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existence. He begins by tracing its history from biblical times to the Ottoman period and continues with the prehistory of the country from 1880 to 1948. In the remaining chapters, Reich chronicles the nation's development. There are chapters describing the political, economic, and military consolidation (1948-67), the Six Days' War and the Yom Kippur War and its aftermath (1967-75), peace with Egypt and the Begin years (1975-79), the Palestinian Intifada (1979-90), the Persian Gulf War and the Middle East peace (1990-96), the Netanyahu and Barak governments (1996-2000), and the Al-Aqsa Intifada (2000 to the present). Reich concludes that today Israel's security and its future are precarious, but it is certain that Israel will continue to exist as the world's only Jewish state. This latest volume in the publisher's Brief History series contains a chronology, an appendix of suggested reading, and 48 black-and-white photographs. George Cohen Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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