

Mark Tessler, *A HISTORY OF THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT*. Bloomington, Indiana University Press, 1994. 928 pages, 20 maps, notes, bibliography, index. Cloth \$57.50, paper \$27.50.

Honors and Awards:

- * Featured Selection of the **History Book Club**
- * Selected as a "Notable Book of 1994" by the *New York Times*
- * Named "1994 National Jewish Honor Book" by the **Jewish Book Council**
- * Received "Outstanding Achievement" award of the **Wisconsin Library Association**

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-Library Journal (starred review)

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-Philip Mattar, Associate Editor, *Journal of Palestine Studies*

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-Jacob M. Landau, Gersten Distinguished Professor of Politics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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-David Schoenbaum, University of Iowa, in the *New York Times Book Review*

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-Charles Tripp, School of Oriental and African Studies, in the *Times Literary Supplement*

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-Magill Book Reviews for Dow Jones News

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-Kirkus Reviews

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- Nissim Rejwan in *The Jerusalem Post Magazine*

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- Paul Rich, University of the Americas, in *Digest of Middle East Studies*

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-Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions Handbook

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"**An outstanding overview** of the conflict."

-Rex Brynen, McGill University

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-Victor LeVine, Washington University