



## Films and Documentaries about Palestine

### *Documentaries*

#### **Jimmy Carter, Man From Plains**

Sony Pictures Classics 2007

2 hrs 6 mins

Documentary chronicling Carter's national publicity tour promoting his book *Palestine: Peace not Apartheid*.

Order at <http://www.amazon.com/dp/B0011VIO64/> for \$19.99.

#### **Bil'in Habibti**

Claudius Films 2006

84 mins

Tells the story of a small Palestinian village trying to save itself and to break the occupation in a non-violent resistance against the Israeli Army. Under the pretext of security, the village of Bil'in is about to lose more than half of its lands to the Israeli separation fence and to the neighboring Israeli settlement. In an attempt to stop the bulldozers, tear gas, beatings, arrests and live ammunition, the villagers confront the army in creative weekly demonstrations.

#### **The Diaries of Yossef Nachnami**

Icarus Films 2006

60 mins

A history of the early Zionists' acquisition and settlement of Palestinian lands in the Galilee, from the 1920's thru 1948. Based on the diaries of a land broker for the Jewish National Fund.

Order at <http://www.frif.com/new2006/diar.html> for \$390.

#### **The Iron Wall**

Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees and Palestinians for Peace & Democracy  
2006  
52 mins

Focuses on the settlement movement as the dominant policy in Israeli politics and the implications for future negotiations.

Order at <http://www.palestineonlinestore.com/films/theironwall.htm> for \$20.

**Palestine for Beginners**

Palestine Information Project 2005

72 mins

A guide to the roots of conflict, the key historical and current events, and the characters and motivations behind the ongoing crisis. Filmed before a live audience, Palestine for Beginners is a 60-minute presentation with an additional 10 minutes of Q&A, all divided into chapters for reference and classroom use.

Order at <http://www.palestineonlinestore.com/films/palestineforbeginners.htm> for \$12.

**Palestine is Still the Issue**

Carlton International Media Ltd. 2002

53 mins

Through interviews with Israelis and Palestinians, filmmaker John Pilger explains the Middle East conflict and its roots. He draws parallels between the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Apartheid South Africa.

Order at <http://www.bullfrogfilms.com/catalog/pisi.html>. Activist groups can purchase videos at the discounted rate of \$39 (same price for single and bulk). Available for free download at <http://freedocumentaries.org/film.php?id=89>.

**The Killing Zone**

BBC Dispatches 2006

49 mins

British filmmakers enter Gaza shortly after the death of Rachael Corrie. They document IDF attacks on Palestinian civilians and Western visitors on the eve of the US invasion of Iraq.

Order at <http://www.palestineonlinestore.com/films/rachel.htm> for \$18. Available for free download at <http://freedocumentaries.org/film.php?id=106>.

**Rachel: An American Conscience**

2005

Interviews with the Corrie family and members of the International Solidarity Movement remember Rachel and her work. Includes rare footage of Rachel speaking on camera about the crimes being perpetrated against the Palestinian people.

Order at <http://www.palestineonlinestore.com/films/american.htm> for \$25.

**This Body is a Prison**

Dylan Bergeson 2006  
48 mins

An independently made documentary with a focus on the psychological effects of the conflict on those living in its midst.

Order at <http://organicprocess.com/shop/> for \$25. Available for free download at <http://film.longtermvision.org/>.

**This Is Not Living**

Alia Arasoughly 2001  
42 mins

Palestinian filmmaker Alia Arasoughly explores the lives of eight Palestinian women representing a diverse cross-section of society. These women share stories about daily life under occupation.

Order at <http://www.wmm.com/filmcatalog/pages/c588.shtml> for \$89.

**Women in Struggle**

Majd Productions 2004  
56 mins

Tells the stories of four women who chose to fight the occupation and were arrested as a result. They speak of their detentions as well as the difficulties of returning to an occupied society.

Order at <http://www.wmm.com/filmcatalog/pages/c677.shtml> for \$89.

**Soraida, a Woman of Palestine**

National Film Board of Canada 2004  
52 mins

Captures the life of a wife and mother from Ramallah, attempting to live normally under siege by the Israeli military.

Order at <http://www.wmm.com/filmcatalog/pages/c678.shtml> for \$89.

**West Bank Retrospective: A Journey to the Occupied Lands**

Frontline PBS 2005  
1 hr 30 mins

Frontline piece on the issues surrounding land ownership in the West Bank.

Order at

<http://www.shoppbs.org/product/index.jsp?productId=3157690&cp=&kw=journey+to+the+occupied+lands&origkw=journey+to+the+occupied+lands&sr=1> for \$19.95

### **Jenin, Jenin**

Arab Film Distribution 2002  
54 minutes

Interviews with survivors of the 2002 massacre of Palestinians living in the Jenin refugee camp.

### **Gaza Strip**

Typecast Pictures 2002  
74 minutes

Account of life in Gaza during 2001, centered on a 13-year-old Palestinian boy.

Order at <http://www.palestineonlinestore.com/films/gazastrip.htm> for \$25. Available for free download at <http://onebigtorrent.org/torrents/2919/The-Gaza-Strip-Documentary-2002>.

### **Promises**

The Promises Film Project 2002  
1 hr

Seven Palestinian and Israeli children share their perspectives on the conflict and their neighbors. Highlights the differences in living conditions in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Order at <http://www.promisesproject.org/dist-home.html?buttonName=> for \$29.95.

### **Ripples Cross**

Arab Film Distribution 2006  
92 minutes

Made with one small digital camera by a solidarity worker documenting the experiences of internationals trying to accompany Palestinians. Includes clips of Rachel Corrie. Shows the impact of the occupation and documents human rights violations.

Order at <http://www.ripplescros.com/>. Available for free download at [http://www.freespeech.org/videodb/index.php?action=detail&video\\_id=10480](http://www.freespeech.org/videodb/index.php?action=detail&video_id=10480).

**Arna's Children**

Peter Van Huystee Film and Television 2004  
85 minutes

Film about a children's theater group run by a Palestinian Jewish woman in Jenin.

Order at [https://www.paypal.com/row/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_flow&SESSION=tpUgjkle2Hh0heelm5I3516TkjK-smkliy2F2NcqkPUP6Z4Jbtn9DJwD7cK&dispatch=5885d80a13c0db1ff80d546411d7f84f1036d8f209d3d1d1a60b0b34578c41](https://www.paypal.com/row/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_flow&SESSION=tpUgjkle2Hh0heelm5I3516TkjK-smkliy2F2NcqkPUP6Z4Jbtn9DJwD7cK&dispatch=5885d80a13c0db1ff80d546411d7f84f1036d8f209d3d1d1a60b0b34578c41) for \$38.

**Peace, Propaganda and the Promised Land**

Media Education Foundation 2004  
80 minutes

Comprehensive account of media coverage on the Middle East conflict and how it drives public opinion, especially in the United States.

Order at [http://www.theconnexion.com/mediaeducationfoundation/mef\\_product.cfm?ProdAutoID=4178&ProdID=MEF19DVD&CatID=1](http://www.theconnexion.com/mediaeducationfoundation/mef_product.cfm?ProdAutoID=4178&ProdID=MEF19DVD&CatID=1) for \$29.95 (special price for individuals).

**The Color of Olives**

Arab Film Distribution 2006  
97 minutes

Focuses on a Palestinian family of eight separated by the Israeli security wall from their farm land. Depicts the daily struggles of life under occupation.

Order at [http://www.amazon.com/Color-Olives-Carolina-Rivas/dp/B000K0YG8W/ref=sr\\_1\\_2/103-2436007-6577420?ie=UTF8&s=dvd&qid=1174784081&sr=1-2](http://www.amazon.com/Color-Olives-Carolina-Rivas/dp/B000K0YG8W/ref=sr_1_2/103-2436007-6577420?ie=UTF8&s=dvd&qid=1174784081&sr=1-2) for \$24.99.

**Death in Gaza**

HBO 2003  
76 minutes

Originally intended to focus on children living in Gaza, the film underwent a major transformation when its producer/director, James Miller, was killed by IDF gunfire.

Order at [http://store.hbo.com/product/index.jsp?productId=2174340&cp=1885676&clickid=main\\_nav\\_other\\_txt&parentPage=family](http://store.hbo.com/product/index.jsp?productId=2174340&cp=1885676&clickid=main_nav_other_txt&parentPage=family) for \$24.98.

**Goal Dreams**

Arab Film Distribution 2006  
84 minutes

Documents the struggles of the Palestinian national football team as they attempt to qualify for the World Cup while dealing with curfews, road closures and inability to obtain access to a practice field.

Order at <http://www.arabfilm.com/item/409/> for \$19.99.

### **The Wall**

Simone Bitton 2004

96 minutes

Follows the construction route of the Israeli security wall. Includes interviews with those building it as well as those living in its shadow.

Order online at <http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B000AYQO6A/104-6348367-1354335?v=glance&n=130> for \$26.99.

### **The Inner Tour**

Zeitgeist Films 2001

94 minutes

Follows a group of Palestinians on a bus tour of Israel. Directors emphasize the need for a shared history.

Order at [http://www.zeitgeistfilms.com/videocatalog/product\\_info.php?products\\_id=88](http://www.zeitgeistfilms.com/videocatalog/product_info.php?products_id=88) for \$29.99.

### **Encounter Point**

Ronit Avni & Julia Bacha 2006

85 minutes

Interwoven stories of Palestinians and Israelis who overcome their grief to search for reconciliation. Moving story of an Israeli woman challenged to live out what she has been preaching.

Order at <http://www.amazon.com/Encounter-Point-Ronit-Julia-Bacha/dp/B000R4SKEW> for \$18.99.

### **Visit Palestine**

Katie Barlow 2005

Follows international peace activist Caiomhe Butterly as she enters Jenin shortly after the 2002 massacre.

Order at <http://www.visitpalestine.info/buyonline.asp> for \$42.

### **Searching for Peace in the Middle East**

Foundation for Middle East Peace 2006

30 minutes

Succinct summary of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

To request a free DVD, email [info@fmep.org](mailto:info@fmep.org). Available for free download at [http://www.fmep.org/searching\\_for\\_peace\\_in\\_the\\_middle\\_east.html](http://www.fmep.org/searching_for_peace_in_the_middle_east.html).

### **The Israeli Lobby**

VPRO Documentaries 2006

Examines the impact of the Israeli lobby on US foreign policy

Available for free download at <http://www.freedocumentaries.org/film.php?id=173>.

### **Jerusalem 1948: Yoom Ilak, Yoom Aleik**

BADIL Resource Center 1998

45 mins

History of the Palestinian Nakba, from the 1947 UN Partition Plan through the first Arab-Israeli truce in 1948.

Order at <http://shop.palestine.net.au/Videos.html> for \$29.

### **Occupation 101**

Trip'ol'ii Productions 2007

90 mins

Overview of the conflict with emphasis on life under Israeli military rule, the role of the United States and some of the major obstacles to lasting peace.

Order at <http://www.occupation101.com/purchase.html> for \$22.99 (\$15.99 for students).

### **Zero Degrees of Separation**

Graphic Pictures, Inc. 2005

85 mins

Looks at the conflict through the eyes of mixed Palestinian and Israeli gay and lesbian couples.

Order at

[http://www2.nfb.ca/boutique/XXNFBibeCCtpItmDspRte.jsp?formatid=52378&lr\\_icode=collection&minisite=10005&respid=50409](http://www2.nfb.ca/boutique/XXNFBibeCCtpItmDspRte.jsp?formatid=52378&lr_icode=collection&minisite=10005&respid=50409) for \$19.95.

### **Last Supper: Abu Dis**

Issa Freij 2005  
26 mins

Chronicles the final phase of construction of the Israeli security wall running through the Palestinian village of Abu Dis.

***Feature Films***

**Rana's Wedding**  
Augustus Films 2002  
90 minutes

Celebration of life in spite of check points, roadblocks, housing demolitions and curfews.

Order at <http://www.palestineonlinestore.com/films/ranaswedding.htm> for \$30.

**Paradise Now**  
Warner Independent Pictures 2005  
91 minutes

Best friends are chosen to be suicide bombers. (Insightful, but viewers need a context first.)

Order at <http://www.palestineonlinestore.com/films/paradisenow.htm> for \$20.

**Tale of Three Jewels**  
Michel Khleifi 1994  
107 minutes

Fairy tale starring 12 year old Palestinians who escape from life under occupation.

Order at <http://www.palestineonlinestore.com/films/taleof3jewels.htm> for \$30 (VHS only).

**Wedding in Galilee**  
Michel Khleifi 1987  
113 minutes

Moving story about marriage, tradition and identity in the Galilee.

Order at [http://www.olivefilms.com/Drama.2/Kino\\_on\\_Video.10/weingad.2503.html](http://www.olivefilms.com/Drama.2/Kino_on_Video.10/weingad.2503.html) for \$20.95.

**Private**  
Saverio Costanzo 2004  
90 minutes

A family of seven responds to the occupation of their home. Highlights the father's commitment to nonviolent resistance despite the risks involved.

Order at <http://www.palestineonlinestore.com/films/private.htm> for \$30.