The Forgotten Palestinians: A History of the Palestinians in Israel.


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In 1948 the state of Israel came into existence. As its Jewish citizens rejoiced, the 160,000 Palestinians still living within its borders had no idea what to expect. Many lost their homes to bulldozers or Jewish immigrants; all of them found themselves regarded with suspicion by the new Israeli government, which established a system of military rule to control their daily lives.

In this groundbreaking book, acclaimed historian Ilan Pappe tells the fascinating story of the Palestinians of Israel, whose experiences have been neglected amidst the endless coverage of Israel's Jewish citizens and the dispossessed Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. With the aid of vivid interview and archival material, Pappe describes how the '1948 Palestinians' have fared under Israeli rule, from their early struggles for citizenship to long-running battles over land use and Knesset representation.

Along the way, Pappe looks at the Palestinians' daily lives, arguing that they have faced subtle discrimination in numerous ways, from education and housing provision to employment. He charts their increasing self-confidence as a group, and their complex relationship with their fellow Palestinians in the occupied territories and elsewhere. Ultimately, he asks: to what extent it is possible to be a non-Jewish citizen of a Jewish state?

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