

**Resource List on Israel Palestine for SEJC Shining Waters Region, United Church of Canada
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Books

1. Susan Abulhawa, *Mornings in Jenin* (2010). The fictional Abulhejo family is forcibly removed from the olive-farming village of Ein Hod during the 1948 Nakba in Palestine and is displaced to live in canvas tents in the Jenin refugee camp. The book follows them as they live through a half century of violent history.
2. Naim Ateek, *A Palestinian Theology of Liberation: The Bible, Justice, and the Palestine-Israel Conflict* (2018). Ateek is an Anglican priest, Palestinian Arab, and citizen of Israel, as well as the founder of Sabeel, an ecumenical centre in Jerusalem. This book provides a “a succinct primer on the theology of liberation in the context of the Palestinian struggle for freedom and self-determination.” (Orbis books)
3. Michael Chabon and Ayelet Waldman, *Kingdom of Olives and Ashes* (2017). “A groundbreaking collection of essays by celebrated international writers bears witness to the human cost of fifty years of Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.” (Amazon)
4. Jeff Halper, *Decolonizing Israel, Liberating Palestine: Zionism, Settler Colonialism, and the Case for One Democratic State* (2021). Israeli anthropologist and activist Jeff Halper examines the situation in Israel and Palestine through the lens of settler colonialism and looks to de-colonization in a single democratic state as the way forward.
5. Colum McCann, *Apeirogon* (2021). This award-winning work of historical fiction is called “brilliant...powerful and prismatic” and “an agent of change” by the New York Times Review of Books.
6. Miko Peled, *The General's Son* (2012). Peled is an American Jewish Israeli whose niece was killed by a suicide bomber. After that he began a journey to learn and understand.
7. Jean Zaru, *Occupied with Non-Violence* (2008). Jean Zaru is a Palestinian Quaker who has lived most of her life in Ramallah. While this book was written in 2008, nothing better has been published since. It is very readable. Zoom discussion groups based on this book are held across Canada so people can talk together about what they learn.

Films, video clips and podcasts

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Lo9JKwLAOA> - a 10-minute talk by Father Elias Chacour. He has two good books, *We Belong to the Land* and *Blood Brothers*.
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8n6LiOVnts> (2021), a 42-minute conversation between Jonathan Kuttab (Palestinian lawyer) and Peter Beinart (Jewish thinker who has come to look at the situation in a new way).

3. <https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/undercurrents/ep-5-david-and-goliath-kS9vIKhXmbB/> *David and Goliath (2020)*, a 30-minute podcast produced by Ken Ogasawara of Mennonite Central Committee, Ontario. Provides a very accessible overview of the major issues involved in seeking justice for Palestine.
4. *The Village Under the Forest: What happened in '48?* This documentary strips back the layers of myth, from denial to stories of mass genocide, telling the real story through the hidden remains of the destroyed Palestinian village of Luby. Available to stream through Amazon Prime.
5. *The Present (2020)* is 25-minute film about a father and daughter in the West Bank trying to buy a wedding anniversary gift. It has been nominated for the [Academy Award for Best Live Action Short Film](#) and in 2021 won the [BAFTA Award for Best Short Film](#). Available on Netflix.

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