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Bishop, Patrick. *The Reckoning: Death and Intrigue in the Promised Land—A True Detective Story*. New York: Harper, 2014. 320 pp. \$26.99. (9780062267825).

Avraham Stern, founder and leader of the Lehi underground, which fought against the British to establish a Jewish state, was captured in February 1942. Though unarmed, he was shot and killed by at least one member of the Palestine Police Force, Assistant Superintendent Geoffrey Morton. Patrick Bishop has written an informative account, providing background on both men and their organizations by drawing upon archives and interviews as well as other sources. He has respect for Morton and little but contempt for Stern. Morton claimed that on that fateful day, Stern had made for a window and that he, Morton, feared Stern might be trying to set off an explosive. (No bomb was found.) This account was directly contradicted by another policeman in the room who seems to have had nothing to gain by lying. Bishop weighs the evidence regarding the killing of Stern, but comes to no conclusion. One of his sources, *Stern: The Man and His Gang* by Zev Golan (Yair Publishing, 2011), provides a portrait of Stern (including his assassination), but also a broader and deeper analysis of Lehi. Because of this, Golan's book is probably a better choice for most collections interested in the Jewish undergrounds. Bishop's book is more narrowly focused on the assassination.

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