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Jim miles of the Palestine Chronicle wrote, " In an interesting short work, Giving up is not an option – Memoirs of a Palestinian American, Hani Khoury outlines the thread of his life from growing up in Palestine followed by his move to the U.S. for educational purposes" (April 21, 2022; https://www.palestinechronicle.com/giving-up-is-not-an-aption-memoirs-of-a-palestinianamerican-book-review/?fbclid=IwAR2zsRJYMkepvh7AROI6Y2I7OuhG2WQUXNTQEYlfwTXknP7q-c4Cw_hoftk)