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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very accurate portrayal of life in Saudi ArabiaBy Carolyn G.I lived in Saudi Arabia for a few years in the eighties. Although this book was written about Marianne Alireza's life there starting in the forties, it came as no surprise to find that very little had changed forty years later. I think any woman who is considering marrying into the islamic culture should read this book along with Betty Mahmood's "Not Without my Daughter". Jean Sassoon's book "Princess" is another good one.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I not only read the book, but also heard the truth about an aspect of the Muslim world from one who personally experienced it.By Yolanda WeisI had the pleasure and honor of meeting and talking to Marianne Alireza at her home in Pasadena about 20 years ago. It was a fascinating few hours with me. She was very gracious and warm.This book should be in every high school curriculum in the United States.Yolanda Martinez Weis0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An eye opening understanding of the life of women in ...By Sally S. TantauAn eye opening understanding of the life of women in Saudi Arabia. While some things have changed, it's still an extremely male-oriented society.Marianne Alireza was a very gutsy young lady.

It was 1945, and Marianne Alireza, who had spent almost her entire life in California, had moved to Saudi Arabia with her new husband. Suddenly she was a member of a rich and prominent Arabian family, veiled and cloaked like a

biblical figure, thousands of miles and two centuries from home. For twelve years she lived in a harem, a female group composed of her mother-in-law, sister-in-law and various servants. Men outside the family could not penetrate the harem, and women could never join the men socially or be seen in public without veils. Here, in a world both luxurious and humble, she raised her children and grew to love her new homeland. This unique look at Saudi life in the years before the petro-dollar was hailed by the Washington Post as "an authentic and remarkable human tale." For this edition the author has added a new introduction reflecting on her life and the changes in Saudi Arabia since this book's first appearance twenty years ago.