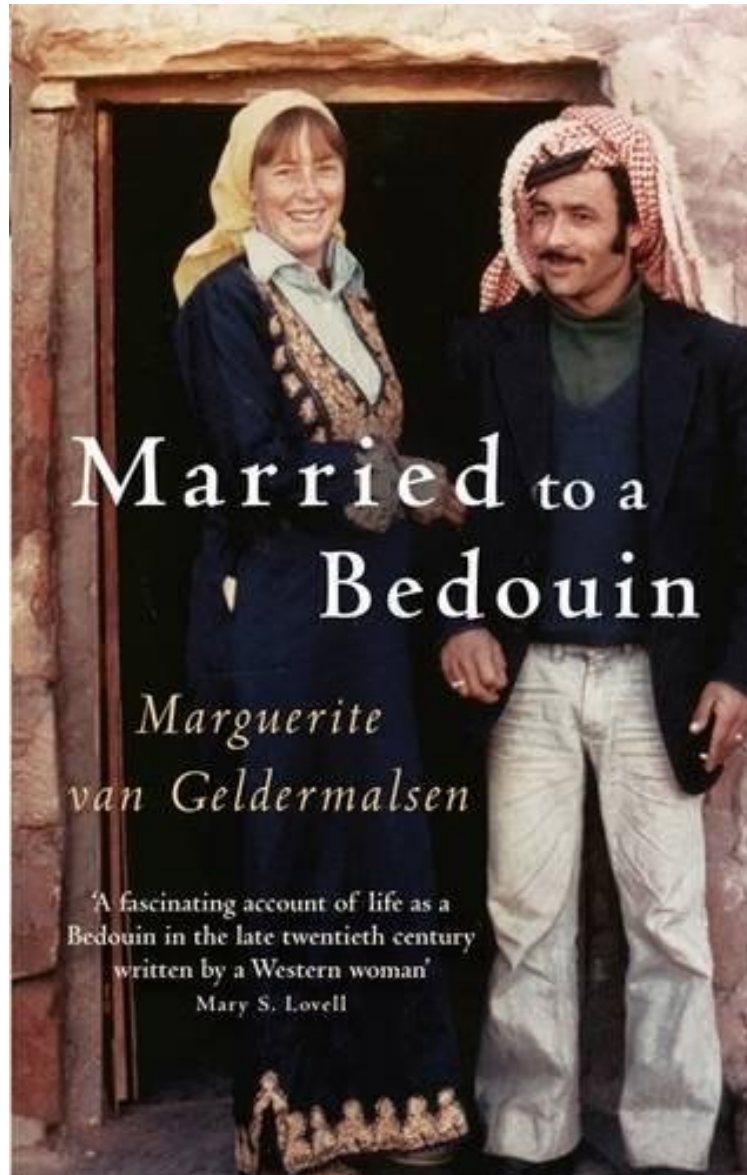


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An Amazing Woman with an Amazing StoryBy Mary Carol SheetsI truly loved this book. It's for all the arm chair travelers who always wonder what it's like to live and function in a completely alien culture. The author threw herself wholeheartedly into her husband's Bedouin community of Petra,

Jordan and into the lifestyle of living in a cave with no electricity, bathroom facilities or running water. This book is an intimate look into the ways she adapted to and adopted as her own the different customs of the tribe. During her long marriage she didn't abandon her Western roots but rather tucked them away out of deference to her husband and the people who became her own. When she was widowed she returned to the Western culture she had been born in but still with a longing for her other home and family in Petra.

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fantastic!!By CrystalI found out about this book while I was vacationing in Jordan was blessed to be able to visit Petra. Our tour guide mentioned Marguerite we found her selling her books, as well as jewelry, etc, in Petra. She is such a sweet person courageous. Her book, which I not only purchased an autographed copy, but I also purchased on kindle, is fantastic. I gave the autographed one to my daughter. She writes the book in a simple, factual manner. It is almost like a documentary on National Geographic except you can feel the love that she has for Mohammad their community. It traces her slow but eventual love for the people their customs. She doesn't go in to many sad things that happened except near the end of the book. She tries to keep it light entertaining you can feel yourself in her place, living her life. She wrote with her heart although she speaks through Mohammad's illness death quickly, you still catch the poignant pain that she is feeling. Walk a mile in her shoes. That's what I did by reading it, although it was....only a mile. Thanks Marguerite. Your love is amazing to have done what you did Mohammad's was true also, as he tried to "westernize" some of your surroundings, in order to make you comfortable feel loved. I am sorry for you loss of him, but remember, his love will always remain with you.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Heartwarming Love StoryBy HazelPawWell written and filled with beautiful word pictures of the landscape, life, traditions and family oriented Bedouin people of Petra. It was really interesting to read about this amazing young woman who was willing to leave the comforts of her western world for life in a cave in Jordan. Their true love made it all possible! It was so nice to be invited into Marguerite's life as she learned the customs and language of her new husband and family. Very enjoyable read.

"Where you staying?" the Bedouin asked. "Why you not stay with me tonight - in my cave?" Thus begins Marguerite van Geldermalsen's story of how a New Zealand-born nurse came to be married to Mohammad Abdallah Othman, a Bedouin souvenir-seller from the ancient city of Petra in Jordan. It was 1978 and she and a friend were travelling through the Middle East when Marguerite met the charismatic Mohammad who convinced her that he was the man for her. A life with Mohammad meant moving into his ancient cave and learning to love the regular tasks of baking shrak bread on an open fire and collecting water from the spring. And as Marguerite feels herself becoming part of the Bedouin community, she is thankful for the twist in fate that has led her to this contented life. Marguerite's light-hearted and guileless observations of the people she comes to love are as heart-warming as they are valuable, charting Bedouin traditions now lost to the modern world.

For anyone who enjoys travel books, especially about the Middle East, this is the real thing - a fascinating account of life as a Bedouin in the late twentieth century written by a Western woman Mary S. Lovell. In a world troubled by Arab extremism, this sparkling memoir is a refreshing antidote and a rare window into the legendary hospitality and mysterious customs of the Bedouin Arabs. Publishing News About the Author Marguerite is from New Zealand. In 1978 she met Mohammad Abdallah in Petra, Jordan, married him and moved into his Nabataean cave. In 1985 they moved to the new Bedouin settlement, Umm Sayhoon. She was widowed in 2002. She has three children.