him in prison. He recounts his experiences there with sorrow and anger, but also with the bitter humor of the privileged activist under arrest who welcomes the peace of solitary confinement. Anyone concerned with the Middle East will want to read this important and sure-to-be-controversial book. Hazel Rochman Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved