

About this book

An Autobiography gives a unique eyewitness account of historical events, experienced by one. In his autobiography, Tawfiq Canaan recounts a very rich life. That of a medical doctor, public figure, intellectual, prolific writer and a leading Palestinian ethnographer in the first half of the twentieth century. Tawfiq Canaan tells of the socio-economic and political history of Palestine, through the unique prism of his access to different strata in the Palestinian society, which very few others could claim.

Canaan's autobiography spans a period of seven decades of Palestinian history, starting from the late Ottoman to the early Jordanian period, thus presenting a condensed history of the whole country of Palestine. Through Canaan's words, we live the history of a whole nation, feel the tectonic shift that took place in Palestine, as one empire replaced another and as the displaced Palestinians were replaced by Jewish immigrants.



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