

Recommended Readings/ Viewings/ Websites

This list is by no means exclusive, as there are more reputable writers offering many valuable books and articles than can ever be put in a document. However, the below list is a good starting point for groups that have little to no background knowledge of the complex history of the Holy Land, and the current Occupation of Palestine.

Bright Stars of Bethlehem is happy to assist you in a more detailed advanced list of resources depending on the makeup and focus of your group. Feel free to reach out to us at travel@brightstarsbethlehem.org

Readings:

Blood Brothers, by Elias Chacour

The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East, by Sandy Tolan

I Am A Palestinian Christian, by Mitri Raheb

Bethlehem Besieged, by Mitri Raheb

Faith in the Face of Empire, by Mitri Raheb

The Cross in Context: Suffering and Redemption in Palestine, by Mitri Raheb and Suzanne Watts Henderson

Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid, by Jimmy Carter

A Wall in Jerusalem, by Mark Braverman

The Other Side of the Wall, by Munther Isaac

The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine, by Ilan Pappé

Websites:

brightstarsbethlehem.com

mitriraheb.org

<https://www.daralkalima.edu.ps/en>

Viewings, Videos and Films:

Its PalesTime - Authentic Travel short video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMcygY_9PxM

Short video on Dar al-Kalima University

<https://youtu.be/6oW7Y83LL2Q>

Dar al-Kalima University Vision and Action Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U8tFP6urRA&t=7s>

The Present, available on Netflix. BAFTA-winning and Oscar-nominated short film is the directorial debut from Palestinian-British filmmaker Farah Nabulsi.

The Wanted 18, available on Youtube. Palestinians in Beit Sahour start a local dairy farm, hiding a herd of 18 cows from Israeli security forces when the dairy collective was deemed a threat to Israeli national security.

Ambiance, by Dar al-Kalima graduate Wisam al Jafari. Received international recognition and third prize at the Cannes Film Festival in 2019.

The Occupation of the American Mind, available on YouTube or through this link:

<https://www.occupationmovie.org/>