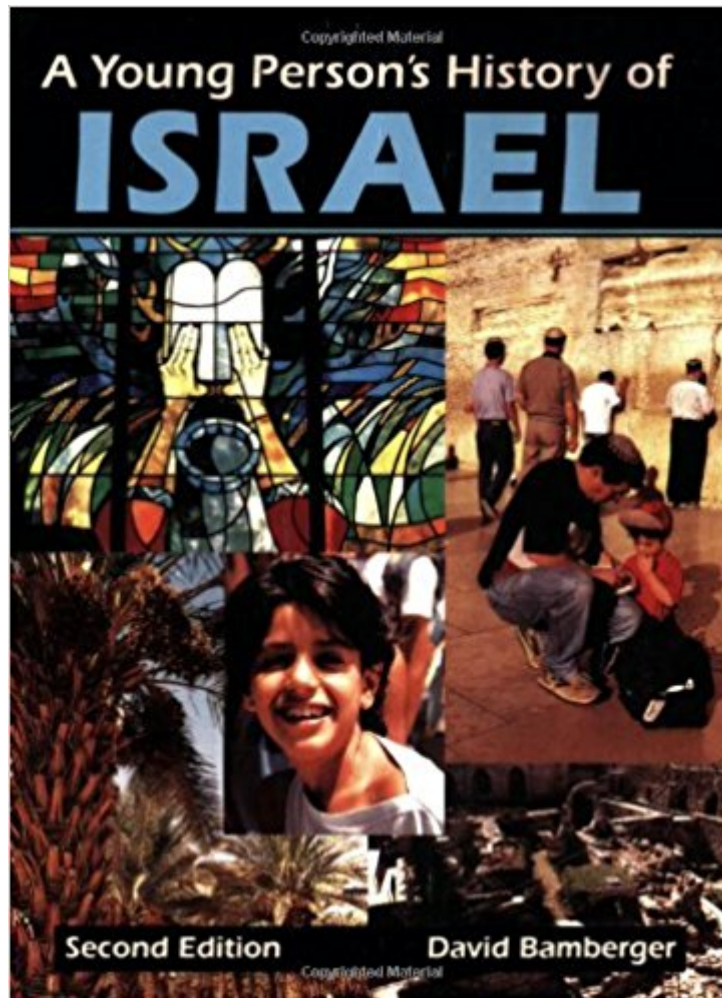




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It's a good introduction to the history of Israel. However, I would have preferred something more detailed and in-depth for my 10-year-old grandchildren.

Now in an fully updated and expanded second edition, *A Young Person's History Of Israel* by David Bamberger is an ideal introduction for young readers as to why the state of Israel came about as well as why it, among all other nations, is so very special. This superbly written and organized history begins with describing the land the people of the old Palestine that existed for hundreds of years under Muslim rule. The next section is devoted to describing the origins of early Zionism that were to lay the groundwork for the return of the Jews to the land of Israel. The third section recounts the turbulent creation of an independent state of Israel. Section four is dedicated to the fight to build a viable state amidst hostile nations. The fifth and final section is devoted to describing the democratic state of Israel as it exists today. Profusely illustrated with black-and-white historical photos throughout, *A Young Person's History Of Israel* is a welcome and highly recommended addition to any personal, family, school, or community library collection.

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