



CALL FOR PAPERS n. 2/2026 Journal «PAGINE GIOVANI»

«Pagine giovani», a biannual journal of children's literature founded in 1977, accredited in band A for area 11, sector 11/D1 (Historical, Philosophical, Pedagogical, Psychological Sciences), has scheduled for issue 2/2026 (July-December) a monographic insert dedicated to Palestine, entitled

The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in Children's and Young-adult Literature

The tormented land of Palestine, rich in biblical and evangelical references, has returned to the center of international media attention after the attack of October 7, 2023. But the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has bloodied this portion of the land of Canaan (and in particular the historic Judea and Samaria and the present-day Gaza Strip), well before that date and even before the 1947 UN resolution that laid the foundation for the birth of the State of Israel (1948). Its origins date back at least to the Jewish migrations following the disintegration of the Ottoman Empire or, during the British Mandate for Palestine, following the so-called "Balfour Declaration" (1917).

Over time, and more so today, the conflict has been the subject of different narratives, assessments, and sensitivity, in which ethnic, religious, ideological, and political party affiliations play a significant role, as do preconceptions and prejudices, often resistant even in the face of evidence. It is interesting to examine how the conflict and the reasons of the two sides are represented in recent and past children's and adolescent literature, as well as in primary school textbooks, both Italian and foreign, starting with Arab and Israeli ones. Are they able to rise to a higher level of objectivity, or do they become spokesmen for partisan positions? Do they convey messages of peace, in recognition of our common humanity, or do they fuel the already existing climate of hatred and violence?

Below are some possible areas for research and further exploration:

Palestine and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in children's and adolescent books and school textbooks published in Italy, Israel, Palestine, and other countries

Arabs in Israeli textbooks

Israelis in Palestinian textbooks

Palestine in the history of children's literature

The image of Palestine in children's nonfiction literature

Echoes of the Conflict in Children's Books

Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict in Children's and Early Adolescent Comics

The Arab-Israeli Conflict Told Through Comics and Graphic Novels

Illustrations in Children's Books About Palestine and/or the Ongoing Conflict

The October 7 Attack: Stories and Human Events

Bombings in Gaza, Violence in the West Bank: Children's Stories

The Palestinian Drama in Children's Poems

In the Horror of Conflict: The Contribution of Autobiographical Fiction

Does Empathy Still Exist? The Case of Israeli and Palestinian Children

Messages of Peace and Brotherhood in Children's Books and Poems, Films, and Children's Theatre

related to the Conflict

Biographies of key figures in peace policies between the two Peoples

News and current affairs websites and blogs on the topic

Mutual propaganda through social media and its effects on children and adolescents of the two Peoples (supported by statistical data)

Survey of what children know and perceive about the conflict through media channels

Interested parties may submit an abstract of approximately 1,000 characters, including spaces, in Italian and English, accompanied by a short biography and a brief bibliography, to the journal's editorial coordinator: claudiacamicia@libero.it **no later than January 31, 2026.**

Submitted proposals will be subject to a review process, the results of which will be communicated by **February 10, 2026.**

Articles, in Italian, English, or French (30,000 to 35,000 characters, including spaces), accompanied by an abstract in Italian and English and any relevant illustrations, must be received by June 30, 2026. They will undergo a double-blind peer review process. Publication is scheduled for **November 2026.**

For information about the journal: www.pagine-giovani.it