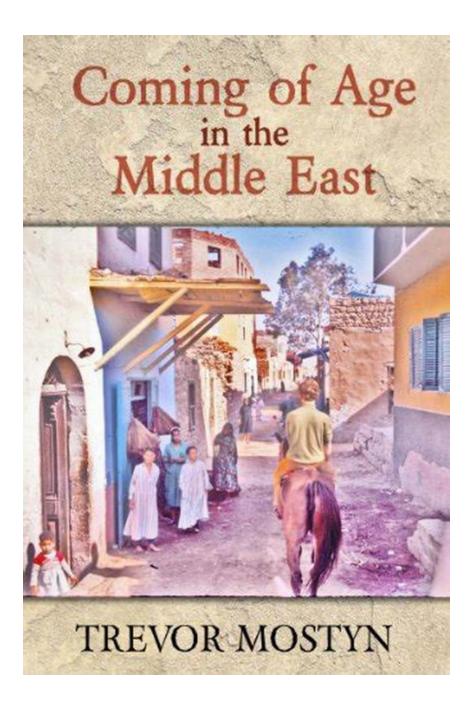
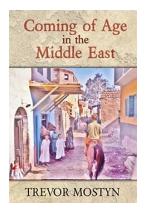
## The Middle East Mirrored Through The Eyes Of Daredevil Traveller



The Middle East, a region shrouded in mystery and intrigue, beckons travelers from around the world with its rich history, vibrant culture, and breathtaking landscapes. It is a destination that has long captured the imaginations of adventurers and explorers, but few have truly experienced it through the eyes of a daredevil traveller.

Meet John, an adrenaline-obsessed daredevil with a wanderlust spirit, always seeking out the next thrilling adventure. John's journey through the Middle East offers a unique perspective on this captivating region, defying stereotypes and showcasing its true essence.



### Coming of Age in The Middle East: The Middle East mirrored through the eyes of a daredevil

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#### Embarking on a Journey

John's Middle Eastern adventure begins in the bustling city of Cairo, Egypt. Venturing into the heart of the ancient world, he explores the iconic pyramids of Giza and the mesmerizing Sphinx. As the sun sets, he rides a camel across the vast desert, immersing himself in the awe-inspiring beauty of the Sahara. From Egypt, John ventures into Jordan, a country known for its magnificent historical sites and natural wonders. Scaling the rock-carved city of Petra, he feels like a modern-day Indiana Jones, marveling at the intricate architecture carved into the pink sandstone cliffs. The adrenaline rushes through his veins as he dives into the crystal-clear waters of the Red Sea, exploring the underwater wonders of the coral reefs.



Daredevil Traveller - Intrepid Explorer of the Middle East

#### **Defying Boundaries**

John's journey takes him to the vibrant city of Istanbul, where East meets West. He explores the bustling markets, sampling exotic spices, and immersing himself in the vibrant culture. Climbing to the top of the magnificent Hagia Sophia, he takes in panoramic views of the city, understanding the significance of its historical past and cosmopolitan present.

Leaving the well-trodden path, John heads to Iran, a country often misunderstood and misrepresented. Here he discovers a land of immense beauty, from the ancient ruins of Persepolis to the breathtaking landscapes of the Zagros Mountains. He is welcomed with open arms by the warm-hearted locals, challenging the misconceptions and stereotypes that often surround their country.

#### **Unveiling Hidden Gems**

As John continues his daring exploration, he ventures into the expansive deserts of Saudi Arabia. Riding on the back of a powerful Arabian stallion, he feels the exhilaration and freedom of the vast dunes. Discovering ancient rock art, he connects with the rich cultural heritage of the Bedouin tribes, gaining a deeper understanding of their way of life.

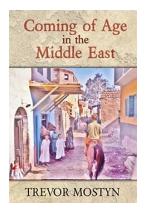
Crossing into Lebanon, John is captivated by the dynamic city of Beirut, with its bustling nightlife and fusion of cultures. Exploring the ancient ruins of Baalbek, he uncovers the remnants of a glorious past, while immersing himself in the vibrant street art scene that symbolizes the city's resilience and creativity.

#### **A New Perspective**

John's daring journey through the Middle East has granted him a unique perspective on this captivating region. He has seen beyond the stereotypes and

misconceptions, experiencing the genuine warmth and hospitality of its people, and the breathtaking beauty of its landscapes.

As he returns home, John carries with him the memories of a lifetime and a newfound appreciation for the Middle East. He hopes that his tales of adventure will inspire others to embrace the unknown, challenge their preconceptions, and embark on their own daring journeys.



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Trevor Mostyn's mother was the novelist Ann Mary Fielding, the descendant of Henry Fielding. His father's family, the Mostyn baronets, decamped from North Wales to 'White mischief' Kenya. Trevor's early childhood was spent with his family in a rondhovel on a remote Rhodesian tobacco farm with an otherwise dangerous money as his constant companion. This background sparked off his thirst for travel. Coming of Age in The Middle East is the story of the region seen through his eyes during a turbulent political era. Aged 16, he had spent his summers in the Benedictine monastery of Toumlinline, near Fez in Morocco. Aged 18, he hitch-hiked to India to stay in South India with his novelist sister Sara Baneriji and Bengali brother-in-law, returning during that golden age through Afghanistan, Iran, Irag, Jordan and Israel/ Palestine, before reading Arabic and Persian at Edinburgh University. This period of his travels is to be published as The Golden Road to Goberdanga. Coming of Age in The Middle East begins in post-1967, wartime Cairo when he was spending his Arabic Honours year abroad. It was followed by a love affair in revolutionary Algeria, an action-packed mountain trek with a girlfriend through Yemen, rocky days and nights in the civil war in Lebanon, A forbidden Land Rover trek along the edges of Saudi Arabia's Rub' al-Khali (Empty Quarter), a grandstand view of the Islamic Revolution in Iran and some lavish weeks amid the spoilt expats of the UAE. Today, Syria, the heart of the Classical World, is in apocalyptic meltdown, with Lebanon in the process of contamination. Afghanistan and Irag have become violent, failed states. Hopes for an easy transition to democracy in Libya have been extinguished while the wheel has come full circle in Egypt where a popular revolution has led, via an unhappy year of Muslim Brotherhood government, to a feared return to military dictatorship. Saudi Arabia seeks to protect itself from revolution by exporting political Islam. Although the period covered by this book was punctuated by war, it was also a period of hope. For the author it was a magical time of gifts.

#### **REVIEW**:

Mostyn hitch-hikes through the Sahara to Tamanrasset, crosses the Empty Quarter of Saudi Arabia, smuggles himself illegally from Lebanon into Syria and Turkey and back again; is bombed in Beirut, machine-gunned, arrested and jailed in Egypt, doped in Baalbek; he witnesses a flogging in Jedda and attends the start of the revolution in Tehran. There appears to be plenty of time for flirtation perhaps seduction, too - in between. The author's appetite for adventure is in the highest tradition of the Victorian traveller, while all the while a part of his thoughts remain fixed on that other tradition of The Wilder Shores of Love.

- Nigel Ryan, The Times Literary Supplement, 1987

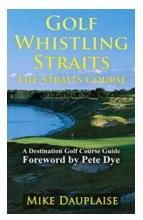
#### About the Author

In 1965 Trevor Mostyn hitch-hiked from Britain to India via Iran and Afghanistan before returning to read Arabic and Persian at Edinburgh University. He created the EU's Med Media Programme which supported European, Arab and Israeli networks, writes for The Guardian and other newspapers and lectures on The Middle East at Oxford University's Department of Continuing Education. He has published eight books. His latest, a love story set in Mandate Palestine, will be published in 2015.



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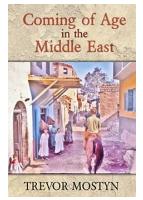
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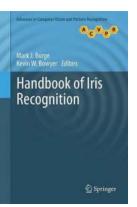
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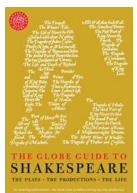
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