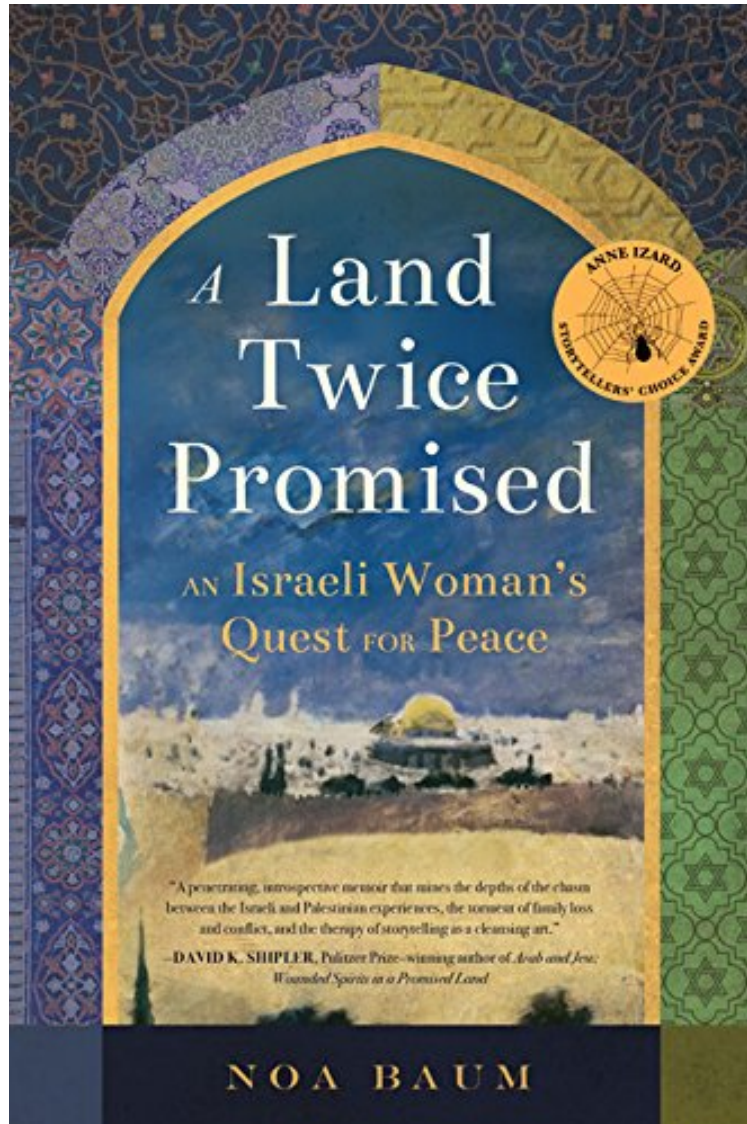


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**Noa Baum : A Land Twice Promised: An Israeli Woman's Quest for Peace** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Land Twice Promised: An Israeli Woman's Quest for Peace:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A beautiful insight into the search for truth in our own stories.By Ross D.This book is a wonderful memoir of growing up in Israel in the 60s and 70s. The author then adds complexity upon complexity when she meets a Palestinian new mom in the early 90s in California and they confront their own

respective narratives. As Noa Baum describes her journey she weaves a beautiful insight into our own biases and perspectives of the middle east conflict. I highly recommend this book. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A wonderful book! By Rob Valente This was an engaging book that I found hard to put down. The author is a storyteller, and her written voice is clear, direct, and pulls you right into the narrative of her life. The memoir is built out of many well-thought-out set pieces related to moments and periods in her life, all stitched together in a book that is more than a memoir. Her reflections on the importance of all of us learning to listen to each other's stories had a profound impact on me. She is dealing with one of the most intransigent conflicts of our time, yet she convinces me that we all have the capacity to learn each other's hearts and live with each other in peace. I am grateful for the hope she offers and the fears that she encourages us to overcome. A wonderful book! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Opening Our Mind to "The Other." By Edward S. Wolff Land Twice Promised is an outstanding book, or as they say in today's vernacular, "awesome." I wish I could write about all the nuances, issues, life experiences, etc. that came to my mind, but it would take me hours to do so! The author's struggle with personal identity vs. understanding the "other" was poignant. Her relationship with her mother brought thoughts of my relationship with my father. Noa Baum's recognition of the need to create space in her heart and mind to think of more than what was told her was an excellent example for all of us. I have one observation I will make with brief detail. The author knew in her mind and heart the depth of her roots. I do not have that as a gift. I moved five times before college and at least six times afterward. Yes, all moves were in this country, but there are so many cultures within our nation, it is more difficult to recognize your roots unless you remain in one place -- and that excludes your ethnic roots. Her book helped me to understand that. I deeply appreciated her gift of writing and sharing her life. It's been very thought-provoking.

Israeli storyteller Noa Baum grew up in Jerusalem in the shadow of the ancestral traumas of the holocaust and ongoing wars. Stories of the past and fear of annihilation in the wars of the '60s, '70s, and '80s shaped her perceptions and identity. In America, she met a Palestinian woman who had grown up under Israeli Occupation, and as they shared memories of war years in Jerusalem, an unlikely friendship blossomed. A Land Twice Promised delves into the heart of one of the world's most enduring and complex conflicts. Baum's deeply personal memoir recounts her journey from girlhood in post-Holocaust Israel to her adult encounter with the other. With honesty, compassion, and humor, she captures the drama of a nation at war and her discovery of humanity in the enemy. Winner of the 2017 Anne IZard Storytellers' Choice Award, among others, this compelling memoir demonstrates the transformative power of art and challenges each reader to take the first step toward peace.

In this touching and honest memoir, Baum shares the story of how her search for peace informed her life... Baum's genuine desire to make a difference may well inspire others to do the same. Publishers Weekly Impressively well written, organized and presented, A Land Twice Promised: An Israeli Woman's Quest for Peace is a compelling, thoughtful and thought-provoking read. Midwest Book Noa Baum has written a penetrating, introspective memoir that mines the depths of the chasm between the Israeli and Palestinian experiences, the torment of family loss and conflict, and the therapy of storytelling as a cleansing art. You will not think in the same way at the end of this captivating book as you did at the beginning. -David K. Shipler, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land A Land Twice Promised is more than a coming of age story; it is a coming to consciousness story by an Israeli woman who clearly loves her country. But because Noa Baum is a storyteller through and through, her love of country comes to be far more nuanced as she uncovers and starts to re-tell the story of her Palestinian friend. This beautifully written book helps us understand that truth is never black and white. Baum guides us through the shades of grey with love and wisdom. - Rabbi Sid Schwarz, Senior Fellow, Clal: The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership and author of Judaism and Justice: The Jewish Passion to Repair the World I couldn't put it down! This engaging book offers readers a riveting look into the back story, pivotal experiences, and creative process of a storytelling artist whose work sparks important political questions and encourages listeners' empathy for multiple points of view. -Heather Forest PhD, Author and storyteller A Land Twice Promised - An Israeli Woman's Quest for Peace is an extraordinary book. I hope it becomes a classic. It's beautifully written, funny, sad and mostly, it's powerful. If we could be as imaginative, compassionate and open as Noa Baum we would break down walls and find peace. -Jay O'Callahan, Writer, Storyteller, NEA Recipient, commissioned by NASA A Land Twice Promised is a real story of transformation. Of seeing the humanity in the other, and of realizing that we are destined to share this land otherwise we will just share more graves. For those who know little of Israel and its history, you will get a glimpse through the eyes of someone real, of just how complex life here is, of living through peace agreements which led to more bloodshed, of wars where no one won. But also of relationships that can be mended. I was left with a sense of hope. -Robi Damelin, Spokesperson for International Relations, The Parents Circle- Families Forum What makes a soulfully creative and compelling storyteller? I was struck by Noa Baum's exceptionally well told journey. With her indomitable passion and spirit, she grows into womanhood in Israel, encompassing with exquisite compassion all the many forceful voices of her life. -Hedy Schleifer, Director of Tikkun Learning Center --Endorsements A memoir about coming of age emotionally and politically told as only a master storyteller could. Absolutely riveting! -Ira P. Weiss,

Ph.D., Jewish Islamic Dialogue Society Noa is a storyteller, and her stories are not fictional fables but true living personal tales of a land twice promised. I was deeply moved to understand the tragic memories of the Jewish people and their longings for a safe homeland. But I also understand by personal experience the deep unjust sufferings of the Palestinian people and their humiliations, frustrations and hopelessness to the present day. Perhaps through such conversations and storytelling, there can be hope and peace. Highly recommended. -Patricia Rantisi, Author of *Miriam's Legacy* and *My Name Is Musa* Noa Baum is a masterful story-teller; and she has an important story to tell. Her message is an inspiration and a pathway to all who yearn for peace. -Gerda Weissmann Klein, Holocaust Survivor and author of *All but My Life* --Endorsements

About the Author Born and raised in Jerusalem, Noa Baum is an award-winning storyteller who combines performance art with practical applications of storytelling in business, community and education. Noa performs and teaches internationally with diverse audiences ranging from The World Bank, US. Defense Department, prestigious universities and congregations, to inner city schools and detention centers. She is a winner of a Parents' Choice Recommended Award and a Storytelling World Award, and a recipient of numerous Individual Artist Awards from Maryland State Arts Council and Arts Humanities Council of Montgomery County. She has lived in the US since 1990.