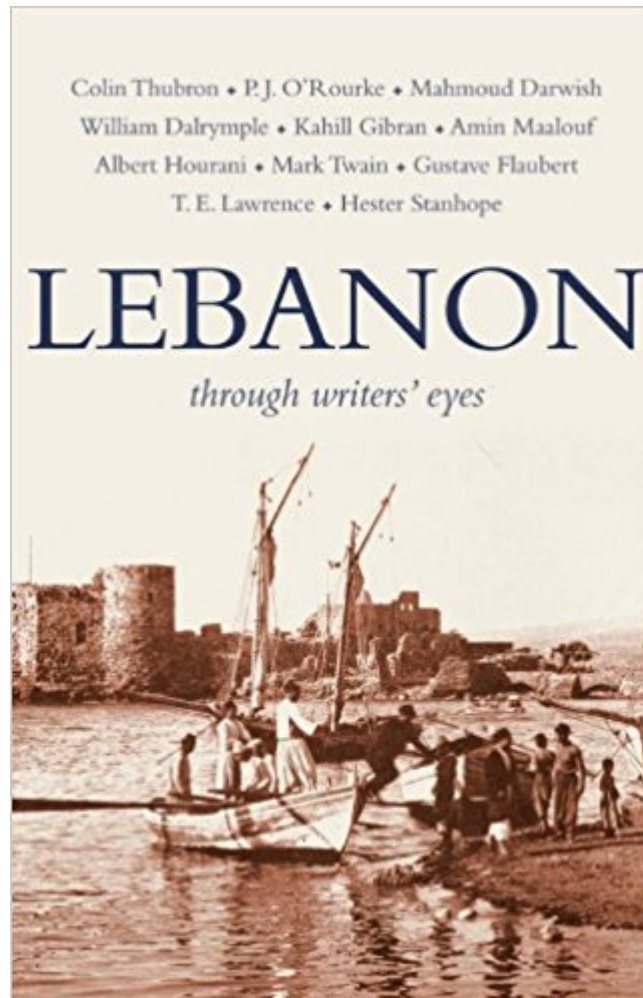




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Ted Gorton came early to Oriental studies, spending formative years in Turkey where his father was the US military attache, and studying at the American University of Beirut in the 1960's. He later took a doctorate in Arabic Studies from Oxford and lectured at St. Andrews University, from where he was lured away to Arabia, spending 25 years in the oil business before returning to his first love, Arabic poetry. Series.

I didn't want to put this book down! The texts, mostly from foreigners who traveled through Lebanon, describe the history and the beauty of the country wonderfully. I opened the book expecting to encounter war, anger, and grief, and while the writing does justice to these hard facts of Lebanese life, it also celebrates the place in such a vivid way that the landscapes and communities feel familiar to me now. I especially loved the variety among the contributors - from Lucian to Colin Thubron, there's a real richness of elegant and funny voices to discover. I wish I'd read this before

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