



We're building a world where Palestine is liberated and all are free

It is with heavy hearts that we highlight Gaza for the November Newsletter. Gaza is an ancient city along the Mediterranean coast with a rich history dating back thousands of years. In the early 20th century, none of the people in Gaza could have envisioned that their historically rich coastal region, situated on ancient trading and maritime routes with open borders connecting Africa to Asia, would transform into the world's largest concentration camp, confining over two million Palestinians by the end of the century, with 50% of them under the age of 18, and 70% below the age of 24. Currently, Gaza is being bombarded again by Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF). Though Gaza has been the target of many attacks by the IOF, this current attack is unlike anything Gaza has seen in terms of ruthlessness and indiscriminate attacks. As of November 12th, over 11,000 Palestinians have been killed by the IOF, primarily in airstrikes. Over 40% of these deaths are children. Over 27,000 Palestinians have been injured, and are struggling to find treatment as hospitals in Gaza run out of supplies, fuel, and other necessities to keep the facilities running.

Gaza, the ancient Canaanite city, one of the world's oldest, was established nearly 5,000 years before the violent establishment of Israel. Before it became known as an open-air prison, Gaza was renowned for its stunning beaches, expansive shores, and fertile agricultural lands. The city was celebrated for its open-hearted hospitality, welcoming any traveler wishing to explore. There were once seven gates that were wide-open to travelers wishing to enter Gaza. They have now been replaced by three heavily armed, unsightly metal barriers that are only unlocked at the discretion of militant gatekeepers. Only the door of heaven remains opened for the

souls of Gaza's children, who decided to soar proudly to heaven without seeking permission from the blind and avaricious colonial world.



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The current genocide in Gaza has drawn global focus, as the Israeli Occupation Forces continues its ongoing attacks. But who are the people sharing the news? International journalists have been banned by Israeli authorities from entering Gaza, which has put the onus of spreading the truth on Palestinians in Gaza as they are trying to survive.

From January 2000 to October 6, 2023, before the start of the recent aggression, Israel murdered 36 journalists, from Palestine and beyond, including Al Jazeera's Palestinian-American journalist, Shireen Abu Akleh, who was killed by the IOF in May 2022 in the West Bank with no accountability.

42 journalists in Gaza have been murdered by the IOF since October 7, 2023. This makes Israel responsible for over half of the death of journalists worldwide, killed in international conflicts.

In the midst of dodging airstrikes and waiting hours in line for water, journalists like Moataz Azaiza, Abdallah Alattar, Bisan Owda, and Hind Khoudary continue to show the world the reality that Gaza is forced to live under. They are the heroes that they never signed up to be. Many journalists have even reported on the deaths of their own families. Al Jazeera veteran journalist, Wael Al-Dahdouh, reported on the deaths of his immediate families, including his wife, Amna, and two of his children, Sham and Mahmoud, as well as his grandson, who was only one-and-a-half years old. Aldahdouh returned to work the very next day, determined to continue reporting to the world what Gaza endures at the hands of the IOF.

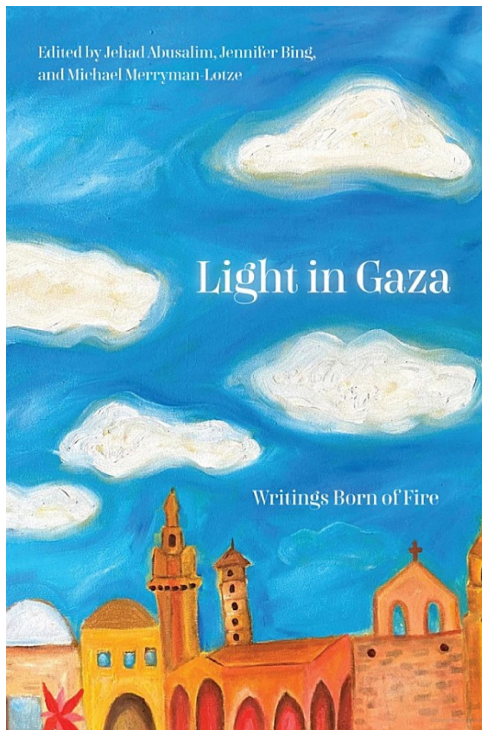
The Palestinian people in Gaza and throughout Palestine have continued to show strength, resilience, and steadfastness in ways that no human being should have to. Despite an Israeli imposed communications blackout, these journalists continue to risk their lives to document Gaza's truth. The reason they do this is not just so that we can see, but so that we can **ACT**, and we must act by demanding a ceasefire, now!

Follow our Instagram as we continue to honor and highlight these heroes: [@eyewitnesspalestine](https://www.instagram.com/eyewitnesspalestine)

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Recommended Read: *Light in Gaza: Writings Born of Fire*

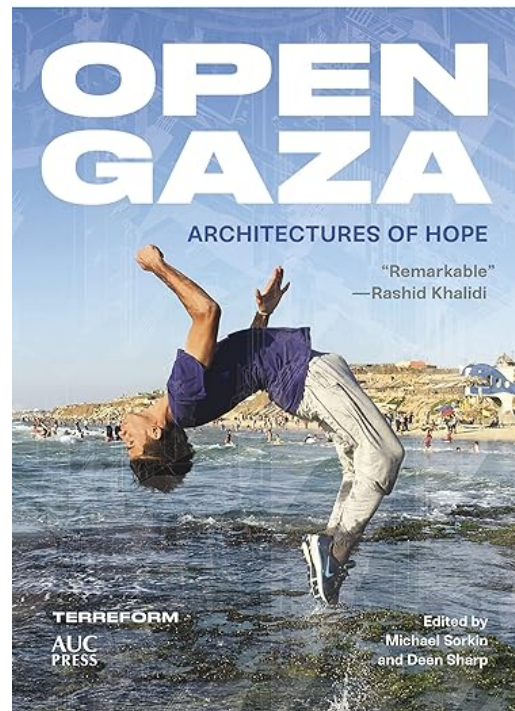
About the book: Imagining the future of Gaza beyond the cruelties of occupation and Apartheid, *Light in Gaza* is a powerful contribution to understanding Palestinian experience.

Gaza, home to two million people, continues to face suffocating conditions imposed by Israel. This distinctive anthology imagines what the future of Gaza could be, while reaffirming the critical role of Gaza in Palestinian identity, history, and struggle for liberation.

Light in Gaza is a seminal, moving and wide-ranging anthology of Palestinian writers and artists. It constitutes a collective effort to organize and center Palestinian voices in the ongoing struggle.

As political discourse shifts toward futurism as a means of reimagining a better way of living, beyond the violence and limitations of colonialism, *Light in Gaza* is an urgent and powerful intervention into an important political moment.

The e-book is currently available for [free at Haymarket Books](#).



Recommended Read: *Open Gaza*

About the Book: The Gaza Strip is one of the most beleaguered environments on earth. Cramped into a space of 139 square miles (360 square kilometers), 1.8 million people live under an Israeli siege, enforcing conditions that continue to plummet to ever more unimaginable depths of degradation and despair.

Gaza, however, is more than an endless encyclopedia of depressing statistics. It is also a place of fortitude, resistance, and imagination; a context in which inhabitants go to remarkable lengths to create the ordinary conditions of the everyday and to reject their exceptional status.

Inspired by Gaza's inhabitants, this book builds on the positive capabilities of Gazans. *Open Gaza* engages the Gaza Strip within and beyond the logics of siege and warfare, it considers how life can be improved inside the limitations imposed by the Israeli blockade, and outside the idiocy of violence and warfare.

The book is [available for purchase here](#).



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