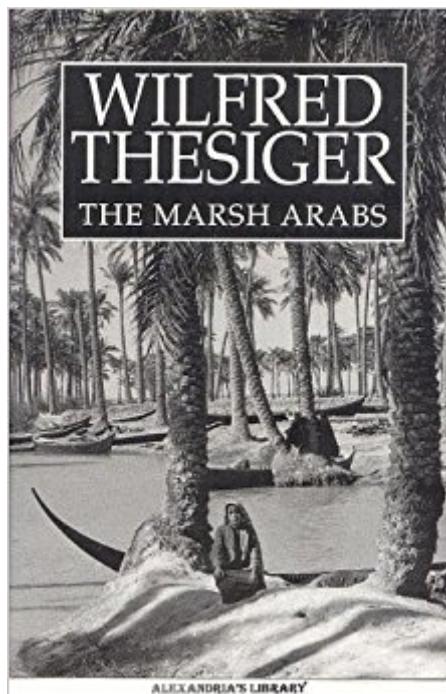


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Thesiger's travels through the lands of 'Arabia', and his observations about the people who lived there, are important...and wonderful. I don't know why this book is out of print, since it describes brilliantly (and compassionately) the now-vanished world of Iraq's Marsh Arabs. This book was written in the mid-20th century, about the tribes who live/d at the confluence of the Tigris & Euphrates rivers. They lived (and are still trying to live) in what is probably the cradle of civilization, although Sadaam Hussein drained the marshes to end the resistance of the tribes there.

Westerners struggling to understand the middle-east can start with anything by Thesiger. He retained some of the British Imperialist condescension toward Arabs, but seemed to feel a similar condescension toward his British peers...kind of a cranky guy. The book is great, though: c'mon somebody: get this book back into print!!

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