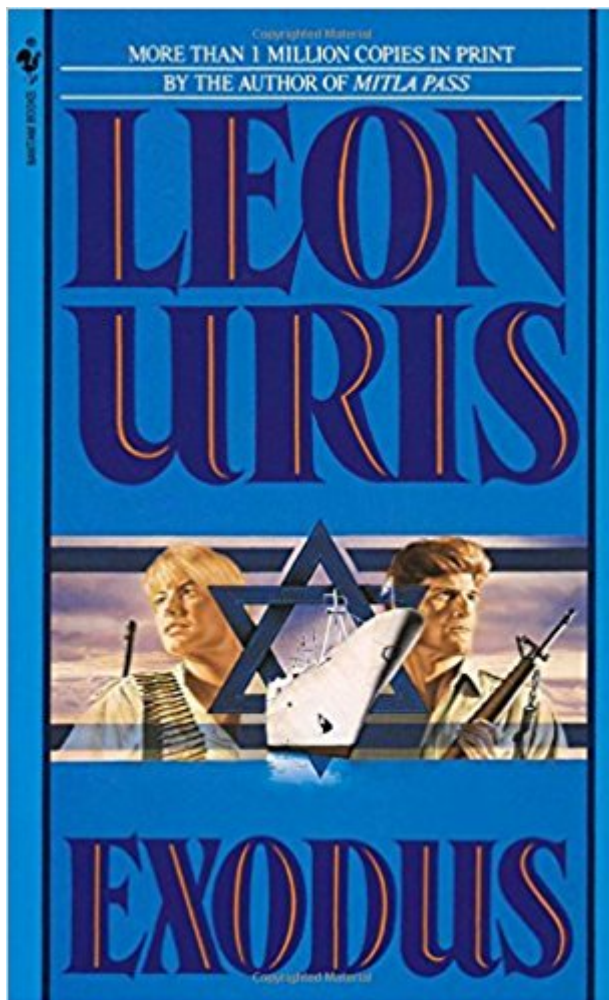


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This book cannot be matched for its passion for the history and romance of an ancient people. History given a tragic beauty but preserving the primary characters. This is not life, but it is fun if you want a flight from the grim reality of this life. True escape fiction with enough harsh real life mixed in. Helps to explain the rush back to the country whenever war erupts. There is a bond in brotherhood. Relationships, the real stuff of our lives!

Leon Uris obviously had an agenda when he wrote this book -- the characters are real and the historic events are also incredibly real. I have seen the movie many, many times (I can never get enough of Paul Newman!) But it does not complete the story as well as the book. I feel incredibly grateful to know the (all be it) limited history of this part of the world. With the wars continuing to rage in that part of the world, and the incredible nation the Jewish people have built out of the desert -- they deserve everything they have! Do I recommend it??? Of course!

I have read this book well over fifty times, from when it was first published to now. I've worn out at least three copies, including a personally dedicated, signed copy (love the e-ink version!). The book itself is probably NOT the greatest novel ever written, but Uris did a reasonably good job depicting the actual event(s) that were described in the book. Character development is excellent, especially to the "flash backs" to the earlier lives of major characters. I've also read the majority of written by Leon Uris, and several of them (Mila 18, The Haj, Battle Cry, to list a few) all rank among my "best reads." Side bar: My parents both served in the Marine Corps along with Lee (as he was called by many of his service buddies), and when when Mom took me to a book signing for Exodus, he greeted her as a long lost friend, even using HER nickname. It was a thrill for a teen aged girl to see that interaction.

This monumental epic covers over 6,000 years of history of the Jewish people in their undying quest to reclaim Israel, while enduring horrifying persecution, genocide, endless wars and man's inhumanity to man. If you love history and romance, this is the novel for you. There is an incredible amount of historical information about the Holy Land and martyrs and everyday heroes who lived and fought for their homeland before Christ to present day. Among the main characters there are beautiful love stories of struggle and sacrifice. Leon Uris validated familiar passages from the bible as well as introduced me to other religious beliefs and cultures. EXODUS is a testament to what can

be done with will power, faith and love. When I read the World News in the daily newspaper, the most disturbing revelation is that the same countries of ancient times all over the world are still committing atrocities against their own people and others, still dealing in back door global politics, still fighting and plotting for power and possession of land, and for personal gain_ 6,000 years later.

I read this novel in the early 1960's. I was completely uninformed about the Holocaust and the founding of the State of Israel. Since I have retired I am re-reading some of the books that made a lasting impression on me at the time. With so many current events centered in the Middle East I decided to read Exodus again. As time has gone by I realize that this book had excellent fact finding editing. The actual historical facts can be found in history books. But the novel is much easier to read. I read all of Uris; books. Exodus was by and far my favorite. The descriptive narrative of the Jewish homeland made me want to be there. In fact there was a coffee table book published in the 1960's with beautiful photographs of many of the settings in the novel. I am an avid reader and have been all my adult life. I recommend this book to young adult readers who may have little or no knowledge of the post-Holocaust period and the struggle for the Jewish race to re-claim their homeland. Read the book before renting the movie (even a young Paul Newman would probably want you to read the book first,)

I read Exodus many years ago, shortly after I visited Israel. Now reading so many years later it had more meaning and seemed more real. The story gives us the back story of many of the main characters in the book. The book is so much better than the movie. From the Back story of Ari Ben Canaan we learn how his father left Russia with his brother and Came to Palestine and helped it become Israel. We follow Dov Landau from his life as a small child to his survival in the Warsaw Ghetto, through Auschwitz to his growth into manhood in Israel. There are several love stories that we follow throughout the book. It is a great historical novel about how Israel became a nation. I highly recommend it.

I had read Exodus 'way back when I was a teenager in the sixties and remembered loving it but few of the details of the story. I became motivated to reread it recently and have been astounded at how much I learned about the context of the Middle East issues today. I had a vague idea of events following WWII, and a vague knowledge of the background behind Middle Eastern issues. Reading Exodus pushed me to read more about that period and since. Before reading it, I was observing all of the strife and upheaval through a pinhole. Now at least I am looking through a small window, with

enough knowledge to filter out some of the omnipresent journalistic bias against Israel. I am so glad I read this, written about 10 years after the events, after months or years of research on the part of the author, who is admittedly supportive of the Israeli agenda, and rightly so, in my opinion. An important and timely experience.

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