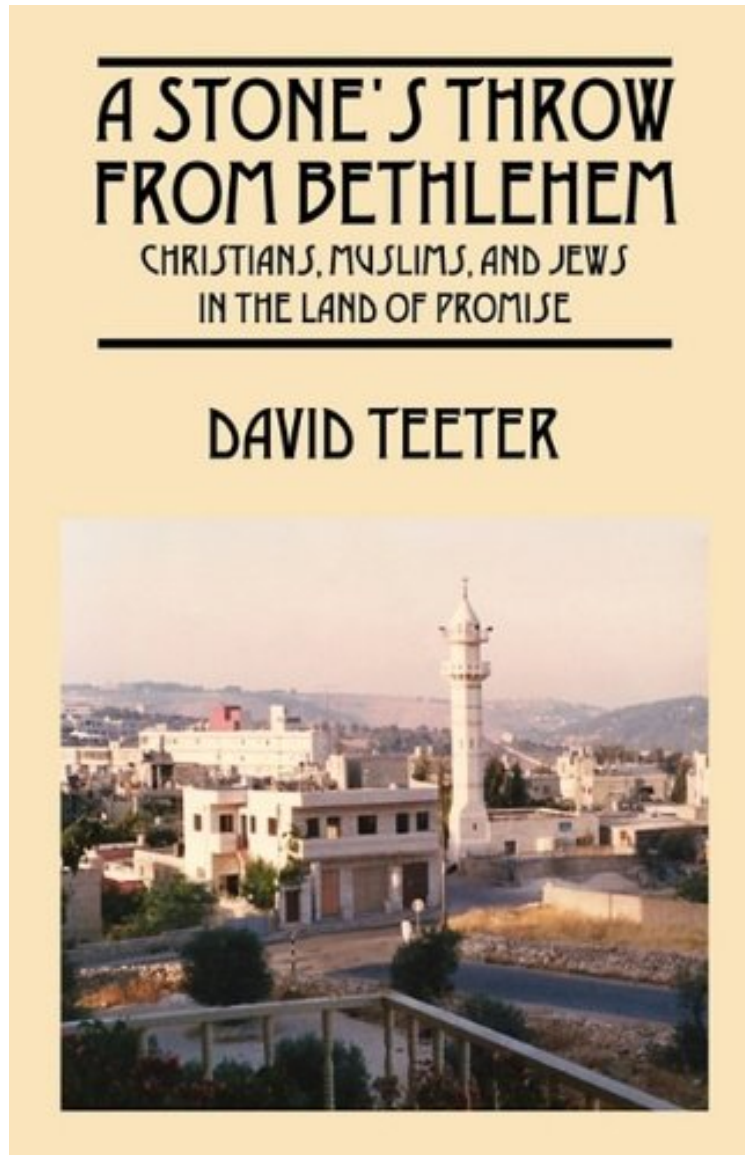


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Bethlehem a year ago, and ongoingly concerned about peace in the Middle East, I was disappointed to be reading a rather rambling memoir begun in 1977 and covering the next 11 years. I couldn't help but like the author, a very kind and open minded Lutheran pastor, but I didn't gain any fresh insights. The vocabulary and syntax were at almost "basic English" level. For people with no accurate knowledge of Islam, it would be helpful for its introductory information. I've never heard of the publisher, Outskirts Press. It did a very poor proof reading job. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. My perspective
By Frederick Mollon
I opened this book and from the first chapter, could not put it down. A well written, succinct account of one couple's journey to understanding and acceptance. David has a very clear and understandable style with which to tell the story of his journey into the wilderness of Palestine. A complex situation becomes a little easier to understand because he and his wife were able to set aside pre-judgments, and learn to understand and accept a new people, the Palestinians, so often vilified in public literature and the press. He even offers some good guidelines for the future of this troubled land, as God is allowed in. I would highly recommend this book to any who wish to begin a similar journey.
Now, just for the record, I will admit that I come to this book, and this story from a very unique perspective. I am the colleague, Fred Mollon, who with my family, worked so closely with the Teeters as mentioned in this book. But nonetheless, this book is factual, the anecdotes shared are by no means over stated, and the beauty of all the peoples who live in this troubled land is very clear. So please, read this book and walk with us on a wonderful journey, and let's find a new beginning, together.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great information for any tourist to better understand the people of Israel
By B. Eades
A great, fun-to-read book. Very interesting...read it in a few days! I recognized the photo on the cover instantly as Bethlehem (I took a similar photo while there!)
Having been to the Holyland a few times, this book was like turning the light on the hearts and mindset of the people there! I have been a pastor and world traveler for about 30 years now, and have studied Israel, Jordan, Egypt and surrounding areas extensively. Returning from Israel, I have always had questions about the interaction of Jews, Arabs and Palestinians in their day-to-day life. David Teeter's book has answered many of my questions. Now I better understand the continuing conflict of the region, and also, at times their semi-peaceful co-existence there. If you are traveling to Israel or have already been there, this book will open your eyes! Thanks David for following God's leading and for taking the time to write about your missionary work! You truly have a love for ALL of the peoples of the middle east!

This is the story of David and Willow Teeter's interfaith work with Christians, Muslims, and Jews in Israel and Palestine. David explores three intriguing ideas: 1. Can we be both "pro-Israel" and "pro-Palestine," and what does this mean? 2. Can Muslims be followers of Jesus while remaining Muslim, without converting to the Christian faith? 3. What are the prospects of peace? Can Israelis and Palestinians share the biblical "Land of Promise" in peace? This fast-paced story begins in a Jewish neighborhood in Jerusalem. It concludes in a safe house for Muslim students in Bethlehem. David and Willow moved to Israel in November of 1978. They lived for their first year in a Jewish neighborhood in Jerusalem. They made friends with their Jewish neighbors, while working with Christian Arab educators and pastors. David began a doctoral research project on Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations. He studied Judaism and Islam under Jewish and Muslim teachers. To further this research, David and Willow moved to the Palestinian village of Beit Jala, just a "stone's throw from Bethlehem." David taught at Bethlehem Bible College. Willow taught English at Bethlehem University. She began inviting her Muslim students to our apartment in Beit Jala. Students began bringing other students. This soon evolved into an off-campus Friendship Center in Bethlehem. Willow's Muslim students were curious about Christmas. Willow and David put on a feast for their Muslim friends. This became an annual event. It gave them many golden opportunities to talk about Jesus with their Muslim friends. David and Willow learned from their Muslim friends. Their Muslim friends learned from them. Their Muslim friends invited them to visit their families in the rural villages and refugee camps throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Palestinian Intifada (uprising) broke out in 1987. Living across the street from a refugee camp, the Teeter's were caught in the middle. These were times of extreme stress and danger, with moments of sheer terror. Friendship Center became a safe house where Muslim students could escape the violence raging all around them. The Israeli military and the PLO were both aware of the Friendship Center, but chose not to interfere. After a series of narrow escapes, David and his team left Bethlehem, in November of 1989. In Parts 2 and 3 of this book, David shares in the insights he has gained from these 11 momentous years in Israel and Palestine. Part 2 of this book explores the idea of Muslim followers of Jesus. David describes what it means to be a Muslim, what Muslims know about Jesus, and the difficult issues between Islam and Christianity. Part 3 discusses the obstacles and the prospects for peace between Israel and Palestine. He makes a biblical case for two peoples sharing the "Land of Promise." David tells the story from a pro-Israel, pro-Palestine perspective. He has lived and worked with people on both sides of the conflict. He recognizes that both sides have plenty of scars and bleeding wounds from their decades of bitter conflict. His Christian faith tells him that God has room in his heart for Israelis and Palestinians, Christians, Muslim, and Jews. Peace is not only possible; it

is God's intention for the people of this troubled land.