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Promised Land Simon and Schuster  
“A spiritual experience.” —The Boston  
Globe Named Book of the Year by The  
New York Times, this spectacular  
picture book follows Harriet Tubman as  
she leads enslaved people to freedom  
on the Underground Railroad. Told with  
sparse text and vividly rendered  
paintings, this story reimagines the well-  
known heroism of Harriet Tubman and  
captures to the urgency of her struggles  
to free as many people as possible and  
the anger, fear, and jubilation they feel  
along the perilous journey.

The Promised Land Penguin

Fear, drama, suspense... and hope.  
Amid the ruins and chaos left by the  
Second World War, a family sets

out from a small town in Russia to  
escape the uncertainty of living  
under the iron fist of Stalin. Their  
arduous journey takes them through  
Poland and then Germany, where  
they hear first-hand accounts of the  
holocaust where millions of Jews  
and others were exterminated only  
a few years earlier... and then on to  
France and England. A few years  
later, the son Simon, and his wife  
Rose visit Israel after discovering  
their Jewish roots and heritage.  
They arrive just in time to  
experience the dramatic Six Day  
War when the surrounding Arab  
nations attempt to destroy Israel.  
You will be kept wondering how this

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family can possibly survive as they flee the only home they've ever known. This powerful story is based on the true accounts of friends and strangers that the author has woven into fascinating fiction.

*A Promised Land* Aladdin

Tells the story of two families--one Jewish and one Arab--who lived for generations in the valley outside of Jerusalem. Their story is told from the rise of Zionism and the 1948 war for Israel's independence to the present Palestinian uprisings.

*My Own Words* Maxwell Institute

From the streets of Atlanta to the alleys of Jerusalem, *Chosen People* is an international legal drama where hidden motives thrive, the risk of death is real, and the search for truth has many faces. During a terrorist attack near the Western Wall in Jerusalem, a

courageous mother sacrifices her life to save her four-year-old daughter, leaving behind a grieving husband and a motherless child. Hana Abboud, a Christian Arab Israeli lawyer trained at Hebrew University, typically uses her language skills to represent international clients for an Atlanta law firm. When her boss is contacted by Jakob Brodsky, a young Jewish lawyer pursuing a lawsuit on behalf of the woman's family under the US Anti-Terrorism laws, he calls on Hana's expertise to take point on the case. After careful prayer, she joins forces with Jakob, and they quickly realize the need to bring in a third member for their team, an Arab investigator named Daud Hasan, based in Israel. As the case evolves, this team of investigators will uncover truths that will forever change their understanding of justice, heritage, and what it means to be chosen for a greater purpose. First of the *Chosen People* novels (*Chosen People*, *Promised Land*) Christian fiction set in the USA and in Israel Full-length novel (over 120,000 words)

*From the Projects to the Promised*

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Land InterVarsity Press

Everyone journey may start in different places...my started in the Projects, and everyone do not have the same Promise land ... Mine is to help women all over the world...your promise land is what you want it to be.... The promise land is your commitment to yourself as to where you are going in life; it is where you set your road map to take you. There are many good people that go through life with no destination in mind ..... Do you have a destination? Remember life is a journey and should start with a beginning and have a destination.

**Bound for the Promised Land** One World

In this New Studies in Biblical

Theology volume, Oren Martin demonstrates how, within the redemptive-historical framework of God's unfolding plan, the land promise to Israel advances the place of the kingdom that was lost in Eden, anticipating the even greater land, prepared for all of God's people, that will result from the person and work of Christ.

Witz (American Literature Series)  
Penguin UK

Just as the Old Testament book of Genesis begins with creation, where humans live in the presence of their Lord, so the New Testament book of Revelation ends with an even more glorious new creation where all of the redeemed

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dwelling with the Lord and his Christ. all of God's people, that will  
The historical development between result from the person and work of  
the beginning and the end is Christ and that will be enjoyed in  
crucial, for the journey from Eden the new creation for eternity.  
to the new Jerusalem proceeds Addressing key issues in biblical  
through the land promised to theology, the works comprising New  
Abraham. The Promised Land is the Studies in Biblical Theology are  
place where God's people will once creative attempts to help  
again live under his lordship and Christians better understand their  
experience his blessed presence. In Bibles. The NSBT series is edited  
this stimulating study from the New by D. A. Carson, aiming to  
Studies in Biblical Theology simultaneously instruct and to  
series, Oren Martin demonstrates edify, to interact with current  
how, within the redemptive- scholarship and to point the way  
historical framework of God's ahead.  
unfolding plan, the land promise Gone from the Promised Land  
advances the place of the kingdom Thomas Nelson  
that was lost in Eden. This promise The Egyptians in Exodus 1 were  
also serves as a type throughout intent on enslaving the  
Israel's history that anticipates Israelites, wearing them down  
the even greater land, prepared for

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so that God's chosen people would become disillusioned and not live up to their destiny. Of the original two million Israelites who received God's invitation to enter the Promised Land, only two actually entered it! Similarly, modern day Christians often hear and understand the promises of God each Sunday morning at church but then rarely choose to experience them in everyday life. In *One in a Million*, Bible teacher Priscilla Shirer invites us to change that pattern for good, living beyond our circumstances and expecting to see God move in miraculous ways day after day. Without a doubt, we can find and follow God's purpose for our journey. We can make it to the Promised Land! *Their Promised Land* Bookbaby With her oldest son taking a gap year in Europe, her aging father losing his sight and his memory, and her husband of twenty years announcing that he's leaving her, Abbie Jowett is surrounded by overwhelming loss. Desperate to mend her marriage and herself, she follows her son, Bobby, to walk the famed Camino pilgrimage. During their journey they encounter Rasa, an Iranian woman working in secret helping

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other refugees, and Caroline, a journalist who is studying pilgrims on the Camino while searching for answers from her broken past. Each individual has their own reasons for the pilgrimage, but together they learn that the Camino strips you bare and calls you into deep soul-searching that can threaten all your best laid plans.

**Into the Promised Land** Island Press

Elizabeth Crook's vast yet intimate novel of the Texas Revolution takes us beyond the traditional setpieces of the Alamo and San Jacinto to the other places where the war was fought—to the forest traces and prairies and Gulf Coast beaches, and to the hearts of the novel's vibrant characters. Among them: Domingo de la Rosa—the great Tejano ranchero, implacable and devout, for whom the fight against the Anglo "heretics" is nothing less than a holy war. Hugh Kenner—a physician whose son has run away to the war. Hugh will discover the heroic strength of his compassion, and also its brutal cost. Katie Kenner—Hugh's restless daughter, a refugee caught up in the massive human stampede known as The Runaway Scrape, who finds herself in love with a foreigner and responsible for the life of an orphan baby. Adelaido Pacheco—a dashing tobacco smuggler loyal to no cause but his own, a man without a country and in peril of becoming

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a man without a soul. Crucita Pacheco-Adelaido's beautiful sister who has lost her family, all but Adelaido, in the cholera epidemic of 1832. Feeling that God has forsaken her, she enters Domingo de la Rosa's employ as a spy against the Anglo rebels, and discovers an improbable love. Through these people and others, *Promised Lands* brings a myth-encrusted chapter of American history to authentic life. Elizabeth Crook demonstrates once again a stunning command of her period and a passionate regard for her characters. *Promised Lands* bears the hallmark of a master novelist: a grand vision, rendered on an unforgettably human scale.

**Walking to the Promised Land**

Dalkey Archive Press

Mary Swan Middleton has always taken for granted the advantages of her family's wealth. But a tragedy that touches all of Atlanta sends her reeling in grief. When the family maid challenges her to reach out to the less fortunate as a way to ease her own pain, Mary Swan meets Carl--and everything changes. For although Carl is her opposite in nearly every way, he has something her privileged life could not give her. And when she seeks his help to uncover a mystery, she learns far more than she ever could have imagined.

Bound for the Promised Land



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InterVarsity Press

Before there were guidebooks, there were just guides—people in the community you could count on to show you around. *I'll Take You There* is written by and with the people who most intimately know Nashville, foregrounding the struggles and achievements of people's movements toward social justice. The colloquial use of "I'll take you there" has long been a response to the call of a stranger: for recommendations of safe passage through unfamiliar territory, a decent meal and place to lay one's head, or perhaps a watering

hole or juke joint. In this book, more than one hundred Nashvillians "take us there," guiding us to places we might not otherwise encounter. Their collective entries bear witness to the ways that power has been used by social, political, and economic elites to tell or omit certain stories, while celebrating the power of counternarratives as a tool to resist injustice. Indeed, each entry is simultaneously a story about place, power, and the historic and ongoing struggle toward a more just city for all. The result is akin to the experience of asking for

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directions in an unfamiliar place and receiving a warm offer from a local to lead you on, accompanied by a tale or two.

*A Road Running Southward*

Baker Books

The essential, "richly researched"\* biography of Harriet Tubman, revealing a complex woman who "led a remarkable life, one that her race, her sex, and her origins make all the more extraordinary" (\*The New York Times Book Review). Harriet Tubman is one of the giants of American history—a fearless visionary who led

scores of her fellow slaves to freedom and battled courageously behind enemy lines during the Civil War. Now, in this magnificent biography, historian Kate Clifford Larson gives us a powerful, intimate, meticulously detailed portrait of Tubman and her times. Drawing from a trove of new documents and sources as well as extensive genealogical data, Larson presents Harriet Tubman as a complete human being—brilliant, shrewd, deeply religious, and passionate in her pursuit of

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freedom. A true American hero, extraordinary selflessness and Tubman was also a woman who caring for others."—The loved, suffered, and Seattle Times "Essential for sacrificed. Praise for Bound those interested in Tubman and for the Promised Land "[Bound her causes . . . Larson does for the Promised Land] an especially thorough job of appropriately reads like . . . uncovering relevant fiction, for Tubman's exploits documents, some of them long required such intelligence, hidden by history and physical stamina and pure neglect."—The Plain Dealer fearlessness that only a very "Larson has captured Harriet few would have even Tubman's clandestine nature . contemplated the feats that . . . reading Ms. Larson made me she actually undertook. . . . wonder if Tubman is not, in Larson captures Tubman's fact, the greatest spy this determination and seeming country has ever imperviousness to pain and produced."—The New York Sun suffering, coupled with an Harriet and the Promised Land

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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER •  
NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS  
OF THE YEAR BY THE NEW YORK  
TIMES BOOK REVIEW AND THE  
ECONOMIST Winner of the Natan  
Book Award, the National  
Jewish Book Award, and the  
Anisfield-Wolf Book Award An  
authoritative and deeply  
personal narrative history of  
the State of Israel, by one  
of the most influential  
journalists writing about the  
Middle East today Not since  
Thomas L. Friedman's  
groundbreaking *From Beirut to  
Jerusalem* has a book captured

the essence and the beating  
heart of the Middle East as  
keenly and dynamically as *My  
Promised Land*. Facing  
unprecedented internal and  
external pressures, Israel  
today is at a moment of  
existential crisis. Ari Shavit  
draws on interviews,  
historical documents, private  
diaries, and letters, as well  
as his own family's story,  
illuminating the pivotal  
moments of the Zionist century  
to tell a riveting narrative  
that is larger than the sum of  
its parts: both personal and  
national, both deeply human

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and of profound historical dimension. We meet Shavit's great-grandfather, a British Zionist who in 1897 visited the Holy Land on a Thomas Cook tour and understood that it was the way of the future for his people; the idealist farmer who bought land from his Arab neighbor in the 1920s to grow the Jaffa oranges that would create Palestine's booming economy; the visionary youth group leader who, in the 1940s, transformed Masada from the neglected ruins of an extremist sect into a powerful symbol for Zionism; the Palestinian who as a young man in 1948 was driven with his family from his home during the expulsion from Lydda; the immigrant orphans of Europe's Holocaust, who took on menial work and focused on raising their children to become the leaders of the new state; the pragmatic engineer who was instrumental in developing Israel's nuclear program in the 1960s, in the only interview he ever gave; the zealous religious Zionists who started the settler movement in the 1970s; the dot-com entrepreneurs and young men

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and women behind Tel-Aviv's booming club scene; and today's architects of Israel's foreign policy with Iran, whose nuclear threat looms ominously over the tiny country. As it examines the complexities and contradictions of the Israeli condition, *My Promised Land* asks difficult but important questions: Why did Israel come to be? How did it come to be? Can Israel survive? Culminating with an analysis of the issues and threats that Israel is currently facing, *My Promised Land* uses the defining events of the past to shed new light on the present. The result is a landmark portrait of a small, vibrant country living on the edge, whose identity and presence play a crucial role in today's global political landscape. *Praise for My Promised Land* "This book will sweep you up in its narrative force and not let go of you until it is done. [Shavit's] accomplishment is so unlikely, so total . . . that it makes you believe anything is possible, even, God help us, peace in the Middle

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East."—Simon Schama, *Financial Autobiographical*.  
Times "[A] must-read **A Child's Story of the Book**  
book."—Thomas L. Friedman, *The of Mormon* Bethany House  
New York Times "Important and Publishers  
powerful . . . the least For nearly twenty years,  
tendentious book about Israel Aaron David Miller has played  
I have ever read."—Leon a central role in U.S.  
Wieseltier, *The New York Times* efforts to broker Arab-  
Book Review "Spellbinding . . . Israeli peace as an advisor  
. Shavit's prophetic voice to presidents, secretaries of  
carries lessons that all sides state, and national security  
need to hear."—The Economist advisors. Without  
"One of the most nuanced and partisanship or finger-  
challenging books written on pointing, Miller records what  
Israel in years."—The Wall went right, what went wrong,  
Street Journal and how we got where we are  
Bound for the Promised Land today. Here is a look at the  
Monarch Books peace process from a place at

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the negotiation table, filled with behind-the-scenes strategy, colorful anecdotes and equally colorful characters, and new interviews with presidents, secretaries of state, and key Arab and Israeli leaders. Honest, critical, and often controversial, Miller's insider's account offers a brilliant new analysis of the problem of Arab-Israeli peace and how it still might be solved.

**The Portable Promised Land**

Bantam

Manchild in the Promised Land is

indeed one of the most remarkable autobiographies of our time. This thinly fictionalized account of Claude Brown's childhood as a hardened, streetwise criminal trying to survive the toughest streets of Harlem has been heralded as the definitive account of everyday life for the first generation of African Americans raised in the Northern ghettos of the 1940s and 1950s. When the book was first published in 1965, it was praised for its realistic portrayal of Harlem - the children, young people, hardworking parents; the hustlers, drug dealers,



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prostitutes, and numbers runners; the police; the violence, sex, and humour. The book continues to resonate generations later, not only because of its fierce and dignified anger, not only because the struggles of urban youth are as deeply felt today as they were in Brown's time, but also because the book is affirmative and inspiring. Here is the story about the one who "made it," the boy who kept landing on his feet and became a man.

On the Right Road to the Promised Land HarperCollins Publishers

"Raised by a child psychologist who was himself the author of numerous self-help books, as an adult Jessica Lamb-Shapiro found herself both repelled and fascinated by the industry: did all of these books, tapes, weekend seminars, groups, posters, t-shirts and trinkets really help anybody? Why do some people swear by the power of positive thinking, while others dismiss it as so many empty promises? Promise Land is an irreverent tour through the vast and strange reaches of the world of self-help. In the name of research, Jessica--a self-admitted nervous wreck at the

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best of times--attempted to cure fact that you know nothing at herself of phobias, followed The all"--

Rules to meet and date men, *Promised Land* Simon and  
walked on hot coals, and even Schuster  
attended a self-help seminar for Bestselling author Robert  
writers of self-help books. But Whitlow explores the meaning of  
the more she delved into the family and home--and how faith  
history and practice of self- forms the identity of both--in  
help, the more she realized her this breathtaking sequel to  
interest was much more than Chosen People. Despite their  
academic. Forced into a Israeli citizenship, Hana and  
confrontation with the silent Daud cannot safely return to  
grief that had haunted both her their homeland because a  
and her father since her dangerous terrorist ring is  
mother's death when she was a threatening Daud. Hana is  
baby, she realized that perfectly fine remaining in the  
sometimes thinking you know United States, working for a  
everything about a subject is a law firm in Atlanta, especially  
way of hiding from yourself the when she learns she's pregnant.

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But Daud can't shake the draw to return home to Israel, even if it makes him a walking target. Hana is helping her boss plan a huge summit in Atlanta when Jakob Brodsky, her old friend and former co-litigator, asks for her help with a case. His client is attempting to recover ancient artifacts stolen from his Jewish great-grandfather at the end of World War II. Because the case crosses several national borders, he needs Hana's knowledge and skill to get to the bottom of what happened to these precious artifacts. Meanwhile, Daud is called in to help a US intelligence agency extract a Ukrainian doctor from a dangerous situation in Egypt. While overseas, he can't resist the call of Jerusalem and thus sets off a series of events that puts thousands of people in danger, including his wife and unborn child. With historical mysteries, religious intrigue, and political danger, Promised Land asks one momentous question: What if your calling puts you—and your family—in the crosshairs? Praise for Promised Land: "Promised Land is a book about coming home. Of becoming settled in your spirit and your relationships. With layers of

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intensity, thanks to \_\_\_\_\_ and available therapies.  
international intrigue, moments  
of legal wrangling, and pages of  
sweet relationships, this book  
is rich and complex. A wonderful  
read." –Cara Putman, author of  
Flight Risk Second and final  
book in the Chosen People series  
Full-length, Christian fiction  
novel

### **The Much Too Promised Land**

Random House

The author offers a look at  
depression, drawing on his own  
battle with the illness and  
interviews with fellow  
sufferers, researchers, and  
doctors to assess the disease's  
complexities, causes, symptoms,