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Traces the history, landscape, culture, and resources of this large Middle Eastern country currently in political and religious turmoil. "Five thousand years of history were here and the pattern was still unchanged." During the years he spent among the Marsh Arabs of southern Iraq, Wilfred Thesiger came to understand, admire and share a way of life that had endured for many centuries. Travelling from village to village by canoe, he won acceptance by dispensing medicines and treating the sick. In this account of his time there, he pays tribute to the hospitality, loyalty, courage and endurance of the people, describes their impressive reed houses, the waterways and lakes teeming with wildlife, the herding of buffalo and hunting of wild boar, moments of tragedy and moments of pure comedy, all in vivid, engaging detail. Untouched by the modern world until recently, these independent people, their way of life and their surroundings suffered widespread destruction under the regime of Saddam Hussein. Wilfred Thesiger's magnificent account of his time spent among them is a moving testament to their now threatened culture and the landscape they inhabit. "A first novel of considerable maturity: powerful, original, cunningly constructed, and timely." —Julian Barnes, author of *The Sense of an Ending* After years alone in a cell, an aging prisoner is released without explanation, expelled into a great city now utterly unfamiliar to him. Broken by years of brutality at the hands of the prison guards, he scrounges for scraps, sleeping wild, until a museum curator rescues him from an assault. The museum has just opened its

most controversial exhibit: a perfect replica of the marshes, an expansive wilderness still wracked by conflict. There the man had spent years as a doctor among the hated and feared marshmen, who have been colonized but never conquered. Then *Marshlands* reveals one of its many surprises: it is written in reverse. The novel leaps backward once, twice, returning to the marshes and unraveling time to reveal the doctor's ambiguous relationship to the austere beautiful land and its people. As the pieces of his past come together, a great crime and its consequences begin to take shape. The true nature of the crime and who committed it will be saved for the breathtaking ending—or, rather, for the beginning. In the tradition of Wilfred Thesiger's *The Marsh Arabs* and J. M. Coetzee's *Waiting for the Barbarians*, *Marshlands* explores a culture virtually snuffed out under Saddam Hussein, and how we cement our identities by pointing at someone to call "other." Elegant, brief, and searing, Matthew Olshan's *Marshlands* shivers with the life of a fragile, lost world. **Abstract:** In 1991, the Marsh Arabs of Iraq revolted against the government of Saddam Hussein. Hussein responded by undertaking self-declared development projects in the Marshlands, draining the region of water. Without the ability to practice traditional economic and social activities, which relied on their proximate environment, the majority of the Marsh Arab community was displaced. The project resulted in the desertification of an area nearly the size of the Aral Sea, what archeologists have described as environmental genocide. In 2003, the US government embarked on a restoration program to divert water back to the marshlands and improve the available social services in marsh region. The project has succeeded in restoring a significant proportion of the marshes. However, large numbers of the Marsh Arabs have not returned to the land, calling into question such a project's ability to achieve more than environmental regeneration. This thesis examines the effects of environmental destruction and restoration on a community and its culture, using the Marsh Arabs as a case study. It asks whether the US-led environmental restoration program has restored the Marsh Arabs' culture. This thesis argues that the Hussein's development project led to cultural loss that was not rectified by the American restoration program. In making this argument the thesis examines changes in: a) the economic activities, daily tasks and routines of the Marsh Arabs; and b) the transmission of traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) to younger generations. **Story** of five years of travel with the nomad Arabs in the unknown deserts of Southern Arabia. The Arab tribes of Iraq differ widely in custom but remain in all essentials of thought and conduct a distinctive and unique group. Their land embraces wide deserts, fertile fields and boundless swamps; its unique features shape the lives of its people. Taking the figure of Haji Rikkan as a central focus, the writer-traveller attempts to create a picture of Arab tribal life as a whole. An account

of Arab tribal life in two of the confederations of Iraq, the Albu Mohammad and the Bani Lām. The Arab tribes of Iraq differ widely in custom but remain in all essentials of thought and conduct a distinctive and unique group. Their land embraces wide deserts, fertile fields and boundless swamps; its unique features shape the lives of its people. Taking the figure of Haji Rikkan as a central focus, the writer-traveller attempts to create a picture of Arab tribal life as a whole. Please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free sources online. Pages: 26. Chapters: Assyrian people, Negev Bedouin, Marsh Arabs, Bahrani people, Qashqai, Bakhtiari people, Lurs, Anatolians, Haft Lang, Sardar Meer Notak Khan. Excerpt: The Assyrian people (originally and most commonly known as Assyrians and other later variants of the name, such as; Syriacs, Syriac Christians, Suroye/Suryoye, Chaldo-Assyrians, see names of Syriac Christians) are a distinct ethnic group whose origins lie in Mesopotamia. Today that ancient territory is part of several nations; the Assyrian/Chaldean/Syriac people have been minorities under other ethnic groups' rule since late antiquity. They are indigenous to, and have traditionally lived all over Iraq, northeast Syria, northwest Iran, and the Southeastern Anatolia region of Turkey. Many have migrated to the Caucasus, North America, Australia and Europe during the past century. Diaspora and refugee communities are based in Europe (particularly Sweden, Great Britain, Denmark, Germany and France), North America, Australia, New Zealand, Lebanon, Armenia, Georgia, southern Russia and Jordan. Emigration was triggered by such events as the Assyrian genocide in the wake of the First World War during the breakup of the Ottoman Empire, the Simele massacre in Iraq (1933), the Islamic revolution in Iran (1979), Arab Nationalist Baathist policies in Iraq and Syria, the Al-Anfal Campaign of Saddam Hussein. and to some degree Kurdish nationalist policies in northern Iraq. The major sub-ethnic division is between an Eastern group ("Assyrian Church of the East" Assyrian "Chaldean Christians," "Syriac Orthodox," and "Ancient Church of the East") indigenous to Iraq, northwest Iran, northeast Syria and southeast Turkey, and a Western one ("Syrian Jacobites"). Most recently the Iraq War has displaced the regional Assyrian community, as its people have faced ethnic and religious... It was the legendary traveller Wilfred Thesiger who first introduced Gavin Young to the Marshes of Iraq. Since then Young has been entranced by both the beauty of the Marshes and by the Marsh Arabs who inhabit them, a people whose lifestyle is almost unchanged from that of their predecessors, the Ancient Sumerians. On his return to the Marshes some years later Gavin Young found that the twentieth-century had rudely intruded on this lifestyle and that war was threatening to make the Marsh Arabs existence extinct. *Return to the Marshes*, first published in 1977, is at once a moving tribute to a unique way of life as well as a love story to

a place and its people. 'A superbly written essay which combines warmth of personal tone, a good deal of easy historical scholarship and a talent for vivid description rarely found outside good fiction.' Jonathan Raban, Sunday Times

The gripping history of the devastation and resurrection of the Marshes of Iraq, an environmental treasure of the Middle East, now a protected site. The Mesopotamian Marshes in southern Iraq, once the largest wetland system on the planet, have been inhabited for thousands of years by the Ma'dan, or Marsh Arabs, but they remain remote, isolated, and virtually unknown. In the early 1990s, the Saddam Hussein regime drained the Marshes and set out to destroy not only a critical ecosystem but a unique way of life as well. It stands as one of the greatest environmental and humanitarian disasters of the twentieth century. In the wake of the 2003 US invasion of Iraq, local residents destroyed the earthen dams built to divert water from the wetlands and the Marshes were reflooded. Their future, however, is in peril. The Ghosts of Iraq's Marshes tells the history of the creation, destruction, and revitalization of the Marshes and their inhabitants against the backdrop of the dramatic events that have convulsed Iraq in the past fifty years. It follows the life of Jassim al-Asadi, an irrigation engineer who was jailed and tortured under Saddam Hussein and who subsequently dedicated his life to the reflooding and restoration of the Marshes. He eventually contributed to the Marshes being declared a UNESCO World Heritage site. Jassim is eminently relatable, and the stories of his life and other marsh dwellers are infused with pathos, tragedy, humor, and passion. A basic overview of the history, geography, climate, and culture of Iraq. Contains 17 contributions addressing the many human and environmental dimensions of the assault on the Iraqi marshlands by the government of Saddam Hussein during the 1980s and 1990s. This volume is based on the second and final report on the Marshlands and Marsh Dwellers of Southern Mesopotamia. Saddam Hussein, one of the world's most infamous dictators, rose to power through Iraq's powerful Baath Party and became the nation's president in 1979. His goals included achieving pan-Arabism, more evenly distributing the nation's oil wealth, and extending the party's power by reaching into every aspect of Iraqis' lives. However, through his failed economic programs, greed, corruption, and the murder of thousands, Hussein and his government brought ruin to the nation. His dictatorship came to an end with the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003. Saddam was later captured by U.S. forces, tried in an Iraqi court and convicted of mass murder, and executed in 2006 by Iraqi authorities. Read this book to learn more about the internal workings of one of the world's most devastating dictatorships. "Five thousand years of history were here and the pattern was still unchanged." During the years he spent among the Marsh Arabs of southern Iraq, Wilfred Thesiger came to understand, admire and share a way of life that had endured for many centuries. Travelling from village to village by canoe, he won acceptance by dispensing medicines and treating the sick. In this account of his time there, he pays tribute to the hospitality, loyalty, courage and endurance of the people, describes their impressive reed houses, the waterways and lakes teeming with wildlife, the herding of

buffalo and hunting of wild boar, moments of tragedy and moments of pure comedy, all in vivid, engaging detail. Untouched by the modern world until recently, these independent people, their way of life and their surroundings suffered widespread destruction under the regime of Saddam Hussein. Wilfred Thesiger's magnificent account of his time spent among them is a moving testament to their now threatened culture and the landscape they inhabit. The Assisting Marsh Arabs and Refugees (AMAR) International Charitable Foundation, a nongovernmental organization located in London, England, was established to provide humanitarian aid for refugees in southern Iran and the Iraqi Marshlands. The foundation also provides emergency relief and medical facilities in Lebanon and supports orphanages in Romania. The foundation includes information about its finances, projects, and other humanitarian activities. The Iraq war has caused a power vacuum, a situation Iran and its spymasters are keen to exploit. They have sent their most malevolent agent and his two sadistic henchmen to infiltrate a resettled tribe of Marsh Arabs, create a conflict with another local tribe and to destabilise the controlled southern area. Casualties are mounting in both tribes. The consequences of the British not getting to grips with the situation will be the escalation of violence spreading across the region and the loss of their tenuous hold on any perceived power. After numerous ceasefires have been broken, Staff Sergeant Dray, a reservist and experienced detective, has been tasked to find the root cause of the problem. With continuing atrocities, attacks on British patrols, kidnappings and internal tensions on all sides, can Dray, helped by his trusted interpreter, prevent any further bloodshed and stop Iran's agent from completing his deadly mission? All profits from the sale of this book will be donated by the author to The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Rare and visually stunning images of a lost world. This remarkable collection of photographs, captured by internationally acclaimed photojournalist Tor Eigeland in 1967, offers unprecedented insight into the daily life of the Marsh Arabs of Iraq. These photographs illustrate the beauty of this unique environment—the marshlands between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers—and show a culture that existed practically unchanged for over 2,000 years. Some have even speculated that this place was the site of the original Garden of Eden. Under Saddam Hussein's rule, vast areas of the marshlands were dammed and drained, causing catastrophic environmental damage and brutally forcing the marshes' inhabitants to abandon their way of life. Now Tor Eigeland's photographic journey stands as a monument, a rare record of a lost world and an ancient civilization. These precious photographs celebrate the people and culture of the marshlands and bring us back to a time and place where people lived in harmony with their environment. In the course of his long and distinguished career, Tor Eigeland has been published in such publications as Time-Life Books, Fortune, Newsweek, and Saudi Aramco World, to name but a few. He has collaborated on ten books for the National Geographic Society, and his assignments have taken him to some of the most remote corners of the globe. He now resides in the south of France. What can the present tell us about the past?

From 1968 to 1990, Edward Ochsenchlagler conducted ethnoarchaeological fieldwork near a mound called al-Hiba, in the marshes of southern Iraq. In examining the material culture of three tribes—their use of mud, reed, wood, and bitumen, and their husbandry of cattle, water buffalo, and sheep—he chronicles what is now a lost way of life. He helps us understand ancient manufacturing processes, an artifact's significance and the skill of those who create and use it, and the substantial moral authority wielded by village craftspeople. He reveals the complexities involved in the process of change, both natural and enforced. Al-Hiba contains the remains of Sumerian people who lived in the marshes more than 5,000 years ago in a similar ecological setting, using similar material resources. The archaeological evidence provides insights into everyday life in antiquity. Ochsenchlagler enhances the comparisons of past and present by extensive illustrations from his fieldwork and also from the University Museum's rare archival photographs taken in the late nineteenth century by John Henry Haynes. This was long before Saddam Hussein drove one of the tribes from the marshes, forced the Bedouin to live elsewhere, and irrevocably changed the lives of those who tried to stay. Description: A view of a group of local traditional buildings in a desert landscape. A portrait of the marsh Arabs of southern Iraq, and their disappearing way of life. An adventurous diplomat's "engrossing and often darkly humorous" memoir of working with Iraqis after the fall of Saddam Hussein (Publishers Weekly). In August 2003, at the age of thirty, Rory Stewart took a taxi from Jordan to Baghdad. A Farsi-speaking British diplomat who had recently completed an epic walk from Turkey to Bangladesh, he was soon appointed deputy governor of Amarah and then Nasiriyah, provinces in the remote, impoverished marsh regions of southern Iraq. He spent the next eleven months negotiating hostage releases, holding elections, and splicing together some semblance of an infrastructure for a population of millions teetering on the brink of civil war. The Prince of the Marshes tells the story of Stewart's year. As a participant he takes us inside the occupation and beyond the Green Zone, introducing us to a colorful cast of Iraqis and revealing the complexity and fragility of a society we struggle to understand. By turns funny and harrowing, moving and incisive, it amounts to a unique portrait of heroism and the tragedy that intervention inevitably courts in the modern age. With a penchant for wine and women, Tyler is not the kind of man to let the law stand in his way. Rich, arrogant and spoiled, when his love of wine and cognac leads to the death of a young couple walking along a country lane, he'll do anything to avoid the consequences - including driving his car to his property in Mallorca so the English police can't examine it. When Superior Chief Salas orders all inspectors on the island to determine whether Tyler is in their area, laid-back Inspector Enrique Alvarez regards it, like all work, as an unwanted interruption to his lifestyle. He soon discovers, however, that this routine inquiry has far-reaching consequences he could never have foreseen. "Between 1951 and 1958 Wilfred Thesiger spent several months of each year living among the tribal Marsh Arabs of Southern Iraq. As he travelled from village to village by canoe, he won

acceptance by dispensing medicines and treating the sick and soon came to understand and share a way of life that had endured for many centuries. This account of his experiences describes a people who until recently were untouched by the modern world, living completely water-dominated lives: fishing with spears, drinking water-buffalo milk, building islands and intricate stilt houses from the gigantic reeds. The Marsh Arabs pay tribute to their hospitality, loyalty, courage and endurance and is a moving testament to their threatened culture." "This edition includes an introduction by Jon Lee Anderson discussing Thesiger's views of the places and people he visited, Saddam Hussein's destruction of the marshlands and the possibilities for their restoration."--Jacket. Please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free

sources online. Pages: 49. Chapters: Kurdish people, Yazidi, Minorities in Iraq, Adyghe people, Assyrians in Iraq, Chechen people, Iraqi Turkmens, Marsh Arabs, Bahrani people, Armenians in Iraq, Dulaim, Shabak people, The Last Assyrians, Kasi, Dom people, Afro Iraqis, Circassians Majlis, Rashaida people, Zangana, Mirawdale, Pakistanis in Iraq, Kawliya, Sanjabi. This text is for those wishing to develop an understanding of a cultural legacy and lifestyle that survives today only as a fragmented cultural inheritance. The book illustrates how the economy and lives of the Ma'dan (Marsh Arabs) that spans over 5000 years remained similar to the ancient practices of their Sumerian forebears. The Iraq war has caused a power vacuum, a situation Iran and its spymasters are keen to exploit. They have sent their most malevolent agent and his two sadistic henchmen to infiltrate a

resettled tribe of Marsh Arabs, create a conflict with another local tribe and to destabilise the controlled southern area. Casualties are mounting in both tribes. The consequences of the British not getting to grips with the situation will be the escalation of violence spreading across the region and the loss of their tenuous hold on any perceived power. After numerous ceasefires have been broken, Staff Sergeant Dray, a reservist and experienced detective, has been tasked to find the root cause of the problem. With continuing atrocities, attacks on British patrols, kidnappings and internal tensions on all sides, can Dray, helped by his trusted interpreter, prevent any further bloodshed and stop Iran's agent from completing his deadly mission? All profits from the sale of this book will be donated by the author to The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.