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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Israel Handbook: The Travel Guide (Footprint Handbook) by David Winter (1999-01-01):

10 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Footprint is definitely the way to go By A Customer It is my opinion that the Footprint series is great! The Footprint Israel handbook gave a lot of useful information, yet tried to write the book so that it wouldn't go out of date so fast. Thus, there is a lack of information on backpacking and student travel specifics. My issues with this book: 1-Monty Python's Life of Brian wasn't 'that' good. Why do they have to constantly mention it? This was irritating. 2-People who want a travel book on Israel don't want to read pro-palestine/anti-israel propaganda. This was somewhat annoying. Overall, a good read, and definitely take it with you, keeping it handy, when going to Israel. Take the feeble attempts at humour with a grain of salt. Try to ignore the Palestine bias in the content. Palestine is not a perpetual victim. With this in mind, enjoy this edition. It is useful. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Metza metz By Alyssa A. Lappen Agreed, as previously stated by many reviewers, this book contains some egregious, unwarranted commentary, and unmistakably presents negative opinion as "fact." (And as a minor point of information, the 2nd edition's cover is blue, not purple.) Nevertheless, the book also contains a great deal more useful information, not to mention area maps, than many other Israel guides. There are, for example, maps of Beer Sheva and many other towns in the Negev that other guides do not even mention. There are also excellent descriptions of numerous national parks and nature walks, off the beaten track. While using this book, in

short, ignore the commentary, and limit your attention to the what, where and how to see Israel, from the Galilee and Golan, south to Eilat. The writer demonstrates complete ignorance concerning Israeli politics and Judaism. So ignore that content. Nevertheless, this book provides an excellent guide to the physical and historical beauties of this tiny country. Overall, despite the book's deep anti-Israel biases, it proved quite useful for us. 7 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Deservedly out of print By Reader This book is out of print and should stay that way. I made the mistake of taking a public library copy of the book to Israel on a recent trip there without reading it first, and too late discovered that it was a political tract, not a guidebook. The author is a typical British ivory tower apologist who is able to convince himself that siding with the "oppressed" puts him in the intellectual vanguard. In a book so full of misinformation and half-truths that it would take another book just to tease them all out of the text, here is just one choice example: page 211, where he actually says that a tourist worried about safety should be "equally vigilant" to avoid areas where Israelis could attack Palestinians, including tear gas attacks, since "Israeli police don't discriminate" between Arabs and tourists. Of course, in describing the supposedly "rare" attacks on Jews, there is no mention of who the perpetrators are of these "rare" events, and the author actually suggests that such attacks could be avoided if only those arrogant Jews would stop provoking people with their "outward displays of Jewishness" and their "'amusing' IDF t-shirts." The thousands who have been shot, stabbed, blown up, or otherwise murdered or injured by Arabs give the lie to this disgusting piece of work.