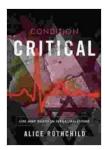
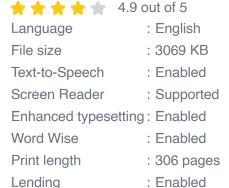
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The conflict between Israel and the Palestinians is one of the most intractable and bloody in the world. For decades, the two sides have been locked in a cycle of violence, with each side blaming the other for the bloodshed.

The conflict has had a devastating impact on the lives of both Israelis and Palestinians. Thousands have been killed or injured, and millions have been displaced from their homes. The economic and social costs of the conflict have been enormous.

In recent years, there have been some efforts to resolve the conflict. However, these efforts have been hampered by a lack of trust between the two sides and by the continuing violence. The future of Israel and Palestine is uncertain. However, one thing is clear: the conflict will continue to have a devastating impact on the lives of both Israelis and Palestinians for years to come.

### **Occupation**

The Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories began in 1967, after the Six-Day War. Since then, Israel has maintained a military presence in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem.

The occupation has had a profound impact on the lives of Palestinians.

They are subject to Israeli military law, which gives the Israeli army wide-ranging powers to arrest, detain, and use force against Palestinians.

Palestinians are also subject to a system of checkpoints and roadblocks, which restrict their movement and access to essential services. The occupation has also led to the destruction of Palestinian homes and businesses, and the confiscation of Palestinian land.

#### Violence

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has been marked by violence. **Thousands** of Israelis and Palestinians have been killed or injured in the conflict.

The violence has taken many forms, including suicide bombings, shootings, stabbings, and rocket attacks. Both Israelis and Palestinians have been accused of committing human rights abuses during the conflict.

The violence has had a devastating impact on the lives of both Israelis and Palestinians. It has created a climate of fear and mistrust, and it has

made it difficult for the two sides to find a peaceful solution to the conflict.

## **Poverty**

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has led to widespread poverty in the Palestinian territories. According to the United Nations, over half of the Palestinian population lives in poverty.

The poverty is caused by a number of factors, including the Israeli occupation, the lack of economic opportunities, and the high unemployment rate.

The poverty has had a devastating impact on the lives of Palestinians. It has led to food insecurity, malnutrition, and a lack of access to essential services.

### The Struggle for Peace

Despite the challenges, there have been some efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In 1993, Israel and the Palestinians signed the Oslo Accords, which established the Palestinian Authority and gave the Palestinians limited self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

However, the Oslo Accords have not led to a lasting peace. The violence has continued, and the two sides remain far apart on the key issues of the conflict.

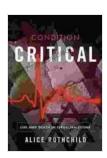
In recent years, there have been some new efforts to revive the peace process. In 2013, US Secretary of State John Kerry launched a new round of peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

However, these talks collapsed in 2014, and there has been no significant progress since then. The future of the peace process is uncertain, but both sides have said that they are committed to finding a peaceful solution to the conflict.

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a complex and intractable issue. There are no easy solutions, and there is no guarantee that the conflict will be resolved anytime soon.

However, it is important to remember that the conflict is not inevitable. It is the result of human actions, and it can be resolved through human action.

The people of Israel and Palestine deserve to live in peace and security. It is up to the leaders of both sides to find a way to end the conflict and build a better future for their people.



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