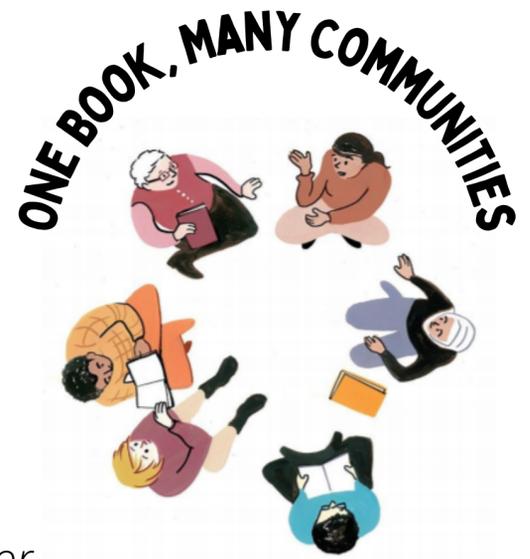


Minor Detail

Adania Shibli

The "One Book, Many Communities" project by Librarians and Archivists with Palestine aims to introduce readers to the richness of Palestinian literature, and create a broader awareness and understanding of Palestinian history and the struggle for self-determination.



Explore the resources below for more information about *Minor Detail*, as well as some recommendations for recently published Palestinian literature in translation.

Resources to help explore the background and themes in *Minor Detail*:

An excerpt from *Minor Detail* can be found here for a sample of the author's captivating prose which can be shared with interested friends.

<https://lithub.com/minor-detail/>

"Adania Shibli: When the Present is Haunted by the Past" *Edinburgh International Book Festival* (2020, August 26)

Adania shares her inspiration for writing *Minor Detail*, including critical issues currently effecting Palestinians under occupation and interesting events that transpired during the 12 years it took to write it.

<https://www.edbookfest.co.uk/media-gallery/item/adania-shibli-when-the-present-is-haunted-by-the-past>

"The Words Will Find Their Place: Adania Shibli Interviewed by Mireille Juchau" *Bomb Magazine* (2020, September 17)

In this interview Adania describes some of the literary techniques used to convey a story of trauma and how her unconventional style of writing is used to bypass literary structures of power.

<https://bombmagazine.org/articles/adania-shibli-interviewed/>

"Quick facts: The Palestinian Nakba" *Institute for Middle East Understanding* (2015, May 13)

A brief overview of factual information surrounding the Nakba, including a timeline and statistics.

<https://imeu.org/article/quick-facts-the-palestinian-nakba>

"Ripples of Violence: Personal and Literary" *Brooklyn Book Festival* (2021)

Three authors (including Adania Shibli) are interviewed to discuss how violence is felt through generations and history and reflected in the literary work of various cultures.

<https://brooklynbookfestival.org/event/ripples-of-violence-personal-and-literary/>

"Palestine and Israel: Mapping an annexation" *Aljazeera* (2020, June 6)

This resource contains descriptive maps to illustrate the annexation of Palestinian territory over time.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/6/26/palestine-and-israel-mapping-an-annexation>

"Sheikh Jarrah explained: The past and present of East Jerusalem neighbourhood" *Middle East Eye* (2021)

The history and context surrounding a disputed neighborhood in East Jerusalem where Palestinians are being evicted to accommodate new Jewish settlements.

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/israel-palestine-sheikh-jarrah-jerusalem-neighbourhood-eviction-explained>

Recommended reading and viewing: Palestinian Literature, Archives and Libraries

"The Present" Directed by Farah Nabulsi (2020)

Available now on Netflix, this Oscar-nominated short-film is about a Palestinian man and his daughter who face great challenges on the road to finding an anniversary present for his wife, including soldiers, segregated roads, and checkpoints.

<https://www.thepresentfilm.com/watch-now-1>

"You Exist Too Much" by Zaina Arafat (2020)

The story of a Palestinian-American and her struggle to find belonging amid the tension of her traditional upbringing and queer lifestyle.

<https://bombmagazine.org/articles/zaina-arafat-interviewed/>

"Against the Loveless World" by Susan Abulhawa (2020)

This novel (written by the author of our One Book selection in 2015) is about a woman in an Israeli confinement cell who tells the story of her journeys in Kuwait, Iraq, Jordan, and Palestine and the powerful forces that drove her from place to place.

<https://www.worldliteraturetoday.org/2021/spring/against-loveless-world-susan-abulhawa>

"The Parisian" by Isabella Hammad (2019)

A story set in the pre-Nakba time period (1914) where the son of a Palestinian textile merchant finds himself in France studying medicine, only to discover that his greatest challenges are defining his identity in a foreign land and returning home to Nablus.

<https://www.worldliteraturetoday.org/2020/winter/parisian-isabella-hammad>

"Touch" by Adania Shibli (2010)

Another novel by Adania Shibli that tells the story of a young Palestinian girl by focusing on the details of her daily life in a vivid literary style that is unique to Shibli.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1192221/art-culture>

"I Saw Ramallah" by Mourid Barghouti (2003)

Winner of the Naguib Mahfouz Medal for Literature, this novel tells the story of a man from Ramallah who leaves his hometown to study at a university in Cairo, only to find that he is unable to return home because of the Six-Day War in 1967.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/books/reviews/i-saw-ramallah-by-mourid-barghouti-64959.html>

"Academic Libraries in Palestine: Challenges and frustrations of information access in the Palestinian territories" *George M. Eberhart* (2016, June 27)

Two academic library directors from universities in the West Bank describe some of the greatest challenges they face, including access to resources, training, and travel restrictions imposed by Israel.

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/academic-libraries-palestine/>

2020 Israeli settlements

Israeli settlers:
600,000 - 750,000

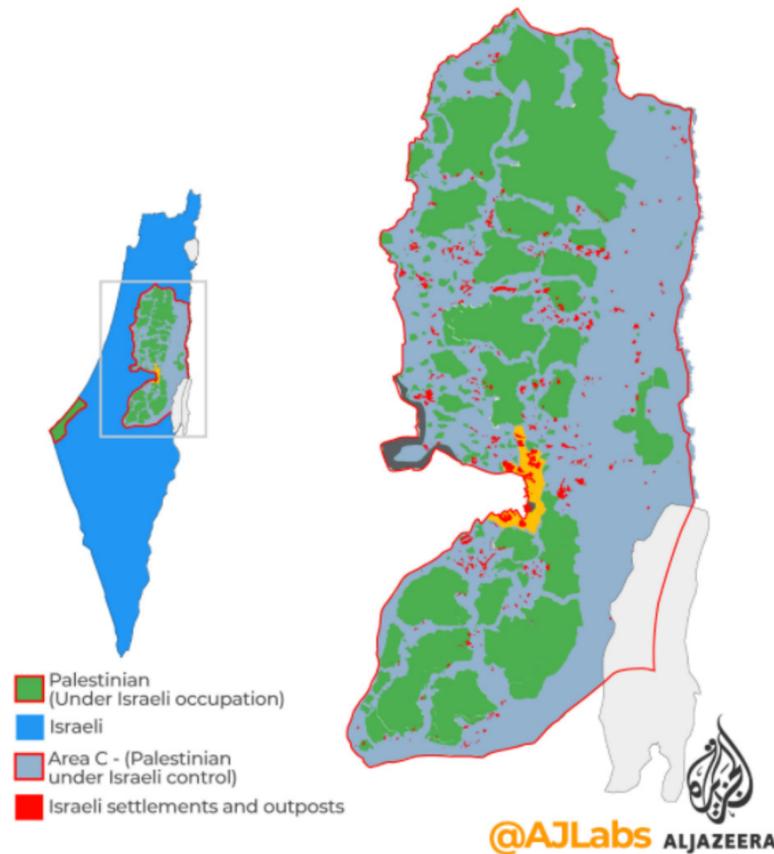
Settlements are Jewish communities built on Palestinian land.

There are between **600,000 - 750,000 Israeli settlers living in at least 250 settlements** in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem.

Israeli settlements are illegal under international law.

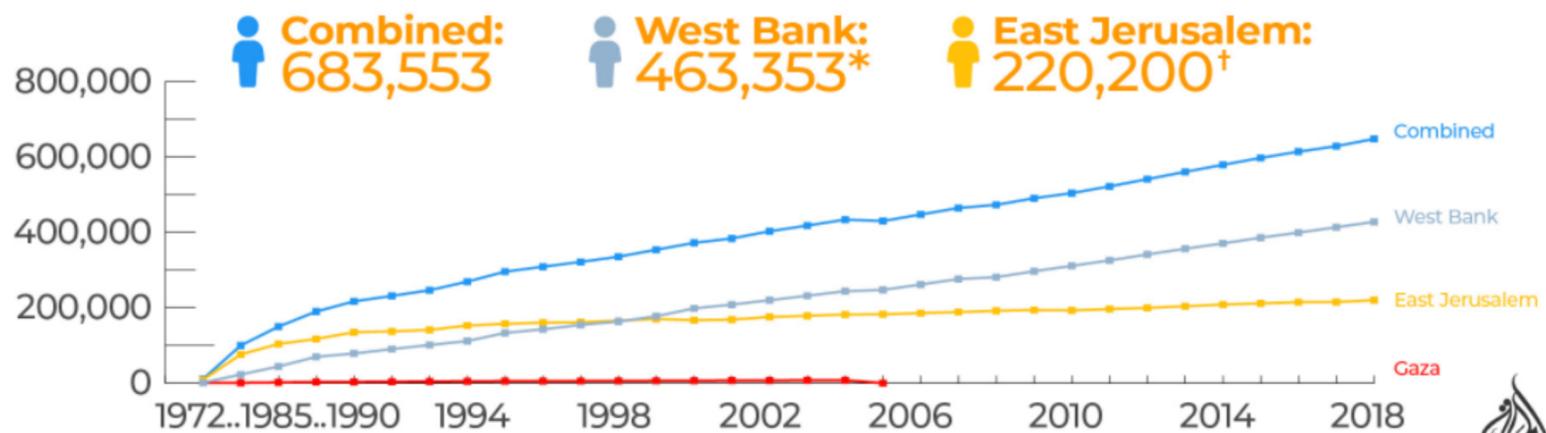


Source: B'Tselem (2017)



1972 - 2018 Israeli settler growth

The population of Israeli settlers in the West Bank and East Jerusalem is **growing at a faster rate** than the population of Israel. Roughly 10 percent of Israel's 6.8 million Jewish population live in these occupied Palestinian territories.



Sources: Chart - Foundation for Middle East Peace (1972 - 1999), PeaceNow (2000 - 2018).
* Israel Ministry of Interior (2020), † Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research (2020).

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These infographics from Aljazeera Media Network illustrate the distribution of Israeli settlements on the West Bank and in East Jerusalem. The rate of growth of Israeli settlers in these areas is higher than in the whole state of Israel.