

Raja Shehadeh



Raja Shehadeh is a writer and a lawyer who founded the pioneering Palestinian human rights organization Al-Haq, an affiliate of the International Commission of Jurists. His family was forced to leave Jaffa in 1948 and settled in Ramallah on the West Bank, where Raja lives today. After training as a barrister in London, he returned to Palestine where he pursues the cause of peace through his work and his writings. Raja is the author of several books on international law, human rights, and the Middle East, including *Occupier's Law* and

From Occupation to Interim Accords. His literary books include *Strangers in the House* (2002); *When the Bulbul Stopped Singing* (2003); *A Rift in Time: Travels with My Ottoman Uncle* (2010); *Occupation Diaries* (2012); *Language of War, Language of Peace* (2015); and *Palestinian Walks: Notes on a Vanishing Landscape* (2007), which won the 2008 Orwell Prize, Britain's pre-eminent award for political writing. His latest book, *Where the Line Is Drawn: Crossing Boundaries in Occupied Palestine*, was published in spring 2017. In addition to being a prolific writer, Raja is a passionate gardener.

