



The Lonely Tree

Yael Politis

A great love story set against the violent birth of a nation

This is really the story of Tonia Shulman and Amos Amrani.

Tonia moves with her family from Poland to British Mandate Palestine, first to her uncle's small apartment in Tel Aviv and later to the kibbutz that her father Josef helped to establish. Due to the hardships of life in the kibbutz and against the backdrop of what is happening in Nazi-occupied Europe, she longs for security and comfort.

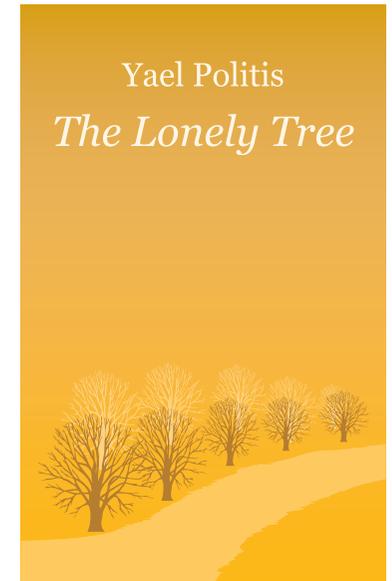
Amos is a handsome and exotic Yemenite who fights in the Jewish underground, to which Tonia's father is vehemently opposed. Despite their different backgrounds Tonia and Amos fall in love.

This budding romance is interrupted by the siege of Tonia's home, Kfar Etzion. The desperate fight is described very movingly and it is the first fictionalised account of the true story of the siege and fall of the Etzion Bloc.

Tonia finally achieves her dream and moves to Michigan in the US, hoping her family will follow her. But is this where she belongs?

Find out about Tonia's true heritage and buy the book from
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Yael Politis grew up in Dearborn, Michigan and moved to Israel in 1973. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and studied towards an MA at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. *The Lonely Tree*, which won a YouWriteOn Book of Year 2009 award, is her debut novel.



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