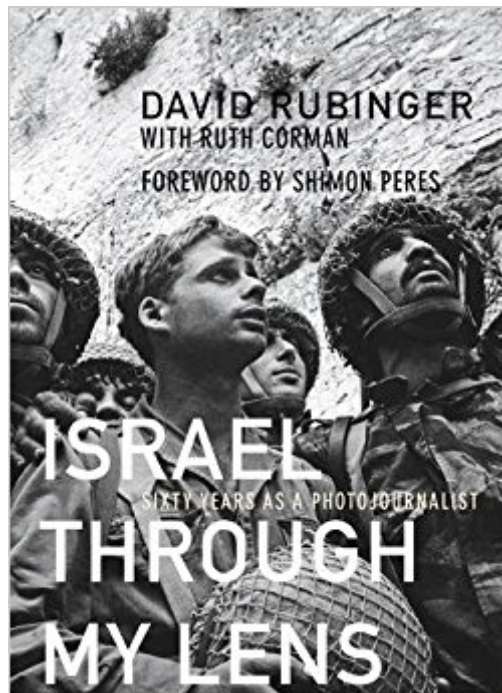




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Israel Through My Lens: Sixty Years As A Photojournalist



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Since I have always loved his famous photo of the 3 soldiers crying at the liberation of the Western Wall, I was curious to read this book. What an interesting man. Rubinger seems to have lived a dozen lifetimes and his stories of the history of Israel and the war are really amazing. My only wish is that the photographs featured in the book were printed larger.

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I love this book! I have enjoyed reading this fine book immensely! The photographs are great! A must for anyone who loves history and photography too!

Magnificent photos of an amazing country.

We bought this book, filled with amazing photos of Israel, for a Wedding gift. The couple, one of whom is a photographer, loved it!

Great book. A must read!

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We all know his signature photo of the paratroopers at the Western Wall in 1967 but through this book we learn the story of David Rubinger which is also the story of Israel. Rubinger emigrated to Israel after his service in the British Army in WWII. Then he had a front row seat as a Time and local paper photographer and reluctant journalist for all the action until his recent death. Rubinger also photographed the action in the US, and more remote and typically war torn spots like Cyprus and Morocco. Hard to imagine now but he or his wife would frequently fly to New York with film to make the weekend publication cut-off for Time. Sometimes he would skip weekend events since he could not make the upcoming edition. This book is his one attempt at autobiography and he pulls it off very well. Just the right mix of celebrity, history, war zone excitement, trepidation of starting a new life in a strange land, gratitude for surviving a terrible war, and reflection on a life well lived, with deep and meaningful personal relationships. Rubinger looked up the paratroopers from 1967 photo and took several anniversary photos. They all turned out to be very successful and fully understand the impact of that war on the world.

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