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## AMERICAN AUTHOR SHARES PALESTINE PERSPECTIVES FROM HER CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

MADISON, Wis.—As we approach the one-year anniversary of the current crisis, which began with the October 7th Hamas attack on Israeli communities in the Gaza envelope, Dr. Christa Bruhn, author of the nationally award-winning memoir *Crossing Borders: The Search for Dignity in Palestine*, is available to share her unique perspective on the historical context, current realities, and prospects peace in Israel and Palestine.

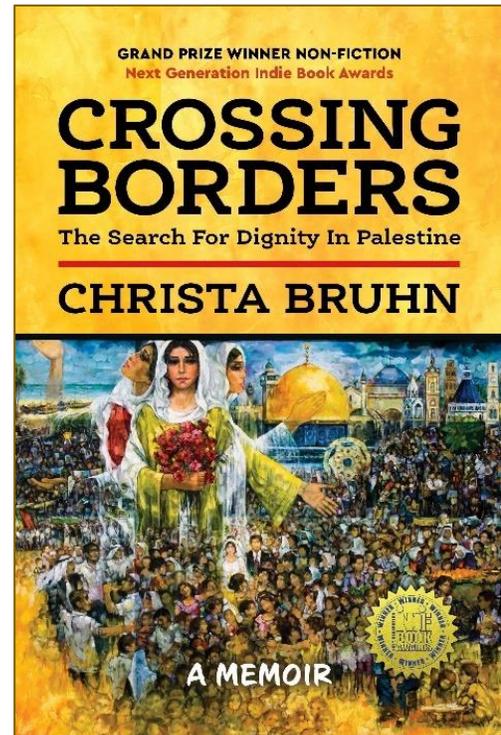
The Wisconsin author draws from her own experiences as a both an expert on the area and as the mother of three Palestinian Americans who lives her life between her home with extended family in Palestine and her home in Madison.

In addition to her extensive engagement on the ground across the entire landscape of Israel and Palestine—and, in particular, among her extended family near Jenin in the northern West Bank—Bruhn also shares her passion for Palestinian food, culture, and village life and the challenges her family faces running an artisan food export company under Israeli occupation. The olive harvest is just around the corner and will prove to be challenging as the Israeli army heavily restricts movement of people and goods, and Israeli settler attacks on Palestinian communities increase across the West Bank.

Through her award-winning memoir, speaking engagements, blog, and interviews, Bruhn shares her unique perspectives to help all sides search for “Dignity in Palestine”. Familiar with the current and historic challenges Palestinians face living in the shadow of the State of Israel, Bruhn poses thought-provoking questions that help us collectively grapple with how to come together in a place that is increasingly divided in the mind and on the ground.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

As the mother of three Palestinian Americans and the daughter of a World War II-era German immigrant to the U.S., **Christa Bruhn** shares her perspectives with the hope that Israelis and Palestinians can create a common narrative that honors the tragedies and transgressions of their unique historical experiences so that both peoples can live a life of dignity in a place they call home. Bruhn is an American author, photographer, and culinary artist with a lifelong passion for peace and justice. She holds a bachelor’s degree in International Studies from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, a master’s degree from the Center for Middle Eastern & North African Studies at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, and a doctorate in Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Bruhn has studied five languages, including Hebrew and Arabic, has published academic work on Palestine, peace education, and diversity, and has led and participated in roundtables on the future of Israel and Palestine. She splits her time between Madison, Wisconsin, and the farming village of Jalameh, Palestine. For more information, visit <https://christabruhn.com>.



## ABOUT THE BOOK

***Crossing Borders: The Search for Dignity in Palestine*** (\$28.95, ISBN: 9781955656528) is an award-winning memoir published by Little Creek Press in Mineral Point, Wisconsin, in 2023. It has won numerous awards including: Next Generation Indie Book Awards Grand Prize (Non-Fiction and category winner Social Justice), Independent Publisher Book Awards Silver (Best First Book Non-Fiction, Personal), IBPA Benjamin Franklin Silver (Non-Fiction, Political & Current Events), and Nautilus Book Awards Silver (Multicultural & Indigenous). It also won Honorable Mention (Biography/ Autobiography/ Memoir) in the global Royal Dragonfly Book Awards and was a finalist (Social Change) in the American Legacy Book Awards and finalist (Multicultural Non-Fiction and in Social Change) in the American Book Fest Best Book Awards. ***Crossing Borders*** is available for wholesalers through Ingram Content Group and [littlecreekpress.com](http://littlecreekpress.com) directly. Consumers can find it at a book retailer or at [littlecreekpress.com](http://littlecreekpress.com)!

## TESTIMONIALS

*“Christa Bruhn tells her personal narrative and experience with **substantive analyses of historic and current realities** ... The book is a must read not only for people interested in the Palestinian struggle for freedom but for all those who want to make a difference in our world today.”*

—Rev. Prof. Dr. Mitri Raheb, President, Dar Al-Kalima University, Bethlehem

*“The book is **highly informative** not only in terms of what it's like living in such a contested part of the world, but also the history of the conflict, and even possible ways it might unfold in the future.”*

—The Wishing Shelf Book Review

*“What Bruhn describes in her own experiences is right on the nose ... with a **balanced blend of her own observations, documented history, political facts, and the voice of the people**. The landscape is described in almost cinematically visual imagery with historical remnants right against contemporary living conditions...Very highly recommended.”*

—Jamie Michele, Readers' Favorite Book Review

*The memoir **documents the challenges Palestinians face living in the shadow of Israel**, and the deep connection Palestinians have to their homeland that inspires them to keep on living their lives in spite of those challenges.”*

—David Ahrens, host of Madison BookBeat WORT 89.9 FM

*“Seeing the current situation as an arranged marriage where divorce is not an option, Christa invites the reader to **imagine a future where freedom and democracy replace the systematic dispossession of Palestinians from their homeland**.”*

—This Week in Palestine

Review copies of the memoir are available through Little Creek Press. To contact Christa directly for interviews and speaking engagements, email: [christa.bruhn@gmail.com](mailto:christa.bruhn@gmail.com) (email not for publication).

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