



## GAIL CHEHAB

### AUTHOR'S BIO

Award-winning Author, Gail Chehab, was born and raised in a small town nestled in the Hudson Valley just north of New York City. Not long after the birth of her first child, she took her first creative writing course at a local college. During the ten-week course, Gail began writing her first novel, *The Echo of Sand*, which would go on to win the *First Series Award for The Novel* at Mid-List Press.

Set in Gaza before the revolutionary events of the 'Arab Spring', THE TUNNEL takes us on a journey into the life of Omar Hamdan, a Palestinian and doting family man. Skirting the Israeli-imposed embargo in the Occupied Territories, Omar transports black market goods from Egypt to Gaza through his tunnel. However, complications arise for Omar and his family when his daughter, Hanan, is diagnosed with leukemia. Hanan is in urgent need of a bone marrow transplant, but treatment is impossible in Gaza. Refusing to give up hope however, Omar, his daughter and family travel back and forth through his tunnel for treatment in Egypt. Yet, each time they do so, they run the risk of getting caught. And time for Omar and his family is fast running out...

THE TUNNEL was awarded Second Place in the Roanoke Review's Annual Fiction Contest and was a Top Finalist for the Arthur Edelstein Prize. THE TUNNEL was also a Semi-Finalist for the William Faulkner-William Wisdom Competition, Salem College's International Literary Awards, and for The Ruth Hindman Foundation and the University of Alabama. In addition, the Summer Literary Seminars in Lithuania and Kenya awarded Gail a fellowship for THE TUNNEL.

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