



Sixty Years, Sixty Voices (2007)

“The foundations for lasting peace in the Middle East are embedded in the voices of these Israeli and Palestinian women. They know war and they know peace, they know weakness and strength and they know the human heart. In a torn land they find a common ground built out of wisdom, experience and because they have walked the walk. Here they stand and speak out, if we listen there is hope.”

A stunning book by Peace X Peace founder Patricia Smith Melton offers a rare perspective on the possibility of Middle East peace through the eyes of 30 Israeli and 30 Palestinian women whose practical approaches have already gained traction across both sides of the Wall. Printed in English, Hebrew, and Arabic, the book includes Israeli and Palestinian women’s voices equally.

Each profile is accompanied by an exquisite color photograph of the subject. Spotlighting the lives of women from every walk of life, *Sixty Years, Sixty Voices* illuminates each woman’s deepest feelings, visions, and hopes for peace along with the tactics they use every day to make peace a reality in their lives. From Knesset member to Bedouin shepherd turned community leader, from comedian to the widow of a Hamas principal, from prisoner to soldier, from rabbi to teacher of the disabled — thirty Israeli women and thirty Palestinian women say who they are, what they do, what they believe, what their life is like, and what is needed to build peace.

The result is a mosaic of 60 different lifetimes of struggle, spirit, and sheer leaps of faith in one of the most war-torn regions of the world. The collection of interviews, biographies, and photographs documents the power and experiences of these diverse women, who have struggled to find a mutual destiny where each can thrive.