

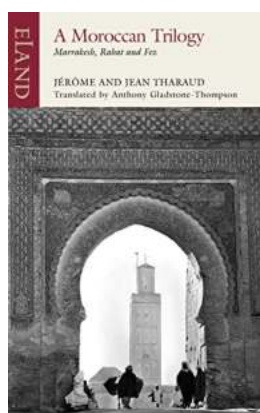
The Enchanting Moroccan Trilogy: Discover Marrakesh, Rabat, and Fez

Welcome to the magical world of Morocco, where vibrant colors, intricate architecture, and rich cultural heritage await you at every turn. In this article, we will take you on a journey through the fascinating Moroccan trilogy of Marrakesh, Rabat, and Fez, showcasing their unique charm, captivating history, and distinct identities.

Marrakesh: The Jewel of Morocco

Nestled at the foot of the Atlas Mountains, Marrakesh is a sensory overload that will leave you breathless. The city's bustling medina, known as the "Red City" due to its distinct terracotta-colored buildings, promises an unforgettable adventure.

As you navigate through its labyrinthine streets, the vibrant souks will entice you with their aromatic spices, colorful textiles, and dazzling crafts. Lose yourself in the kaleidoscope of colors and scents, haggle with local vendors, and emerge with unique treasures to remember your journey by.



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A visit to Marrakesh would not be complete without exploring its iconic landmarks. The majestic Koutoubia Mosque, with its towering minaret, dominates the city's skyline and provides a spiritual oasis amidst the bustling streets. The Bahia Palace, an architectural masterpiece adorned with intricate tiles and tranquil gardens, offers a glimpse into Morocco's opulent past.

If you seek respite from the chaos, the serene Jardin Majorelle is a hidden gem. This enchanting garden, once owned by French painter Jacques Majorelle and later restored by fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent, showcases an array of exotic plants surrounded by vibrant blue buildings, creating a picturesque oasis where time seems to stand still.

Rabat: The Capital of Moroccan Elegance

As the political and administrative capital of Morocco, Rabat exudes an air of sophistication and refinement. Its juxtaposition of modernity and tradition is apparent in the blend of architectural styles found throughout the city.

Start your exploration in the historic medina, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where narrow alleys lead to hidden treasures. Marvel at the intricate mosaics and arches of the elegant Kasbah of the Udayas, boasting breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean. The Hassan Tower, an incomplete minaret of a mosque dating back to the 12th century, stands as a testament to Morocco's glorious past.

A stroll along Rabat's lively waterfront promenade, known as the Corniche, offers panoramic vistas of the sea and a glimpse into the city's vibrant modern lifestyle. Indulge in the local cuisine, savoring traditional Moroccan delicacies such as

couscous, tagines, and mint tea, while immersing yourself in the lively atmosphere.

For a cultural experience like no other, a visit to the Mohammed VI Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art is a must. This architectural masterpiece houses an extensive collection of Moroccan art, giving you a deeper understanding of the country's creativity and artistic heritage.

Fez: The Ancient Heart of Morocco

Prepare to step back in time as you enter Fez, a city that has preserved its medieval architecture and centuries-old traditions with great pride. Considered the cultural and spiritual capital of Morocco, Fez is a living testament to the country's illustrious past.

Begin your journey by wandering through the medina, another UNESCO World Heritage site, where the sounds of artisans honing their crafts fill the air. The tanneries of Fez are a sight to behold, with workers immersed in colorful dye-filled vats, transforming raw hides into beautifully crafted leather products.

As you venture deeper into the labyrinthine streets, you will stumble upon stunning architectural treasures such as the Bou Inania Madrasa, an intricately decorated Islamic school, and the Al-Attarine Madrasa, adorned with marvelous mosaics and ornate woodwork.

The University of Al Quaraouiyine, founded in 859 AD, holds the distinction of being the oldest continuously operating university in the world. Pay a visit to this esteemed institution and soak in the wisdom that has been passed down through generations.

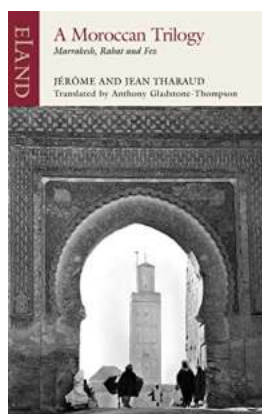
Fez is also famous for its traditional arts and crafts, including pottery, metalwork, and intricate embroidery. Journey through the many artisan workshops and witness the mastery behind these timeless crafts, perhaps even taking home a unique piece to remind you of Fez's enchantment.

The Moroccan Trilogy: A Journey Like No Other

Marrakesh, Rabat, and Fez together form a Moroccan trilogy that showcases the diverse facets of this captivating country. Whether you seek vibrant markets, historical wonders, or cultural immersion, this trilogy will leave an indelible mark on your soul.

Indulge in the flavors, immerse yourself in the enchanting architecture, and embrace the warmth of Moroccan hospitality. From the bustling streets of Marrakesh to the refined elegance of Rabat and the ancient majesty of Fez, each city offers a unique experience, rich in history, culture, and beauty.

Prepare to be transported to a world where time seems to stand still, as you embark on an unforgettable journey through the Moroccan trilogy of Marrakesh, Rabat, and Fez.



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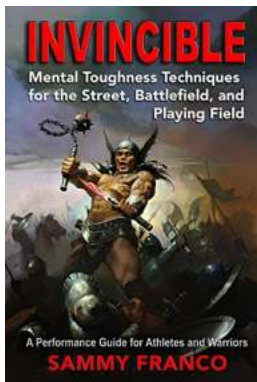
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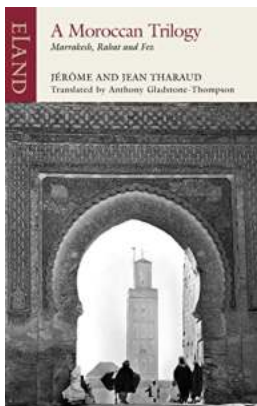


From 1917–19, the Tharaud brothers immersed themselves in Morocco while observing the determined imposition of the French Protectorate at first hand. With unique access to both colonial manoeuvres and a now-vanished Moroccan way of life, they settled for periods in Marrakesh, Rabat and Fez to absorb and observe. We join them on visits to the Sultan one day and to the shrine of Sidi Ben Achir – part shrine, part mental asylum – on another. They watch the son and heir of the Glaoui dynasty die from wounds received in a mountain battle, and lovers weaving and ducking across the rooftops of Fez to reach their trysting place. This is the first translation of these vivacious works into English, giving access to the majesty, the squalor and above all the liveliness of this extraordinary period of Moroccan history.



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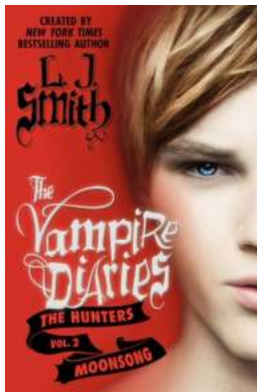
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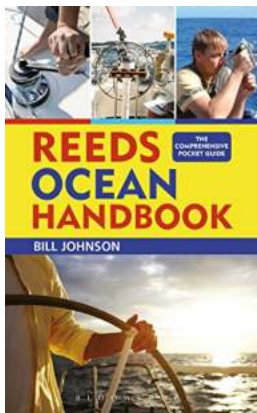
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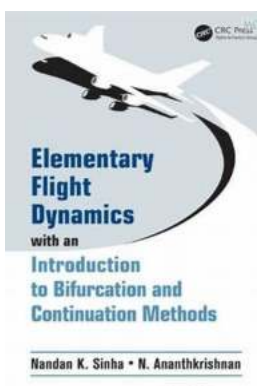
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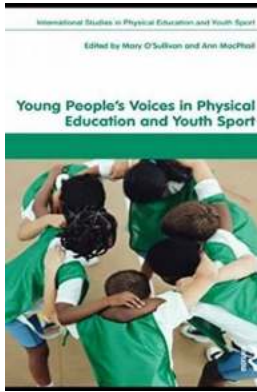
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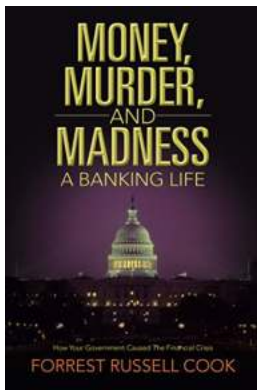
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