

The General's Son

Journey of an Israeli in Palestine, Second Edition

Miko Peled • Foreword by Alice Walker

A powerful account, by Israeli peace activist Miko Peled, of his transformation from a young man who'd grown up in the heart of Israel's elite and served proudly in its military into a fearless advocate of nonviolent struggle and equal rights for all Palestinians and Israelis. His journey is mirrored in many ways the transformation his father, a much-decorated Israeli general, had undergone three decades earlier. Alice Walker contributed a foreword to the first edition in which she wrote, "There are few books on the Israel/Palestine issue that seem as hopeful to me as this one." In the new Epilogue he takes readers to South Africa, East Asia, many European countries, and the West Bank, Gaza, and Israel itself.

The 10th Anniversary Edition includes a new preface in which he reflects on the growth of the Palestinian-rights movement since the original publication of this work in 2012.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Miko Peled is a writer and peace activist born and raised in Jerusalem. His first book *The General's Son: Journey of an Israeli in Palestine* (Just World Books, 2nd edition 2016) has been translated into eight other languages. Born into a prominent Zionist family, Peled emerged as a strong and outspoken advocate of justice and equality in Palestine. He currently speaks around the United States and internationally on the issue of Palestine/Israel.

ACCOLADES

"There are few books on the Israel/Palestine issue that seem as hopeful to me as this one."

—Alice Walker, Pulitzer Prize-winning author

"This is an important book, full of hope and inspiration for a shared destiny between Palestinians and Israelis based on mutual respect and equal rights."

—Susan Abulhawa, author and political activist

"This is a brilliantly rendered father and son saga amidst a background that evokes Greek mythology. The father was an Israeli hero in the fight for independence and the subsequent wars that led to Israeli dominance, and a brutal occupation. The father and son difficulties can never escape the bigger picture. This is a story of admiration—and anger."

—Seymour Hersh, investigative journalist

"Miko did not automatically follow in the footsteps of his remarkable father—a hawkish general turned Arabist and early proponent of a two-state solution in dialogue with the PLO. Instead, we are privileged to accompany the author on his own fascinating internal odyssey—a journey of self-education and cumulative critique of Zionist premises and Israeli practices culminating in poignant advocacy of a unitary binational state anchored in common humanity."

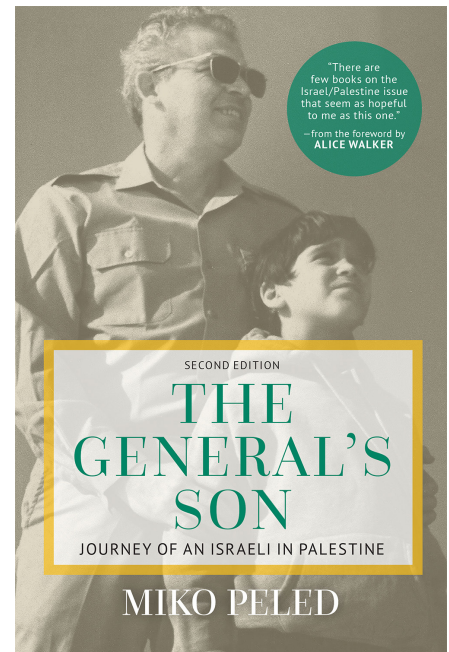
—Walid Khalidi, general secretary, Institute for Palestine Studies

"Out of personal pain and sober reflection on the past comes this powerful narrative of transformation, empowerment and commitment. It is the personal story that brings home forcefully how one liberates oneself from oppressive ideologies without losing one's identity, family and humanity. Miko's story is a must read for anyone who has not lost hope that one day peace and justice will prevail in Israel and Palestine."

—Ilan Pappé, Israeli historian, professor of history at the University of Exeter (UK)

"*The General's Son* provides a window into a unique view Palestinians need to see. It tells the story of a man and his son whose experience in the Israeli army awakened them to the horrible reality of Israeli occupation. I would strongly recommend it to all Palestinians and to those that sympathise with their quest for freedom and justice."

—Azzam Tamimi, author of *Hamas: The Unwritten Chapters*



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