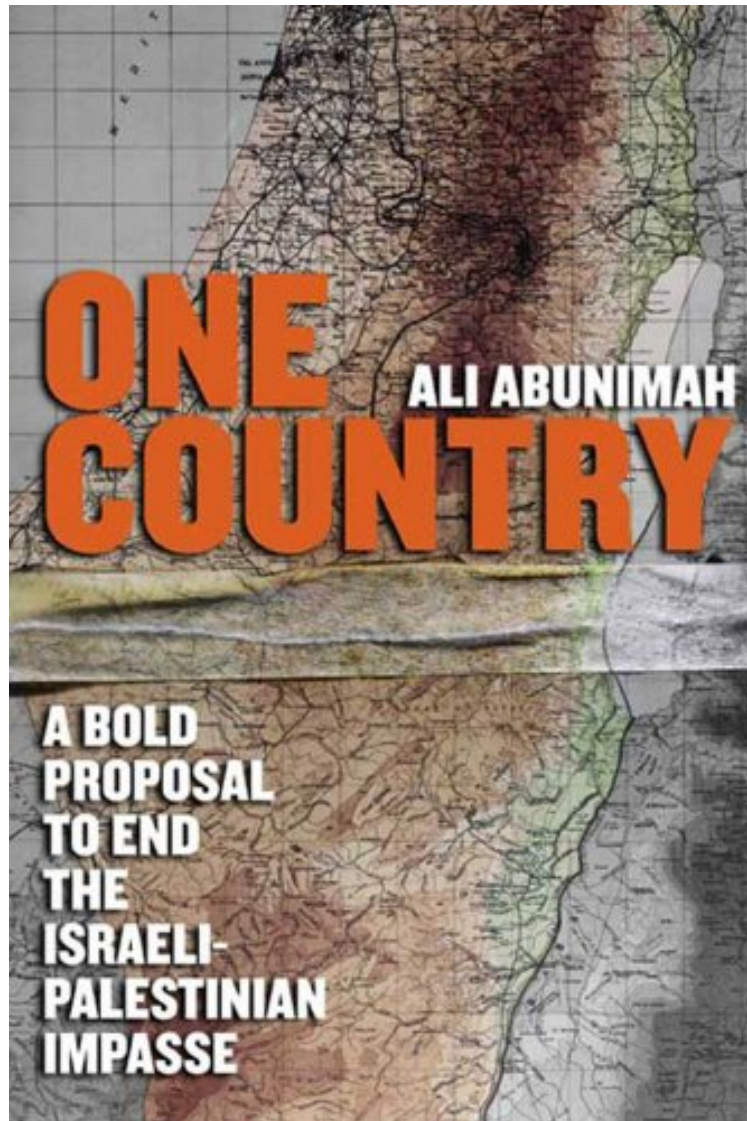


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Realität werden, da Israel - fernab jeder Bereitschaft zu einem Frieden - alle anderen Möglichkeiten zunichte gemacht hat.

Kurzbeschreibung A provocative approach to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict one state for two peoples that is sure to touch nerves on all sides. The Israeli-Palestinian war has been called the world's most intractable conflict. It is by now a commonplace that the only way to end the violence is to divide the territory in two, and all efforts at a resolution have come down to haggling over who gets what: Will Israel hand over 90 percent of the West Bank or only 60 percent? Will a Palestinian state include any part of Jerusalem? Clear-eyed, sharply reasoned, and compassionate, *One Country* proposes a radical alternative: to revive an old and neglected idea of one state shared by two peoples. Ali Abunimah shows how the two are by now so intertwined geographically and economically that separation cannot lead to the security Israelis need or the rights Palestinians must have. He reveals the bankruptcy of the two-state approach, takes on the objections and taboos that stand in the way of a binational solution, and demonstrates that sharing the territory will bring benefits for all. The absence of other workable options has only led to ever greater extremism; it is time, Abunimah suggests, for Palestinians and Israelis to imagine a different future and a different relationship. From *Booklist* Much recent commentary on the stalled Middle East peace process has focused on ways to redirect Israelis and Palestinians toward the "road map for peace," which aims to end hostilities by gradually establishing an independent Palestinian state that would exist alongside, albeit entwined with, the Israeli state. With this book, an outspoken advocate for the Palestinian cause argues that peace in the region can be better achieved by establishing a single, united, democratic state. Abunimah is not, of course, the first to propose a one-state, or "binational," solution--indeed, interest in a one-state solution has grown as the two-state model has sputtered--and he is well aware of the obstacles to a one-state solution: namely, that socioeconomic inequality, disproportionate birth rates, and a perceived loss of sovereignty would seem to provide meager incentives for Jewish Israelis. But Abunimah's approach, inspired by ongoing reconciliation processes in South Africa (and, to a lesser extent, Northern Ireland), is fresh, energetic, and ultimately optimistic that those tired of violence will eventually gravitate toward an inclusive, unified Israel. *Brendan Driscoll* Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved. *Pressestimmen* "Abunimah's proposal requires deep reservoirs of good will and a willingness to forget at least a few injuries. History will determine whether it's a pipe dream, but it deserves the widest discussion." - Kirkus s