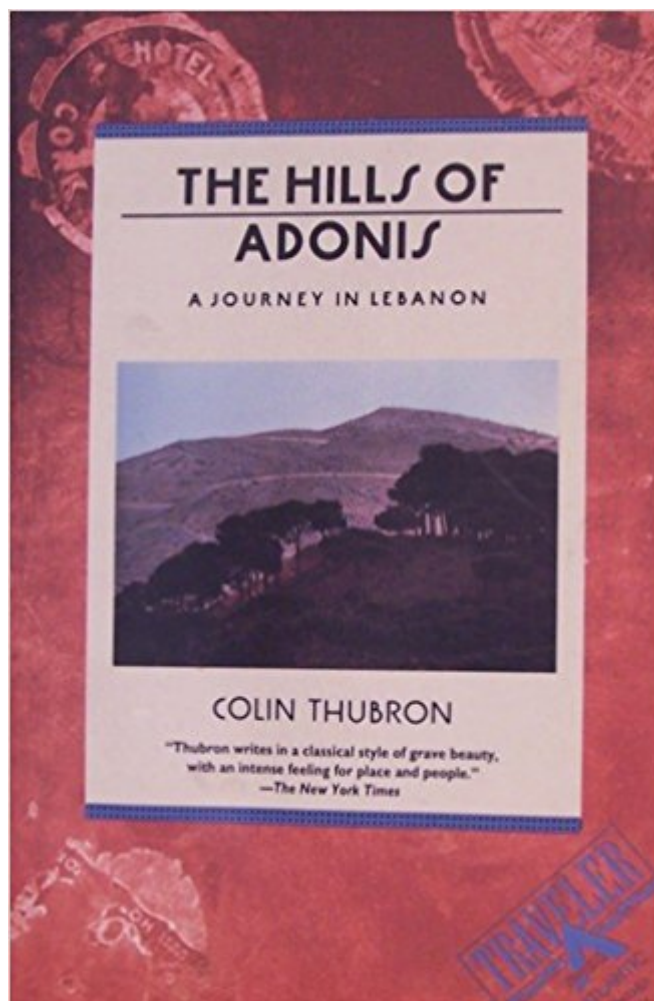


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a very interesting read. by the dean of travel writers, Mr. Thubron. Lebanon is a country with a very interesting history and incredibly beautiful scenery. I was privileged to visit it back in the 1970s when Beirute was still the "The Paris of the East". Current political events cast a very tragic shadow upon this country and its people.

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