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| \$90 | "This Time We Went Too Far: Truth and Consequences of the Gaza Invasion" NEW Book by Norman Finklestein In this new book, Finklestein argues that Gaza marked a turning point in public opinion reminiscent of the international reaction to the 1960 Sharpeville massacre in South Africa. "It is not so much that Israel's behavior is worse than it was before," Finklestein writes, "but rather that the record of that behavior has, finally, caught up with it". Finklestein concludes that Gaza was not a war but a massacre, "like shooting fish in a barrel". |
| \$90 | "The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine" Book by Ilan Pappé Renowned Israeli author and academic Ilan Pappé explains how Israel worked on ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity beginning in 1948, and continuing through the present. Pappé demonstrates how ethnic cleansing was not a circumstance of war, but rather a deliberate goal of combat for early Israeli military units led by David Ben-Gurion, whom Pappé labels the "architect of ethnic cleansing." The forced expulsion of 800,000 Palestinians between 1948-49, Pappé argues, was part of a long-standing Zionist plan to manufacture an ethnically pure Jewish state. Pappé argues that the ethnic cleansing of Palestine continues today, and calls for the unconditional return of all Palestinian refugees and an end to the Israeli occupation. |
| \$75 | "Hopes and Prospects" Book by Noam Chomsky In this urgent new book, Noam Chomsky surveys the dangers and prospects of our early twenty-first century. Exploring challenges such as the growing gap between North and South, American exceptionalism (including under President Barack Obama), the fiascos of Iraq and Afghanistan, the U.S.-Israeli assault on Gaza, and the recent financial bailouts, he also sees hope for the future and a way to move forward—in the democratic wave in Latin America and in the global solidarity movements that suggest "real progress toward freedom and justice." Hopes and Prospects is essential reading for anyone who is concerned about the primary challenges still facing the human race. |
| \$90 | "What I Believe" Book by Tariq Ramadan Tariq Ramadan was named one of Time magazine's most important innovators of the twenty-first century. He is among the leading Islamic thinkers in the West, with a large following around the world. But he has also been a lightning rod for controversy. In 2004, Ramadan was prevented from entering the U.S. by the Bush administration. In "What I Believe", Ramadan attempts to set the record straight, laying out the basic ideas he stands for in clear and accessible prose. He describes the book as a work of clarification, directed at ordinary citizens, politicians, journalists, and others who are curious (or skeptical) about his positions. Aware that that he is dealing with emotional issues, Ramadan tries to get past the barriers of prejudice and misunderstanding to speak directly, from the heart, to his Muslim and non-Muslim readers alike. In particular, he calls on Western Muslims to escape the mental, social, cultural, and religious ghettos they have created for themselves and become full partners in the democratic societies in which they live. At the same time, he calls for the rest of us to recognize our Muslim neighbors as citizens with rights and responsibilities the same as ours. His vision is of a future in which a shared and confident pluralism becomes a reality at last. |
| \$90 | "Tariq Ramadan Interview on Democracy Now!" Once-Banned Muslim Scholar Tariq Ramadan on His First Visit to US in Six Years, President Obama and Why Muslims Should Make Their Voices Heard after being banned from entering the US for 6 years. |
| \$150 | Both "Tariq Ramadan Interview on Democracy Now!" AND "What I Believe" Book by Tariq Ramadan |