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Lustick, Ian. **Paradigm lost: from two-state solution to one-state reality.** Pennsylvania, 2019. 194p ISBN 9780812251951, \$27.50; ISBN 9781350043398 ebook, contact publisher for price.

In this significant, challenging, and critical analysis of Palestinians and Israelis, Lustick (Univ. of Pennsylvania) carefully argues that in reality there is only one state between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River. Though it might have met the essential needs of each side, if given a chance, the long-heralded two-state solution of separate Palestinian and Israeli entities is dead. Following the theme of the dominant influence of the law of unintended consequences, Lustick analyzes the impact of Iron Wall policies designed to engender Palestinian acquiescence, the evolving Holocaust perception of victimhood limiting Israeli responses, and the restricting effects of the Israeli lobby in the US, all of which combine to undermine moderation in Israeli politics and effectively block the two-state solution. The unintended result is one state: Israel. We are left to ponder what type of state it should be, one that continues the current pattern of conflict management and violence or one that offers equal citizenship, which Lustick sees as a difficult but dynamic reality. While his conclusion may seem vague and idealistic, his acute background analysis of Israeli policies and practices, which have created the current situation, is compelling.

--B. Harris Jr., *emeritus, Occidental College*

Summing Up: Highly recommended. All readership levels.