

Welcome to Palestine
Chronicles of a Season in Ramallah

Recent books on the situation in the Occupied Territories focus on the violent confrontations between the Israelis and Palestinians, and on the declarations of their political leaders.

With the exception of Amira Hass, no Jewish journalist has ever worked in the Occupied Territories. No Western journalists live there today. Most cross over into Palestine only when there are newsworthy incidents. Anne Brunswic takes a different approach and elects domicile in Ramallah for a season.

Anne Brunswic's sustained contacts with Palestinian society provides depth and nuance. Her valuable insights help understand why the direct peace agreements negotiated between Tel Aviv and Washington are divorced from the aspirations of the Palestinian people. Why the policy of collective punishment against the entire population, far from bringing about peace, leads to radicalisation.

She portrays the reality of Israeli occupation as experienced by ordinary Palestinians day after day: a cynical enterprise that fosters colonisation under the pretext of guaranteeing the security of Israeli citizens.