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Against The Wall: The Art Of Resistance In Palestine



Synopsis

This stunning book of photographs captures the graffiti and art that have transformed Israel's wall into a living canvas of resistance and solidarity. Featuring the work of artists Banksy, Ron English, Blu, and others, as well as Palestinian artists and activists, these photographs express outrage, compassion, and touching humor. They illustrate the wall's toll on lives and livelihoods, showing the hardship it has brought to tens of thousands of people, preventing their access to work, education, and vital medical care. Mixed with the images are portraits and vignettes, offering a heartfelt and inspiring account of a people determined to uphold their dignity in the face of profound injustice.

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Starred Review. In 2007, the elusive British street artist and activist Banksy initiated a collaboration in Bethlehem between international and Palestinian artists to draw attention to the Israeli wall built around occupied Palestine. In this elegantly realized photo book, journalist and photographer Parry combines images of the wall art, U.N. reports, and interviews with human rights observers and locals to critique the ongoing occupation and how the wall, specifically, facilitates the theft of land and water, the destruction of homes, and the extermination of Palestinian culture. Parry also reports that, while the majority of Palestinians welcomed the solidarity shown by Banksy and fellow artists,

cultural and political sensitivities were not always in harmony with a project some saw as beautifying an object of oppression and horror. Nevertheless, the graffiti, painting, and stenciling speak with uncommon force and imagination to the injustice advanced and symbolized by the snaking concrete embankment, three times the height of the Berlin Wall and planned to be more than 700 kilometers long, that, in Banksy's words, "turns Palestine into the world's largest open prison." The greatest eloquence, however, remains in those Palestinian voices collected here who speak urgently to the human tragedy and resilience on display in the shadow of the wall. (June) (c) Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved.

“The wall stands as a dreadful symbol of oppression. The spirit of resistance may be strong but Palestinians need international support. I hope this book makes that more likely.”
—Ken Loach, filmmaker

I love this book so so much.

The thing which is surprising is the non-violent resistance in the form of art which appears on the Separation Wall. The book is visually stunning

The author of this book compiles pictures by photographers and cartoonists of the graffiti on the "separation wall" between Israel and Palestinians. His commentary on these pictures furthers ones understanding of the gross injustice being done to the Palestinians by this wall, which is in fact, not for security, but for the purpose of absorbing more and more Palestinian land.

Amazing work by William Parry. It captures not only the artworks created on the wall but discusses all aspects of it and most important gives you a thorough background and understanding of this shameful wall.

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