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PREFACE

This book is a picture book of my everyday life attending grad school at SCAD in Atlanta, Georgia. This book simultaneously serves as a meditation of both the everlasting Israeli—Palestinian conflict and the most recent Israel—Hamas War through paralleled imagery.

These conflicts weigh so heavily on me for a multitude of reasons. As an American of Jewish descent who has relatives living in Israel, I am left without words through the lack of humanity and acceptance.

Sadly, these conflicts remind us of how little we've evolved as people and that we remain stuck on a continuous cycle of war, destruction and loss of life over land ownership disputes without there being any clear resolution in sight.

Additionally, these atrocities create a sense of perspective and serve as an important reminder of how much I have to appreciate in America where I can step foot on land and breathe in fresh air, in addition to being open to expressing my views and not living in fear of a bomb being dropped on my home. Despite all this, I remain hopeful that someday peace and coexistence will prevail.

“In the Middle East, it is clear that

peace will never be reached

without solving the Israeli—Palestinian conflict.

A two-state solution must be found and enforced.

— Ahmed Zewail







Wild things coming soon Atlanta!

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“The Israeli—Palestinian conflict is what happens when an
**irresistible force meets
an immovable object.**

Both Israelis and Palestinians are irresistible forces, and
they’re both immovable objects.”

— Michael J. Totten



“The mortal mind alone cannot devise an answer to the Israeli – Palestinian conflict, because the

true answer

lies on a level of consciousness that’s

beyond our moral thinking.

Quite simply, when it comes to Israel and the Palestinians, we need a miracle.”

— Marianne Williamson







“The Israeli—Palestinian conflict is a tragedy; it is a
clash between right & right.

And, therefore it’s

not black and white.

Sometimes, recently it is indeed a clash between

wrong and wrong.

It is not as simple as fascism was.”

— Amos Oz



“Unless and until

something concrete is done

about addressing the Israeli—Palestinian issue

you won’t get a real start

on the war against terrorism.”

— Bob Hawke





Emergency



“Palestinian terrorism has to be

rejected and condemned,

yes, but it should not be translated defacto into a policy of support for a really increasingly brutal repression, colonial settlements and a new wall.”

— Zbigniew Brzezinski



“Sometimes I wonder if there is

any hope left

for an Israeli—Palestinian discourse that is built on

equality and liberty

rather than a fruitless discourse of master and servant.”

— Sayed Kashua







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“For if life had taught her anything, it was that

healing and peace

can begin only with

**acknowledgment of wrongs
committed.”**

— Susan Abulhawa



CLOSING THOUGHTS

The parallels between my photographs and the images of the war and destruction in Israel and Gaza on each page are not parallels that everyone can see in their daily life. Yet, these associated images create the awareness of the contrast between the daily lives of those living in America versus those currently living in Israel and Gaza.

I cannot provide a solution to end this ongoing conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians. This conflict has existed for decades, and I do not have the knowledge to understand it from a political, historical and military perspective. What I can do is advocate for compassion by creating an immersive visual experience that allows us to enter the hypothetical reality of life from their perspective.

“Peace is not

absence of conflict,

it is the ability to

**handle conflict by
peaceful means.”**

— Ronald Reagan

