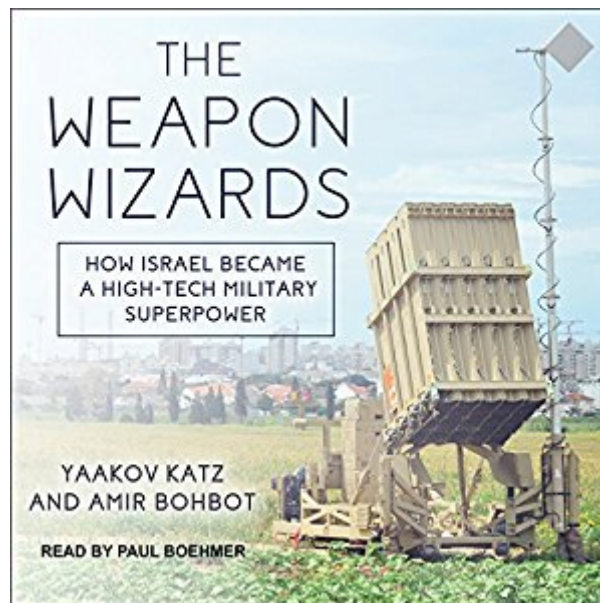




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# **The Weapon Wizards: How Israel Became A High-Tech Military Superpower**



## Synopsis

From drones to satellites, missile defense systems to cyber warfare, Israel is leading the world when it comes to new technology being deployed on the modern battlefield. The *Weapon Wizards* shows how this tiny nation of 8,000,000 learned to adapt to the changes in warfare and in the defense industry and become the new prototype of a 21st century superpower, not in size, but rather in innovation and efficiency - and as a result of its long war experience. Sitting on the front lines of how wars are fought in the 21st century, Israel has developed in its arms trade new weapons and retrofitted old ones so they remain effective, relevant, and deadly on a constantly-changing battlefield. While other countries begin to prepare for these challenges, they are looking to Israel - and specifically its weapons - for guidance. Israel is, in effect, a laboratory for the rest of the world. How did Israel do it? And what are the military and geopolitical implications of these developments? These are some of the key questions Yaakov Katz and Amir Bohbot address. Drawing on a vast amount of research, and unparalleled access to the Israeli defense establishment, this book is a report directly from the front lines.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a wonderful read. As someone who has spent time in Israel and studied their military, I was astonished at how much I learned from this book.

I read the book in two sittings. It explains clearly and concisely the history of how Israel became the

leader in many area of weapons design -- drones (Heron), satellites (Ofek), tanks and tank protection systems (Merkava and Trophe), ballistic missile defense (the Arrow, David's Sling and Iron Dome), malware (stuxnet and flame) and complex information systems to wage a modern war in real time .But what also comes from the book is the discrepancy between the brilliancy in innovation in technical solutions and the total inability to apply this brilliance in the areas of public relations to explain why Israel needs all this technology in the first place. Innovate or you will not survive is the motto of the book. But survive against the threat from whom? Why does Hamas launch thousands of rockets on Israeli cities and build 30 tunnels at enormous expense to attack Israeli kibbutzim? If only some of the Israeli ingenuity were devoted to explaining to the world that the ideology behind Hamas's attacks, jihadi attacks in Nice, San Bernardino and the attack outside the Louvre is one and the same, Israel would be in a much better position.It is time that Israeli ingenuity turn towards illuminating the world whose ignorance became apparent after the hysteria that erupted in the US and the world after Trump's travel ban.

Great book on Israel's development of technology as a way to equalize and best its opponents.Well written and delightful reading.

This exciting review of Israeli Military Weapons has glued me to this book. It reveals amazing and verifiable weapons accomplishments, traced back to survival strategy before WW Two. As a retired US Naval officer with years in the Middle East, I was aware of their unique capabilities. I had no idea as to the challenges they had in surviving. I gave it easy 5 stars

This was an interesting read. The history and technological innovation in Israeli weaponry is fascinating considering the country is less than 70 years old. What's as amazing is that the author wrote such a book to be eminently readable instead of bogging down in minutia. This book deserves a thumbs up.

Anyone who is or has been in STEM or the military will enjoy this book. Israel, a tiny nation of 8K square miles, about 2.5 times the size of Rhode Island, with a population of only 8.5M, (6M Jews, 2M Arabs, 0.5M other), is dwarfed by its surrounding Islamic states, who want to annihilate it out of envy, jealousy, lust for power, and primitive fanatical religious animosity. Israel has been under incessant attack since its founding in 1948, fighting eight major wars with Egypt, Syria, and Lebanon and enduring thousands of indiscriminate civilian murders by cowardly Muslim suicide bombers and

hundreds of thousands of random rocket attacks from Hamas and Hezbollah, who are paid proxy killers for Iran. One would think most people would be sympathetic to Israel as the vastly outnumbered underdog, but the opposite prevails. For example, the corrupt and feckless UN, dominated by dozens of Islamic kleptocracies, routinely condemns Israel for fighting back against its implacable enemies' atrocities, but never the Islamists. As part of its struggle for survival Israel has compulsory military service for everyone, three years for men and two years for women, then all serve in the reserves which can be mobilized at any time. They may constitute the highest IQ military in the world. But it is even more astounding that such a small country has innovated phenomenal leading edge military and commercial technology. Even the US buys military technology from Israel, e.g., drones in which Israel pioneered.

Provides proof of why we should always be in good stead with Israel.

Highly interesting. I have lived in Israel and served in the army. I believe that I understand the mentality.

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