

On the Brink

Israel and Palestine on the Eve of the 2014 Gaza Invasion

Alice Rothchild

On the Brink is a compelling collection of short essays that chronicle a fact-finding and solidarity visit the author made to the West Bank and Israel during the last three weeks of June 2014. Physician, author, filmmaker, and longtime activist Alice Rothchild uses her powers of careful observation and her deep understanding of the consequences of racism and occupation to craft a lively, honest, heart breaking collection of reports from the field.

On the Brink documents stories and lives that seldom make the evening news, but that are essential to understanding the context in which that news occurs.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Alice Rothchild is a Boston-based physician, author, activist, and filmmaker. Recently retired from clinical medicine, she previously held the position of assistant professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology in the Faculty of Medicine at Harvard University. She has written and lectured extensively on many topics including the health and human rights effects of the Israeli occupation of Palestine. Her previous publications include *Broken Promises, Broken Dreams: Stories of Jewish and Palestinian Trauma and Resilience*, and the documentary film, *Voices Across the Divide*. She also contributed to the anthology *Extraordinary Rendition: (American) Writers on Palestine*.

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"Alice Rothchild takes us on an extraordinary journey into the heart and soul of Palestinian life. Her observations are poetic and her analysis acute. She creates a shared understanding between the reader and the people she writes about that cannot be forgotten. Exquisitely rendered."

—Sara Roy, senior research scholar Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University

"Alice Rothchild's journal *On the Brink* captures the range of Palestinian and Israeli reactions to the events and reality that generated the recent Gaza invasion. Palestinian resilience, victimhood, steadfastness, anger, and determination to live despite the horrible conditions and dehumanization policies. She also managed to reflect the dominant Israeli public frame of minds which has been hostage to the tension between Jewish values and Zionist ideology as stated in one of her entries. A must read for those who seek to understand the Israeli Palestinian story from within and with an intense and direct call to reflect on the question of how long can people in this land sustain such a process of victimization, oppression, and manipulation of their various identities."

—Mohammad Abu-Nimer, associate professor of the Peace and Conflict Resolution Program at the School of International Service, American University

"An honest, compassionate and revealing account of the author's travels through the region on the eve of Israel's latest attack on Gaza. Trained as a physician, Alice Rothchild knows how to listen to her subjects and locate the heart of their stories, while offering us the reader an accurate diagnosis of all she has witnessed."

—Jonathan Cook, author of *Disappearing Palestine*

"Alice Rothchild, doctor, feminist, author, and filmmaker has produced a vivid and nuanced account of the troubled Palestinian-Israeli relationship, placing poignant vignettes (teenage boys on bicycles escorting tourists to their host families in the middle of the night in a refugee camp) in their historic context. Most of all, her work gives us the information we need to speak truth to power. A good read on an important subject."

—Eva Spangler, author of *Palestine-Israel 101: Nation, Race and Human Rights in the Conflict*



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