

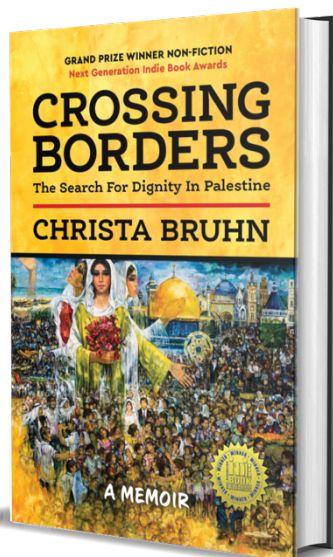
American Mother of Three Palestinians Offers Insider Perspective on Prospects for Peace in Israel and Palestine



After more than three decades of personal and professional engagement with the people of Palestine, Christa Bruhn invites those interested in peace to see the contested space of Israel and Palestine through the lens of dignity.

About the Author

Christa Bruhn is an award-winning American author, photographer, and culinary artist with a lifelong passion for peace and justice. She is the daughter of a German immigrant raised under Nazi Germany and the mother of three Palestinian Americans. She holds degrees in International Studies (BA), Middle Eastern & North African Studies (MA), and Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis (PhD). She has published academic work on Palestine, peace education, and diversity and led and participated in roundtables on the future of Palestine and Israel. She splits her time between Madison, Wisconsin and Jalameh, Palestine.



“I walk across the still-invisible line, where the Wall will soon cut the town of Al-Ram off from Jerusalem. There, on the other side I find a flatbed with prefabricated segments in full view, like a toy truck with blocks on it, awaiting a child to put the pieces in place, set the sections neatly next to each other so his mother can praise him for aligning them just right. But these are no blocks, and this is no child’s play.”

I am baffled at how Palestinians are walking around, going on with their day, as if nothing is happening, and yet their lives are being redefined one slab of concrete at a time. The Wall creates sides, borders, more restrictions on access, more confiscation of land. My stomach turns as I witness this crude vision of security become reality. One people’s security, another’s confinement. Gaza is already an outdoor prison. Now, the isolation of the West Bank behind concrete walls and electric fences is taking shape in front of me. Like in Berlin.”

About the Book

In her debut memoir *Crossing Borders: The Search for Dignity in Palestine*, Christa’s journey of curiosity beginning in Jerusalem and Gaza while studying abroad in her father’s homeland of Germany at the tail end of the Cold War. Christa’s experiences open up a world of joy and heartache that transforms into a lifetime pursuit to make a difference in a land two peoples call home. Through Christa’s unique perspective as an American and mother of three Palestinians, we become familiar with both current and historic challenges Palestinians face living in the shadow of the State of Israel. Christa poses thought-provoking questions that are a test to us all as we collectively grapple with how to come together in a place that is increasingly divided in the mind and on the ground.

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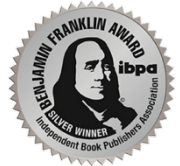
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TESTIMONIALS

*“Christa Bruhn tells her personal narrative and experience with **substantive analyses of historic and current realities** ... The book is a must read not only for people interested in the Palestinian struggle for freedom but for all those who want to make a difference in our world today.”*

—Rev. Prof. Dr. Mitri Raheb, President, Dar Al-Kalima University, Bethlehem

*“The book is **highly informative** not only in terms of what it's like living in such a contested part of the world, but also the history of the conflict, and even possible ways it might unfold in the future.”*

—The Wishing Shelf Book Review

*“What Bruhn describes in her own experiences is right on the nose ... with a **balanced blend of her own observations, documented history, political facts, and the voice of the people.** The landscape is described in almost cinematically visual imagery with historical remnants right against contemporary living conditions... Very highly recommended.”*

—Jamie Michele, Readers' Favorite Book Review

GLOBAL APPEAL



The interest and urgency to understand the historical context, current realities, and prospects for peace in Israel and Palestine has never been greater around the globe. In *Crossing Borders: The Search for Dignity in Palestine* Christa Bruhn offers an accessible and thorough treatment of the past, present, and future through her personal experience and expert knowledge of this contested place that is home to two peoples. Her unique global perspective as both a scholar and mother of three Palestinian Americans sheds light on the key role individuals and the international community play in securing the right of all peoples between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea to live with dignity.



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