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"This is an excellent examination of a presidential decision that has had immense historical consequences." (Booklist)

"A Safe Haven, is an outstanding achievement. This is certain to become an essential work for students, journalists, and statesmen---indeed, anyone interested in understanding Israel's origins." (Michael Oren, author of *Power, Faith and Fantasy: America in the Middle East, 1776 to the Present*, and *Six Days of War: June 1967 and the Making of the Modern Middle East*.)

"In their deeply engaging study of Truman and the foundation of Israel, the Radoshes capture the dramatic intersection of momentous millennial aspirations and the thrilling intricacies of political intrigue with remarkable narrative skill." (Ron Rosenbaum, author of *Explaining Hitler* and *The Shakespeare Wars*)

"Even knowing how the story ends, A SAFE HAVEN, had me sitting on the edge of my seat watching Harry Truman weigh the arguments of his friends and advisors in the months, then weeks, then days leading up to his recognition of Israel." (Cokie Roberts, New York Times bestselling author of *The Ladies of Liberty*)

From the Back Cover

On May 14, 1948, under the stewardship of President Harry S. Truman, the United States became the first nation to recognize the State of Israel -- just moments after sovereignty had been declared in Jerusalem. But it was hardly a foregone conclusion that America would welcome the creation of this new country. While acknowledging this as one of his proudest moments, Truman also admitted that no issue was "more controversial or more complex than the problem of Israel."

Impeccably researched and brilliantly told, based on never-before-used archival material, *A Safe Haven* is a suspenseful, moment-by-moment re-creation of this crossroads in U.S.-Israeli relations and Middle Eastern politics.

About the Author

Allis Radosh has taught at Sarah Lawrence College and the City University of New York, and served as a program officer at the National Endowment for the Humanities. Ronald Radosh, professor emeritus of history at the City University of New York and adjunct senior fellow at the Hudson Institute, is the author or coauthor of fourteen books, including *The Rosenberg File*. He has written for *The New Republic*, *National Review*, *The New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and many other publications. This is the second book they have written together. They live in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

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