



## Abba Eban: An Autobiography

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By Eban, Abba

Weidenfeld & Nicolson, London, 1978. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. Dust Jacket Condition: New. First Edition. An unread copy. Former Israeli Foreign Minister Eban's engrossing autobiography tells us a great deal about both the author and his political activities on behalf of Israel in the world arena - though on certain subjects it is judiciously silent. Impeccably written, it closely intertwines three accounts. One is the personal story of South Africa-born, London-raised Eban, excelling in academic pursuits right through Cambridge where he developed his debating skills while scoring the remarkable feat of a Triple First (in Classics and Oriental Languages). An early and ardent Zionist, Eban served during the war with the British Army in Egypt and Palestine, turned down a Labor Party offer to run for Parliament, lobbied in New York for an independent Israel and, in due course, took his seat as the youngest Ambassador to the United Nations. Just over a decade later he became a permanent fixture of Israeli cabinets. The second theme is necessarily a diplomatic history of Israel. Constantly though correctly reminding us that much of Israel's early struggle for survival occurred in New York, at the UN, under his masterful aegis, Eban's narrative is...



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