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Andrea Künzig
Visions: Palestine

An excellent photobook showing everyday-life in Israel and the Palestinian territories over the last ten years.

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The German photographer Andrea Künzig was on hand with her camera when Yassir Arafat crossed the border into the Gaza strip after 30 years of exile and the Palestinian territories became self-administered. Since then she has sensitively captured the hopes and feelings of the Palestinian people between peace efforts and armed conflicts.

The photo volume »Visions: Palestine« presents an impressive selection of colour photographs from the collection of over 1,000 pictures Künzig took between 1994 and 2004. The political dimension of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is always present as a kind of »subtext« in the photos. Beyond their aesthetic effect, Künzigs pictures have a symbolic power far exeding that of the daily news images – they sharpen anew our view of the situation of the people in this region.

»Andrea Künzig's photographs from Israel/Palestine immortalize the essential, the human aspect of the story; they give us a feeling of the people's suffering. They give a voice to those who can rarely find anyone who speaks for them, and they have a greater power of persuasion than a thousand words.« (Felicia Langer, winner of the alternative Nobel Prize)

Andrea Künzig, born 1963, studied political science in Berlin. Since 1994, she has worked as a freelance photographer for organizations such as World Vision, Amnesty International, and UNICEF. Her pictures of Africa and the Middle East have been published in GEO, Der Spiegel, Focus, Time Magazine, a.o. In 2001 she was nominated by UNICEF as one of the world's children photographers. She is represented by the photo agency *laif*.

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