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Anastasia Styles

★★★★★ **Well-written and measuredly bipartisan**

Reviewed in the United Kingdom on September 23, 2022

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This was a very enjoyable read—a work of fiction, but reading heavily like a memoir.

The work is set in the earlier days of Palestinian land being assigned to Israeli rule, and does an excellent job of showing how everyday people's lives and loves are affected by corrupt politicians creating strife where none need exist.

Worthy of note is that certainly all of the main characters have considerable flaws but are all doing their best in ridiculous circumstances, through innocence, hope, strife, conflict, and resolution.

All in all, this book is highly recommendable to any wishing to read a perspective that's—while not completely unbiased—not heavily skewed to show only one side of the conflict, and instead focuses more on the human aspect, to great effect.



V.E. VINE VOICE

★★★★★ **Beautiful Story**

Reviewed in the United States on August 18, 2022

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Israel: Final Edition by Dr. Batya Casper is a well-written family saga. Helpfully the author includes the cast of characters in the beginning of the book to aid the reader. The opening scene of a wedding is written with lush language, not only capturing the surroundings and atmosphere, but the emotions of the bride and groom. With three main female characters, the author takes us on a journey of challenges, redemption and how the historical actually influences modern day in Israel. A powerful story and one that pulls you in right from the start. Highly recommend.



Grady Harp Top Contributor: Children's Books [HALL OF FAME](#) [TOP 100 REVIEWER](#)

★★★★★ **A fine novel that invites understanding of the Israel Palestine conflict**

Reviewed in the United States on August 18, 2022

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Author Batya Casper earned her BA in English Literature and her MA and PhD in theater art from UCLA, and is a director, actor, teacher of theater, and a self employed writer whose subjects include theater history, theory and criticism. Her books to date – ISREALA, ELECTRA, HIDDEN: NISTAR and now ISRAELA: FINAL EDITION. She lives in both Israel and California.

As the world continues to focus on the media's coverage of Israel and Palestine, especially the Gaza Strip problems, Dr. Casper manages to produce a novel that weaves a fine story while at the same time addresses the ongoing, heartbreaking conflict between the Israelis and Arabs, Jews and Muslims. In placing the facts in the form of three women's perceptions and interactions, the problems become finally comprehensible. As she condenses the plot - 'In Israel, the lives of three women interweave with the story of their country. Ratiba, an Israeli journalist, turns her back on her heritage to marry an Israeli Arab. Her sister Orit, an actor, lives alone and longs for her lost sister. Elisheva is a nurse who dedicates her life to the wounded and the dying. As their lives unfold, the three women find themselves facing choices they would never have envisioned. This is a story of secrets and alienation, yet also of hope and heroism. It is about Arabs who save Jews from disaster and Jews who heal Arabs. It is the story of everyday people torn and desperately searching for the right path. Here, the ancient pulsates in present time and the biblical holds prominence with the secular. Beneath this modern-day drama unfolds the story of a land and its people, revealing the historical trajectory of two peoples, victims and perpetrators of a biblical curse.'

Beautifully written as an immersive novel, and offering a window into finally understanding a lasting friction, this is a superb novel that deserves very wide attention. Highly recommended. Grady Harp, August 22



Nicki

★★★★★ **Beautiful and Culturally Enriching Story**

Reviewed in the United States on August 19, 2022

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It is the story of three strong women with different personalities who seek different things in life and how their truths and pursuits end in a big, happy ceremony that embraces them all. While the story is unique and provides lessons in courage, love, and sticking to one's ideologies, it is also culturally enriching and provides insight into a beautiful culture.



Amy K.

★★★★★ **Brilliant Read!**

Reviewed in the United States on August 20, 2022

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"Israel: Final Edition," by Dr. Batya Casper is a strikingly good read that was plain and simply unexpected in terms of what I thought I was getting myself into. This book has a bit of everything with regard to history, love, family ties, and Judaism and it entwines so much together that it almost feels overwhelming at times, but not necessarily in a bad way. If you are looking for a read that will captivate your heart and demand your attention, this is definitely a great one to consider investing your time into. You most certainly won't regret it!



Mia C.

★★★★★ **Totally recommended!**

Reviewed in the United States on August 21, 2022

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I must first mention that I liked the aesthetics of the chapters and that it is very useful to have a list of characters at the very beginning, it helped me a lot not to get lost with them. This is the story of three women and how their lives for different reasons intertwined with each other.

It is a good drama; it is modern and has a very good pace that accompanies the narrative perfectly. It is a very good read that I will certainly recommend.



quirru VINE VOICE

★★★★★ **Amazing fictionalized history**

Reviewed in the United States us on August 23, 2022

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By telling the story of three sisters that have lives entangled between Jews and Arabs, the author presents to us the vicissitudes that the Israel-Pakistan conflict has created. How the ones who live in this specific area are trying to survive every day to be able to have a life worthy of living with all the horror and pain that war brings and how it makes a difference between the feelings of the people that live in that war line and the feelings of the parts as nations. Incredibly well-written story that takes us to the roots and present of a political conflict affecting so many people.



Piaras VINE VOICE

★★★★★ **A well-crafted contemporary drama.**

Reviewed in the United States us on August 24, 2022

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Israela: Final Edition by Dr. Batya Casper is an all-encompassing human dramatization that tells the story of three women's lives that are intertwined with the history of a nation. Journalist Ratiba, an Israeli, rejects her culture in order to wed an Israeli Arab. Actress sister Orit, who lives alone, misses her sibling who has been taken from her. Elisheva is a nurse who devotes her life to caring for the sick and injured. The three women are forced to make decisions as their lives progress in a way they would never have expected. This is a tale of hidden truths and alienation, but it's also one of hope and bravery. 'It is about Arabs who save Jews from disaster and Jews who heal Arabs.' It tells the tale of ordinary people conflicted and anxiously looking for the way forward.

I was impressed with the insight and empathy of the writer into the spirits of the characters. The originality of this story lies in the effectiveness of the characters and the author's microscopic viewpoint of the human condition. Casper's crisp writing allows her world to encompass the reader, leaving them mesmerized. Highly recommended reading and a well-deserved five stars from me.

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S. J. Main

★★★★☆ **An enjoyable read.**

Reviewed in the United States us on August 24, 2022

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I have always been fascinated by the history behind Israel and Palestine. The book introduces a storyline that is not only filled with history but the relationships and drama that accompany it. It is a culturally captivating story, and I enjoyed reading it.



A Cannady

★★★★★ **A GREAT story!**

Reviewed in the United States us on August 26, 2022

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Israela: Final Edition is a beautiful story and did a great job of creating the characters and setting in Israel. It had my attention from the opening chapter and never disappointed me for the rest of the book. The three main characters have a powerful sense and they captured my heart right away. I've always had a vision of Israel, and the author put me right there with this story. This book has everything from religion, family, and love, and I highly recommend this book. Such a great story and it was very hard to put down.



Hassan

★★★★☆ **Certainly worth reading.**

Reviewed in the United States us on August 26, 2022

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"Israela: Final Edition" by Dr Batya Casper is a good read. The character introduction, at the start, helped me know the characters right from the start. I think it had a positive effect on engaging the readers.

The book contains captivating drama, emotion and cultural values. The author has a decent writing style, and I liked the lead characters in the story.

It is certainly worth reading. I recommend this book to everyone.



Marcia

★★★★★ **Great set of characters**

Reviewed in the United States us on August 27, 2022

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In Israela, we follow the lives of three women and how they unfold living in a territory so deeply divided. Batya Casper is an amazing storyteller and beautifully captures the spirit, struggles, and happiness of these three sisters. I always love when a good story is able to capture the small things of everyday life, without losing sight of the big picture. A great novel that will give you all the emotions.



Albert

★★★★★ **A brilliant story that will give you a first-hand look at the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.**

Reviewed in the United States us on August 30, 2022

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An excellent book, with a great story and a really well developed plot. I liked it a lot!

In this case, this story focuses on the lives of three sisters who had to live really complex lives and where they will have to make extremely complex decisions and that, based on these, their future will change completely. One of them, Ratiba, will give up her past and her culture to marry an Israeli Arab. The other, Orit, finds herself in a moral dilemma, as she misses her deceased sister. And finally, Elisheva, who is a nurse who mainly dedicates her life to caring for the sick, wounded and dying. All of them will live incredible situations in which, as this story progresses, they will be forced to take extremely difficult decisions, which will make you realize the horrors of war and the difficulties and hardships that many people have to live, but at the same time it is a story of courage and hope that will make you vibrate and feel a great multitude of emotions and feelings.



Ghulam Mustafa

★★★★★ **A powerful, though-provoking, and engaging novel!**

Reviewed in the United States us on September 2, 2022

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I always love reading books written by multi-talented writers. Batya Casper belongs to one such group. She is highly educated with a BA in English Literature and MA and PhD in theatrical arts from UCLA. Plus, she's an actor, teacher, director, and a writer.

The best thing about such writers is their diverse experience and keen observation. But, most importantly, it's amazing how they put everything to words.

"Israela: Final Edition" is a typical example. Brilliant writing that shows in depth analysis, which is merged with exceptional storytelling, character building, and a nice plot.

What's even better is that the book focuses on a sensitive issue "the Arab-Jew or Palestinian-Israel conflict." However, the writer manages to highlight the other side of the story and how the lives of three Arab women are caught with Jews – something very alien for that region.

The story has drama, emotions, and everything an engaging read should have. A brilliant novel!



Sanjin Top Contributor: Cooking [VINE VOICE](#)

★★★★★ **A book with a lot of heart**

Reviewed in the United States us on September 5, 2022

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It's undoubtedly challenging to pull off a story that has a heart and emotion, and all of that is set in the middle of a tragic conflict that plagues people for a long time. Israela is precisely that. When you read about these three women, each with their own lives, hopes, fears, and personalities, you'll warm up to them in no time. The author knows her way with words, and the book is really a joy to read; it was hard for me to put it down. Although it has some historical, political, and religious undertones, the heart of the book is its emotions and the characters who'll you just love. Don't miss out on this!



Phil Bolos

★★★★★ **Very relevant to today**

Reviewed in the United States us on September 24, 2022

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Israela: Final Edition by Dr. Batya Casper is an incredibly relevant story to events taking place today throughout the world, but especially in the Middle East. The book focuses on the lives of three women who have chosen very different paths from each other, but they share many of the same struggles as they go forward. Each of them feel the burden of loss and the pressure of alienation from the group that they associate with. But, through their struggles the reader is able to find peace and hope in the face of a struggle that has been raging for far too long. Anyone who has an understanding of the conflict between Israel and Palestine will find this book to be intriguing and heartbreaking. I highly recommend this to anyone who enjoys novels of personal struggle which lead to overcoming obstacles.



AliReads

★★★★★ **A lesson in empathy towards the sacrifices others make**

Reviewed in the United States us on September 25, 2022

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The book is an excellent representation of the circumstances that the people of Israel and Palestine are facing due to the war between them. I am very impressed by the writer who has developed a plot so engaging and feels very close to reality and touches one's heart. The story is about three women who have to sacrifice a lot to change their future. One has to give up her traditions and culture for marriage, one finds herself in a moral compass when she lost a dear sister and one gives up everything just to help the wounded and the injured.

I would recommend this book to all those who have a kind heart and want to be part of the pain that the people are inflicted on in these disputed areas. The novel also tells us about how courageous these people are. Must read!



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