

Return

Why We Go Back to Where We Come From

by [Kamal Al-Solaylee](#)

About the Book

A *Globe and Mail*, *Hill Times* and CBC Best Book of the Year

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to return to your roots?

Drawing on astute political analysis and extensive reporting from around the world, *Return: Why We Go Back to Where We Come From* illuminates a personal quest. Kamal Al-Solaylee, author of the bestselling and award-winning *Intolerable: A Memoir of Extremes* and *Brown: What Being Brown in the World Today Means (to Everyone)*, yearns to return to his homeland of Yemen, now wracked by war, starvation and daily violence, to reconnect with his family. Yemen, as well as Egypt, another childhood home, call to him, even though he ran away from them in his youth and found peace and prosperity in Canada.

In *Return*, Al-Solaylee interviews dozens of people who have chosen to or long to return to their homelands, from Basques to Irish to Taiwanese. He does make a return of sorts himself, to the Middle East, visiting Israel and the West Bank, as well as Egypt. A chronicle of love and loss, of global reach and personal desires, *Return* is a book for anyone who has ever wondered what it would be like to return to their roots.