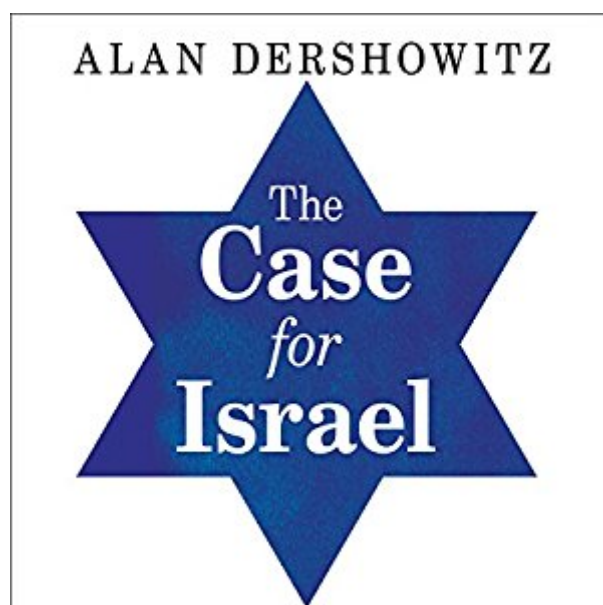


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The Case For Israel



Synopsis

Widely respected as a civil libertarian, legal educator, and defense attorney extraordinaire, Alan M. Dershowitz has also been a passionate though not uncritical supporter of Israel. In this audiobook, he presents an ardent defense of Israel's rights, supported by indisputable evidence. Dershowitz takes a close look at what Israel's accusers and detractors are saying about this war-torn country. He accuses those who attack Israel of international bigotry and backs up his argument with hard facts.

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From the outset, it should be noted that Alan Dershowitz is a lawyer and not a historian. He does not present information from a disinterested perspective as respected historians (e.g. Shlomo Ben-Ami and Benny Morris) do. Although I myself strongly support Israel's existence and the right of its people to live in peace and security, it is difficult to ignore the "blame-it-on-all-the-Palestinians-and-the-Arabs" tone of Professor Dershowitz's book. In Professor Dershowitz's presentation of the Israel-Palestine conflict, almost all wrongdoings on the part of the Israelis are sheerly coincidental, unintentional, or accidental while almost all wrongdoings on the part of the Palestinians are unequivocally malicious and motivated by extremism or anti-Semitism. Although he correctly points out that Jews throughout history have faced disproportionate criticism, unforgivable pogroms, and unjustified discrimination (which are my main reasons for supporting a state in which Jews can live in security and peace), Professor Dershowitz's overly broad and extremely biased assessment of the Arabs and the Palestinians fails in substantiating his case. For

one, recycling the same argument spewed out by Daniel Pipes, he writes that all or most Palestinians supported the "losing side" during World War I and World War II (and vis-à-vis the latter, he outrageously claims that all or most Palestinians supported Hitler either explicitly or implicitly during the Holocaust). This is one of several instances in which Professor Dershowitz interprets the decisions and stances of Arab leaders (most of whom are/were corrupt, unpopular, and/or unelected) as being representative of the entire Palestinian population (e.g.

It is regurgitated ad nauseam that to criticise Israel is not anti-Semitic. No doubt there is an element of truth in this with regards to some naïve and misinformed individuals, but as the most virulent anti-Semitism is now solidly established in mainstream "anti-Zionism"™, the statement has become not only a platitude but a deflection from the fact that criticism of the Jewish State almost always has the stench of old-fashioned Jew-baiting wafting around it. Whether this be old classics about Jewish thievery, poisoning water supplies, or ritual child murder, all have been adapted into a palatable anti-Zionist format. The very fact that Israel alone is singled out on the international stage for the most aggressive criticism betrays the sinister obsession of its critics with all things Jewish. Irrespective of how anti-Israel activists justify this obsession, the accusations that they consistently parrot, like all anti-Jewish legends, are fictitious. To use a stronger word, they are lies. Civilized countries generally have laws against libel and one American Professor of Law, Alan Dershowitz, has decided the accusations against Israel amount to just that. His response has been to write this well argued book, putting forward the case in defence of Israel. Beginning with a brief description of the shocking ignorance and misinformation that is displayed across the USA with regards to the Israel/palestine conflict, he moves on to the list the main, as he see it, thirty-two accusations that are continually repeated by anti-Israel activists. These range from the academic, such as the legality of the Balfour Declarations, to the absurd, refuting claims of Israeli genocide, apartheid and Zionist conspiratorial plots.

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