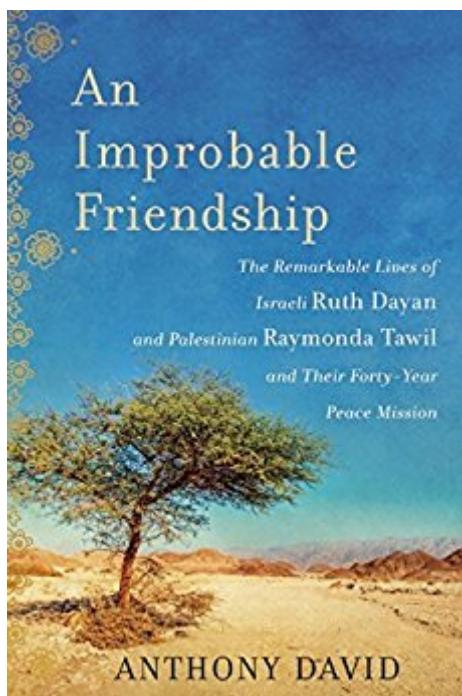


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# An Improbable Friendship: The Remarkable Lives Of Israeli Ruth Dayan And Palestinian Raymonda Tawil And Their Forty-Year Peace Mission



## Synopsis

An Improbable Friendship is the dual biography of Israeli Ruth Dayan, now ninety-eight, who was Moshe Dayan's wife for thirty-seven years, and Palestinian journalist Raymonda Tawil, Yasser Arafat's mother-in-law, now seventy-four. It reveals for the first time the two women's surprising and secret forty-year friendship and delivers the story of their extraordinary and turbulent lives growing up in a war-torn country. Based on personal interviews, diaries, and journals drawn from both women; Ruth lives today in Tel Aviv, Raymonda in Malta; author Anthony David delivers a fast-paced, fascinating narrative that is a beautiful story of reconciliation and hope in a climate of endless conflict. By experiencing their stories and following their budding relationship, which began after the Six-Day War in 1967, we learn the behind-the-scenes, undisclosed history of the Middle East's most influential leaders from two prominent women on either side of the ongoing conflict. An award-winning biographer and historian, Anthony David brings us the story of unexpected friendship while he discovers the true pasts of two outstanding women. Their story gives voice to Israelis and Palestinians caught in the Middle East conflict and holds a persistent faith in a future of peace. Skyhorse Publishing, along with our Arcade, Good Books, Sports Publishing, and Yucca imprints, is proud to publish a broad range of biographies, autobiographies, and memoirs. Our list includes biographies on well-known historical figures like Benjamin Franklin, Nelson Mandela, and Alexander Graham Bell, as well as villains from history, such as Heinrich Himmler, John Wayne Gacy, and O. J. Simpson. We have also published survivor stories of World War II, memoirs about overcoming adversity, first-hand tales of adventure, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

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Although this is a fascinating relationship intertwined with the history of the Palestinian/Israeli endless warring, I found it hard to follow..Many characters and flashbacks of their lives.. educational but hard to follow at times..

An Improbable Friendship was a fascinating look at not only the lives of two remarkable women, but the recent history of two people groups. While I certainly was aware of the fighting between, and tragic losses among both of these cultures, I had not read a close description of the major movers or had much of a picture of the day to day struggle. While there was much bloodshed and loss to lament, I found the friendship of these two beautiful women quite heartening. I would highly recommend this book. It is at the very least enlightening and engrossing.

A wonderful look into the emotional bonds between two women who both loved their country. We see the way to peace and the roadblocks to peace at the same time. One comes away with respect for both Israelis and Palestinians. And one feels the hopelessness of a peaceful solution ever being worked out. We can only pray that a young Ruth and Raymonda come forward to carry on the struggle for harmony between two peoples more alike than different.

An interesting view into that turbulent time. I'm sure neither woman would Support the current PLO paying families of "martyrs" just because they killed a Jew. This only perpetuates the problem of hatred. I would love to see Arabs turn their desert into a lush country like Israel and work hard to see real accomplishments they can be proud of. The author has good references throughout the

book.

Although it does link the two women often in the book and one gets the idea that they are heading in the same direction towards Peace, for some reason I think the actual relationship could have been investigated more thoroughly. the friendship may have been improbable but it was not impossible.

Marvelous book! Filled with unique insights concerning the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It's important to read multiple books in order to form your own opinions regarding this complicated, highly complex, heated topic . Other books I recommend: Son of Hamas: A Gripping Account of Terror, Betrayal, Political Intrigue, and Unthinkable Choices by Mosab Hassan Yousef with Ron Brackin; Once an Arafat Man: The True Story of How a PLO Sniper Found a New Life by Tass Saada and Dean Merrill; Zvi: The Miraculous Story of Triumph Over the Holocaust by Elwood McQuaid; Holy War for the Promised Land: Israel at the Crossroads by David Dolan; From Time Immemorial: The Origins of the Arab-Jewish Conflict over Palestine by Joan Peters

I could not put the saga of these two women's lives down. Because of todays issues with global terrorism, and for me, never truly understanding the history of the Palestinian and Israeli conflict, this was eye opening to the say the least. I wasnt always able to visualize the cities mentioned and where exactly they were, but I feel I have a better grasp on understanding this unsettled region. And these two courageous women, who defied the societies they lived in, never gave in or gave up their individually different paths to fight for justice.

Everyone, especially people who think they understand the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, needs to read this book. The complexity is illustrated by the lives of two amazing women. No easy answers, only the hope that hearts and minds might change.

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