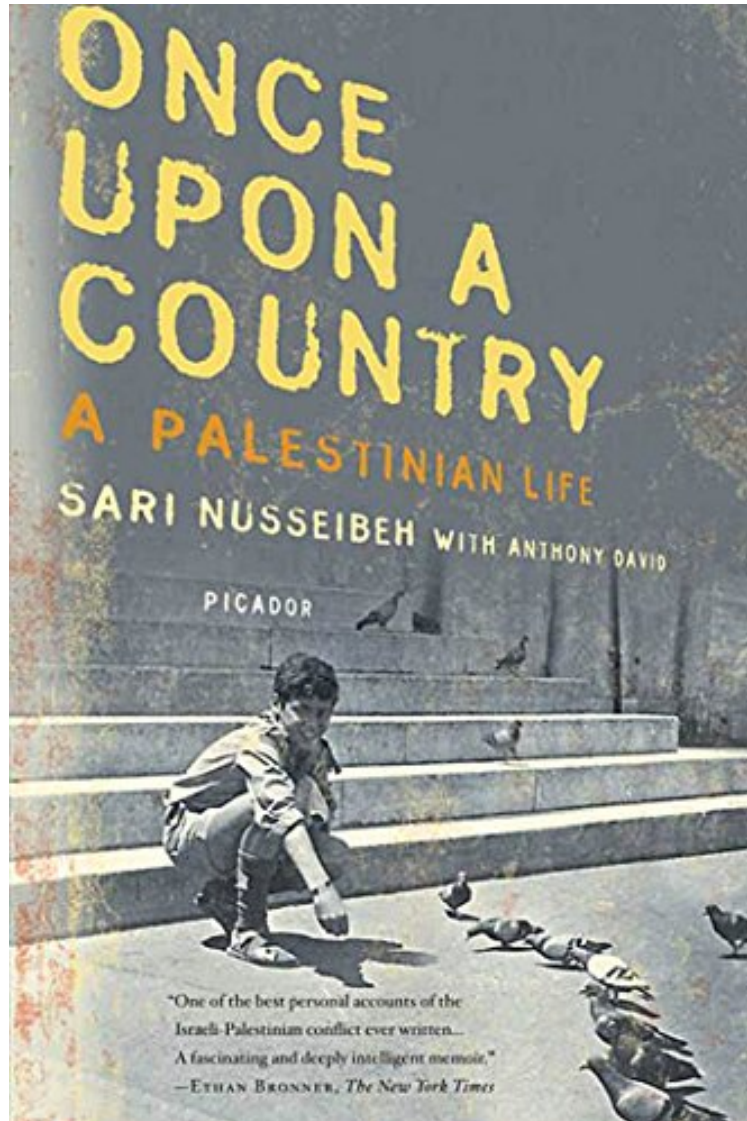


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen6 von 7 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.  
Eindrucksvolle Autobiographie aus einem politischen Pulverfass.Von D. FlackDas Buch von Sari Nusseibeh ist aus verschiedenen Grnden sehr empfehlenswert: 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 ständige 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 gegenüber den Palstinensern in der West Bank und Ost-Jerusalem ausgesetzt ist. Besonders interessant sind auch die Vorgänge um die, zunächst ja noch im Exil lebende, PLO-Führung, 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 zukünftigen palstinensischen Staat nichts weiter als isolierte Inselchen in der West Bank übrig geblieben sind. Für den an Palästina Interessierten ist das Buch ein wesentlicher Baustein. Leider ist es auf Deutsch kaum, bzw. nur zu horrenden Preisen erhältlich. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Interesting and informative

Von CustomerNusseibeh, the main author, is a professor of philosophy and, as his father, was very much involved into the Palestinian politics during the recent decades. He is a Palestinian trained in Oxford/UK and worked also as an academic in Massachusetts. The book is more or less an eyewitness report embedded 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 still 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 development of the recent decades in the Middle East, which I only knew from the history books or reports from the media. It opened my eyes how complicated life in Israel for Palestinians, as well as in general the Arab-Jewish conflict is, and how difficult living conditions of the ordinary Arab people in this region are.

**Kurzbeschreibung** A New York Times Book Editors' Choice A teacher, a scholar, a philosopher, and an eyewitness to history, Sari Nusseibeh is one of our most urgent and articulate authorities on the conflict in the Middle East. From his time teaching side by side with Israelis at the Hebrew University through his appointment by Yasir Arafat to administer the Arab Jerusalem, he has held fast to the principles of freedom and equality for all, and his story dramatizes the consequences of war, partition, and terrorism as few other books have done. This autobiography brings rare depth and compassion to the story of his country.

From Publishers Weekly Starred . 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