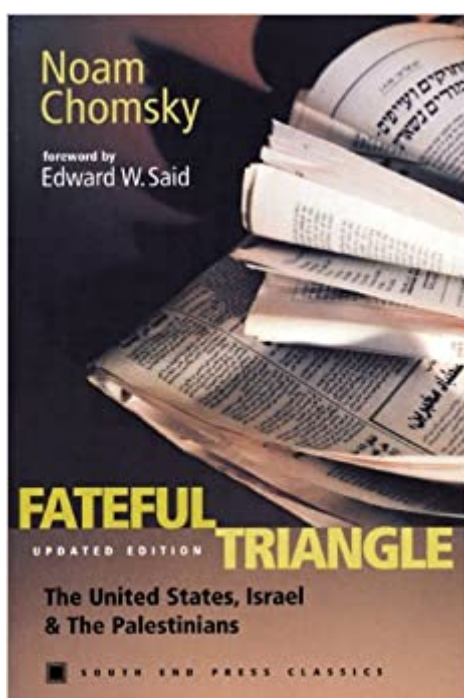


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# Fateful Triangle: The United States, Israel, And The Palestinians (Updated Edition) (South End Press Classics Series)



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First published in 1983, *Fateful Triangle* is a comprehensive indictment of what Noam Chomsky calls the "disgraceful and extremely dangerous" policy the United States has enacted towards Israel, particularly with regard to Israel's actions concerning the Palestinians. Supporters of Israel must willfully overlook or deny that nation's long history of human rights violations and military aggression, Chomsky writes, and they will continue to do so as long as Israel is strategically useful towards "the U.S. aim of eliminating possible threats, largely indigenous, to American domination of the Middle East region." In the course of elaborating his argument, Chomsky cuts through the myths and distortions that appear in mainstream media accounts; the damning facts that he so systematically assembles portray a government more brutally and overtly racist, perhaps, than even apartheid-era South Africa. Three new chapters, drawing upon material from *Z* magazine and other publications, incorporate such developments as the Palestinian uprising, Israel's war on Lebanon, and the ongoing "peace process."

"A devastating collection of charges aimed at Israeli and American policies that affect the Palestinian Arabs negatively," said LJ's reviewer of this thesis on Middle East politics. With several additional chapters, a new preface, and a new foreword by Edward Said, Chomsky brings the story up-to-date. With the political situation in the Middle East just as hot now, this is bound to be an important volume. (LJ 12/15/83) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Excellent history of the "conflict" and just as timely today as it was in 1983. The patterns of aggression are the same (provoke then claim "defense" when they (Israel) unleash their far superior weaponry on a largely civilian, mostly 1948 Palestinian refugee population). He also rightly recognizes that the real goal in the attacks on Lebanon was to neutralize the possibility of the emergence of a more moderate Palestinian Authority which would then set the stage for a real autonomous two state solution. Chomsky either had a crystal ball, membership in the "Psychic Friends Network" or made one heck of an educated guess that the "peace process" was a sham

and the Israeli government's goal all along has been annexation of the assets of the occupied territories without the bother of having to offer equal rights and justice to the pesky Palestinians who reside there. If more Americans read this book there would be a groundswell of demand that our government revise its foreign policy in the region and use the annual \$3.1 billion (Israel) and \$1.5 billion (Egypt) spent on foreign military aid for domestic or humanitarian purposes or to help avert the "fiscal cliff".

This book is a must for all Americans to read in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Giving overwhelming documentation, he gives the factual record in the conflict including the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982.

Noam Chomsky deserves a lot of credit for all the work and findings that he has shared and communicated related to US Foreign policy in the Middle East. I often find myself agreeing with his writing and interviews.

I generally agree with Chomsky on the Palestinian-Israeli (not always) on this issue, but this version of *Fateful Triangle* is a little outdated. It is primarily focused on the 1982 Lebanon War. I just noticed that a new edition of this book will be released in a week. I suggest getting that one instead.

Arrived in great condition!

One of the most important books about the Middle East.

Terrifying look at the senseless violence in the middle East.

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