



Seeking Palestine: New Palestinian Writing on Exile and Home

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Women Unlimited, New Delhi, 2012. Soft cover. Book Condition: New. ?Palestine-in-exile,? says Rana Barakat, ?is an idea, a love, a goal, a movement, a massacre, a march, a parade, a poem, a thesis, a novel and, yes, a commodity, as well as a people scattered, displaced, dispossessed and determined.? How do Palestinians live, imagine and reflect on home and exile in this period of a stateless and transitory Palestine, a deeply contested and crisis-ridden national project, and a sharp escalation in Israeli state violence and accompanying Palestinian oppression? How can exile and home be written? In this volume of new writing, fifteen innovative and outstanding Palestinian writers? essayists, poets, novelists, critics, artists and memoirists? respond with their reflections, experiences, memories and polemics. What is it like, in the words of Lila Abu-Lughod, to be ?drafted into being Palestinian?? What happens when you take your American children, as Sharif Elmus does, to the refugee camp where you were raised? And how can you convince, as Suad Amiry attempts to do, a weary airport official to continue searching for a code for a country that isn't recognised? Contributors probe the past through unconventional memories, reflecting on 1948 when it all began. But they are...



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