

The Case Against Israel's Enemies

Exposing Jimmy Carter and Others Who Stand in the Way of Peace

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This book is dedicated to Israel's constructive and nuanced critics, whose rational voices are too often drowned out by the exaggerations, demonizations, and hate-filled lies put forth by Israel's enemies. Criticism is the lifeblood of democracy and a sure sign of admiration for an imperfect democracy seeking to improve itself.

Comments

A rather sad little book

Dershowitz is a leading supporter of Israel, and the contents list and the introduction (see below) rather give the game away

Yet in this book he claims to be 'Pro-Israel and Pro-Palestine' [p15]

Introduction (Opening paragraphs)

For a tiny nation of little more than six and a half million citizens living in an area roughly the size of New Jersey, Israel has proportionally more enemies than any nation on earth.

- No nation has been threatened more often with divestment, boycotts, and other sanctions.
- No nation has generated more protests against it on college and university campuses.
- No nation has been targeted for as much editorial abuse from the worldwide media.
- No nation has been subjected to more frequent threats of annihilation.
- No nation has had more genocidal incitements directed against its citizens.
- It is remarkable indeed that a democratic nation born in response to a decision of the United Nations should still not be accepted by so many countries, groups, and individuals.
- No other UN member is threatened with physical destruction by other member states so openly and with so little rebuke from the General Assembly or the Security Council.
- Indeed, no nation, regardless of its size or the number of deaths it has caused, has been condemned as often by the UN and its constituent bodies.
- Simply put, no nation is hated as much as the Jewish nation.

Back cover

ISRAEL'S GREATEST THREATS EXPOSED BY ISRAEL'S BEST DEFENDER

"As always when Israel needs to be defended ...

Alan Dershowitz speaks with great passion and personal courage." - Elie Wiesel

"This is a compelling book that unmasks the dangerous revisionism that distorts the real Israel. Dershowitz debunks former President Jimmy Carter's apartheid analogy, Walt and Mearsheimer's canard of dual loyalty, the immorality of the British boycott of Israeli academics, and the bigotry of the anti-Israel hard left and right. He also assesses the existential threats against Israel and the options | available to the Jewish state. A must-read for all who care about international justice and Israel's survival in a world of biased enemies." - The Honorable Irwin Colter, Member of Parliament and former minister of justice and attorney general of Canada; Professor of Law (on leave from McGill University)

Writing with passion and power, Alan Dershowitz challenges the claims and actions of those he views to be Israel's most dangerous enemies in the West, such as Jimmy Carter, Stephen Walt and John Mearsheimer, Noam Chomsky, and Pat Buchanan. Dershowitz also takes on Israel's military enemies, including Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran.

Filled with brilliant analysis, telling anecdotes, and startling revelations of motives that drive many of Israel's most virulent detractors, *The Case Against Israel's Enemies* is compelling reading for anyone who is interested in current events or concerned about Israel's future.

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From an aesthetic standpoint, *The Case Against Israel's Enemies* is nearly unbearable. Dershowitz is a lawyer and the book reads like a legal text. Each chapter is a painstakingly thorough deconstruction of every lie ever lodged against Israel—making it a well researched but unpleasant read, to say the least. In an attempt to moderate his tone, Dershowitz frequently cedes arguments to people that he disagrees with to show that he is open to other ideas, and then proceeds to rail on and on about the same point.