

Book list – Jerusalem trip

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Abuelaish, Dr. Izzeldin. *I Shall Not Hate: A Gaza Doctor's Journey*. 2010. 195 pp. An account of life in Gaza in its struggle and pain. His 3 daughters and niece were killed when their Gaza home was struck by an Israeli shell, yet Dr. Abuelaish calls for all to work for peace.

Armstrong, Karen. *Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths*. 1996. 471 pp. Traces the history of how Jews, Christians and Muslims have laid claim to Jerusalem and how their concepts of holiness have shaped the city.

Ayed, Nahlah. *A Thousand Farewells: A Reporter's Journey from Refugee Camp to the Arab Spring*. 2012. 356 pp. Palestinian Canadian journalist Ayed spent her childhood in a refugee camp in Jordan. Her reflections on the Middle East.

Borg, Marcus and John Dominic Crossan. *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus' Final Days in Jerusalem*. 2006. 220 pp. A day to day account of that final week.

Boullatta, Issa J. *The Bells of Memory: A Palestinian Boyhood in Jerusalem*. 2014. 87 pp. A memoir of growing up in a Palestinian family in 1930s and 1940s Jerusalem.

Brueggemann, Walter. *Chosen: Reading the Bible Amid the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*. 2015. 88 pp. Brief exploration of what the Hebrew Scriptures say about themes of chosenness and the "land". Contains a study guide.

Bunton, Martin. *The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: A Very Short Introduction*. 130 pp. A concise but thorough exploration of the history of the conflict.

Jonathan Cook. *Disappearing Palestine: Israel's Experiments in Human Despair*. London: Zed Books, 2008. 294 pp. British born journalist Cook lives with his Palestinian wife and family in Palestine. A study of Israel's policies that restrict the life of Palestinians.

Ellis, Deborah. *The Cat at the Wall*. 2014. 144 pp. A young adult novel with the narrative voice that of a cat, trapped with a young Palestinian boy in a house occupied by Israeli soldiers as a sniper post.

Ellis, Deborah. *Three Wishes: Palestinian and Israeli Children Speak*. 2004. 110 pp. Interviews with young people describing their lives in a place of conflict.

Idliby, Ranya and Suzanne Oliver, Priscilla Warner. *The Faith Club: A Muslim, a Christian, a Jew. Three Women Search for Understanding*. 2006. 308 pages. Conversations of three New York women trying to understand each other's faith.

Malek, Cate and Mateo Hoke. *Palestine Speaks: Narratives of Life Under Occupation*. 346 pp. Oral history collection of 16 interviews in Gaza and the West Bank.

Montefiore, Simon Sebag. *Jerusalem: The Biography*. 2011. 650 pp. A history of the 3000 year old city with its interesting cast of characters and its changing political history.

Omar, Raouf and Claude Weil. *Light Behind the Darkness: Stories of Compassion from the Holy Land*. 2008. 127 pp. The personal narratives of the Arab-Israeli conflict from Jewish and Arab perspectives.

Oz, Amos. *A Tale of Love and Darkness*. 2003. 538 pp. The story of the writer's journey from boyhood to adulthood through turbulent times in Israel.

Peled, Miko. *The General's Son: Journey of an Israeli in Palestine*. 2012. 221 pp. Son of a well-known Zionist family, Peled was driven by the death of his niece in a suicide attack to explore Palestine and its people. He has become a peace activist and a supporter of dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians.

Ring, Kenneth. *Letters from Palestine: Palestinians Speak Out About their Lives, their Country, and the Power of Nonviolence*. 2010. 350 pp. Palestinians describe what is it like to grow up in the West Bank and Gaza, or to grow up as a Palestinian in the US.

Roberts, Jo. *Contested Land, Contested Memory*. 2013. 302 pp. How have past events shaped Israeli and Palestinian understanding of who they are? How do their tangled histories of suffering inform lives today, and frame possibilities for peace?

Shehadeh, Raja. *Palestinian Walks: Forays into a Vanishing Landscape*. 200 pp. Reflections by a Palestinian author on the changing landscape over which he has hiked for many years. He has also written numerous books including *Language of War*, *Language of Peace: Palestine, Israel and the Search for Justice*, a 150 page exploration of how the language of war and of politics has shaped the conflict.

Steadfast Hope: The Palestinian Quest for a Just Peace. Palestine Israel Network – Episcopal Peace Fellowship. 2011. Book and DVD available for \$5.

Tolan, Sandy. *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew and the Heart of the Middle East*. 2006. 362 pp. The 45 year friendship between a young Palestinian and the Jewish woman now living in his family home.

_____. *Children of the Stone: The Power of Music in a Hard Land*. 2015. 438 pp. The life of a child from a Palestinian refugee camp is transformed by music. He becomes a professional violist and returns to establish a music school in the West Bank, changing the lives of Palestinian young people.

Guides:

Jerusalem, Israel, Petra and Sinai. DK Eyewitness Travel. 2000, 2012. 330 page guide to the whole area. Lots of maps and photos.

O'Connor, Jerome Murphy. *The Holy Land*. 2008. 551 pp. An archaeological guide to its religious sites. Maps and illustrations.

Peterson, The Rev. Canon John. *A Walk in Jerusalem: Stations of the Cross*. A guide to each episode of the Passion story, with meditation and brief prayer.

Websites:

Diocese of Ottawa: www.ottawa.anglican.ca

Diocese of Jerusalem: www.j-diocese.org