

Arab Labor

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One Man's Identity Crisis Becomes A Hilarious Yet Poignant Snapshot Of A People

Created by renowned author and columnist Sayed Kashua, *Arab Labor* explores the complexities and contradictions of this seemingly impossible moniker – Palestinian-Israeli. Lighthearted and satirical, this comedy-drama offers a fascinating and funny peek at the Arab-Jewish divide in Israel.

An Arab journalist for a successful Israeli newspaper, Amjad's awareness of his Palestinian identity conflicts with his desire to feel accepted in Israel, where he lived his entire life. His smart, opinionated wife, Bushra, feels proud of her Palestinian identity and does not share Amjad's aspiration to assimilate, and encourages her husband and their daughter, Maya, to embrace who they are.

Each episode finds Amjad in various predicaments that make him try to conceal any and all traces of his 'Arabness', while simultaneously embodying the exact stereotypes he vehemently denies. The result is a brilliant, laugh-out-loud comedy that delivers significant social commentary on the Palestinian-Israeli experience.

Created by Sayed Kashua, the Israeli-born Palestinian journalist who also wrote *The Writer*, *Arab Labor* ran for four seasons on Keshet 12, attracting an average audience share of 34%.



Genre: Drama

Duration: S1 11x30', S2 13x30', S3 10x30', S4 10x30'

Production Company: Dori Media and Paran Productions

Broadcaster: Keshet 12 (Israel)

Created by: Sayed Kashua

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