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New book focuses on the unheard voices of the people living the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and provides distinctive insight into the motives and methods of Hezbollah

MINNEAPOLIS (MARCH 31, 2006) – In a courageous attempt to get past the political rhetoric that often overshadows the truth behind the Middle East conflict, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, writer Cathy Sultan has just completed *Israeli and Palestinian Voices: A Dialogue with Both Sides* (pub date March 2006).

The book, published by Scarletta Press, is a thorough and engrossing examination of the people who live the conflict day to day. Readers will be struck by the way a well-informed housewife transformed herself into an expert, and whose writing peels away preconceived ideas about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Sultan has taken responsibility for understanding what's going on in a region that threatens to explode into full-fledged war and undermine the security of the entire world.

*Israeli and Palestinian Voices* is a work uniquely designed for the interested non-expert, a book meant to open eyes to the human realities of life in Israel-Palestine, and to clearly show the thinking on all sides. Sultan uncovers just how many Arabs are in fact Christians, and how many Jews are deeply committed to peace. The amount of American tax dollars assigned to keeping the two sides from each other's throats will astound and infuriate the reader.

Part travelogue, part history, part sociology, *Israeli and Palestinian Voices* begins with a fascinating account of the Sultan's see-it-for-myself adventure in Jerusalem and Ramallah where she interviewed many people whose voices are seldom heard. The interviews are printed in full and are supported by a brief modern history of the Middle East tailored to fully inform people who

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care and vote. A series of useful maps allow the reader more orientation to the subject than is usual.

Sultan, whose first book *A Beirut Heart: One Woman's War* was also published by Scarletta Press, will be undertaking an extensive author tour in spring/summer and will be happy to talk about her book through live or print interviews, or via telephone interviews. *Israeli and Palestinian Voices: A Dialogue with Both Sides* by Cathy Sultan (ISBN 13: 978-0-9765201-2-2) will be available at fine bookstores, on Amazon.com, or direct at [www.scarlettapress.com](http://www.scarlettapress.com). It sells for \$15.95.

Advance praise for *Israeli And Palestinian Voices*:

*“Cathy Sultan had spent years in the Middle East, raising children in the midst of Lebanon’s civil war, and here uses her linguistic and human skills to interview people whose communities may be at odds, but who are finding ways to mediate conflict in their daily lives. Their reflections and feelings take us ‘beyond the sound bites’ in the only human way possible. Not to be caught in conflict while living through it is the greatest human achievement.”*

David Burrell, Hesburgh Professor of Philosophy and theology, University of Notre Dame

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