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**R.D. Kernohan : The Road to Zion: Travellers to Palestine and the Land of Israel by R.D. Kernohan (1996-12-31)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Road to Zion: Travellers to Palestine and the Land of Israel by R.D. Kernohan (1996-12-31):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent history and dubious politicsBy James AitkenProf. Kernohan's account of 19th cent. pilgrimage, with its emphasis on Scottish involvement is excellent and informative. He retells pilgrims' accounts of their journeys in such a way that they come alive and accesible to the modern traveller. However, Prof. Kernohan needs to read read anything written by Peter Mansfield or Bernard Lewis in order that his western, colonial spectacles may be removed for him. For whenever he strays from his well researched subject his prejudices overflow. Unfortunately, he strays often and throughout the last third of this otherwise excellent work. For his personal and political reflection on the makings and the current situation of the modern state of Israel, he relies on his pilgrimage subject. For Prof. Kernohan, so long as western protestant pilgrims (and really Presbyterians are the only worthwhile ones for him) can still enjoy or even can are still able to make pilgrimage, then there can not be much wrong in the land of Israel and Palestine. He pays lip-service to the sufferings of the Palestinians, but suggests that liberation theology should be dropped in favour of a pilgrimage that ignores the politics and he sees the unification of Jerusalem in 1967 as an act ordained from above. Jerusalem, however, he maintains should become a Christian capital,

never mind whosever capital it actually is - Palestinian or Israeli. The pilgrimage and WW1 history is good and informative, but the rest is suspect and lacking.