

Palestinian Literature

This document provides a list of novels, short story collections, poetry, memoirs, children's books, and films from Palestinian creators that could be taught in language arts, social studies, or performing arts classrooms.

Novels

Mornings in Jenin by Susan Abulhawa
Men in the Sun By Ghassan Kanafani
Salt Houses by Hala Alyan
The Dance of the Deep-Blue Scorpion by Akram Mussallam
Passage to the Plaza by Sahar Khalifeh
Gate of the Sun by Elias Khoury
The Book of Disappearance by Ibtisam Azem
Minor Detail by Adania Shibli
Velvet by Huzama Habayeb
Arabesques by Anton Shammas
The Secret Life of Saeed the Pessoptimist by Emile Habibi
The Parisian by Isabella Hammad
The Beauty of Your Face by Sahar Mustafah
Sharon and My Mother-in-Law by Suad Amiry
Wild Thorns by Sahar Khalifeh
Out of It by Selma Dabbagh
A Map of Home by Randa Jarrar
Oxygen is Not for the Dead by Heba Abu Nada
The Blue Light by Hussein Barghouthi
Wondrous Journeys in Strange Lands by Sonia Nimr
Describing the Past by Ghassan Zaqtan
You Exist Too Much by Zaina Arafat
Exposure by Sayed Kashua
Enter Ghost by Isabella Hammad
In Search of Walid Masoud by Jabra Ibrahim Jabra
Second Person Singular by Sayed Kashua
Haiifa Fragments by Khulud Khamis
My First and Only Love by Sahar Khalifeh
A Woman is No Man by Etaf Rum
Against the Loveless World by Susan Abulhawa
The First Well by Jabra Ibrahim Jabran
Return to Haifa by Ghassan Kanafani
Time of White Horses by Ibrahim Nasrallah

Touch by Adania Shibli

Short Story Collections

The Sea Cloak: And Other Stories by Nayrouz Qarmout

Palestine +100: Stories from a Century After the Nakba by Basma Ghalayini

Out of Time by Samira Azzam

The Book of Gaza edited by Atef Abu Saif

Jerusalem Stands Alone by Mahmoud Shukair

Jokes for the Gunmen by Mazen Maarouf

Palestine's Children by Ghassan Kanafani

Her First Palestinian by Saeed Teebi

The Book of Ramallah edited by Maya Abu al-Hayat

Him, Me, Muhammad Ali by Randa Jarrar

A Curious Land by Susan Muaddi Darraj

The Book of Gaza: A City in Short Fiction edited by Atef Abu Saif

Poetry

The Tiny Journalist by Naomi Shihab Nye

Born Palestinian, Born Black by Suheir Hammad

Life in a Country Album by Nathalie Handal

Kaan and Her Sisters by Lena Khalaf Tuffaha

In the Presence of Absence by Mahmoud Darwish

Coriolis by A.D. Lauren-Abunassar

Footnotes in the Order of Disappearance by Fady Joudah

You Can Be the Last Leaf by Maya Abu Al-Hayyat

Journal of an Ordinary Grief by Mahmoud Darwish

Ever Since I Did Not Die by Ramy Al-Asheq

Nothing More to Lose by Najwan Darwish

The Butterfly's Burden by Mahmoud Darwish

Birthright by George Abraham

Bitter English by Ahmad Almallah

Mural by Mahmoud Darwish

Rifqa by Mohammed El-Kurd

Before the Next Bomb Drops by Remi Kanazi

Dear God. Dear Bones. Dear Yellow. by Noor Hindi

So What: New & Selected Poems by Taha Muhammad Ali

Sadder than Water: Selected Poems by Samih al-Qasim

Things You May Find Hidden in My Ear by Mosab Abu Toha

Almond Blossoms and Beyond by Mahmoud Darwish

Memoirs

Memory for Forgetfulness by Mahmoud Darwish
We Could Have Been Friends, My Father and I by Raja Shehadeh
Mapping My Return by Salman Abu Sitta
The Drone Eats with Me by Atef Abu Saif
Gaza Mom by Laila El-Haddad
Gaza Writes Back edited by Refaat Al-Areer
In Search of Fatima: A Palestinian Story by Ghada Karmi
Letter from Gaza by Ghassan Kanafani
This Side of Peace by Hanan Ashrawi

Children's Books

Watermelon Madness by Taghreed Najjar
We are Palestinian by Reem Kassis
Sitti's Bird by Malak Mattar
The Boy and the Wall by youth at Lajee Center at the Aida Refugee Camp
Al Beit by Zacharia Tamer
Ghaddar the Ghoul and Other Palestinian Stories by Sonia Nimr
A Little Piece of Ground by Elizabeth Laird and Sonia Nimr
Rest in My Shade: A Poem about Roots by Nora Lester Murad and Danna Masad
The Shepherd's Daughter by Anne Laurel Carter
Where the Streets Had a Name by Randa Abdel-Fattah
Speak Bird, Speak Again by Ibrahim Muhawi and Sharif Kanaana
Thunderbird by Sonia Nimr
Farah Rocks by Susan Muaddi Darraj and Ruaida Mannaa
Tasting the Sky by Ibtisam Barakat
These Olive Trees by Aya Ghanameh
Homeland: My Father Dreams of Palestine by Hannah Moushabeck and Reem Madooh
Sitti's Secrets by Naomi Shihab Nye and Nancy Carpenter

Films

“5 Broken Cameras” directed by Emad Burnat
“500 Dunum on the Moon” directed by Rachel Leah Jones
“Amreeka” directed by Cherien Dabis
“Arna's Children” directed by Juliano Mer Khamis and Danniell Danniell
“Divine Intervention” directed by Elia Suleiman
“Jenin, Jenin” directed by Mohammed Bakri
“Like Twenty Impossibles” directed by Annemarie Jacir

“Native Sons: Palestinians In Exile” directed by Tom Hayes
“Paradise Now” directed by Hany Abu-Assad
“People and the Land” directed by Tom Hayes
“Slingshot Hip Hop” directed by Jackie Reem Sallou
“The Great Book Robbery” directed by Benny Brunner
“The Time That Remains” directed by Elia Suleiman
“Wedding in Galilee” directed by Michel Khleifi
“When I Saw You” directed by Annemarie Jacir