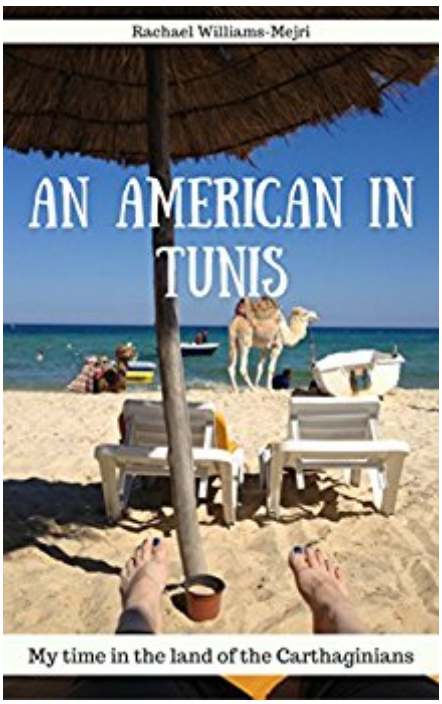
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Synopsis

Tunisia is a tiny country that lies on the Mediterranean coast in North Africa. Throughout the centuries it was known for Carthage, Hannibal and being the home of Saint Augustine. A major route leading slaves and goods from sub-Saharan Africa to Rome, Tunisia also became an important Roman colony. In the 1970s, the country was known as the last stop for hijacked airplanes Ã¢â ¬â œ giving itself the distinction of being the Switzerland of the Arab world. Only recently, it has once again been in the news, this time as the founder of the Arab Spring; the survivor of a successful and relatively clean revolution; and an unfortunate recipient of terrorist attacks.Who are Tunisians? What is the country like other than its historical accomplishments? In An American in Tunis, author Rachael Williams-Mejri takes the reader deep inside everyday Tunisia. Married to a Tunisian-American, she finds herself quickly accepted and absorbed into daily life within the country, and thrust into family dynamics from scrubbing the floor with a giant squeegee to attending and planning impressive weddings.Join her as she travels throughout the country and visits ancient Roman and Punic sites and attends festivals while dune bashing and riding camels. Travel to the International Festival of Douz to experience southern culture, landscape and hospitality. Visit impressive Roman antiquity sites like the town of Oudna and the catacombs of Sousse. Experience the island town of Djerba, where the largest Jewish community lies in the country. Take a look inside Tunisian families and how they celebrate their holidays and every day life. Through a rather humorous and sometimes sarcastic tone, Williams-Mejri explores how the culture is evolving as the population struggles to find a new identity. She makes no effort to gloss over current troubles in Tunisia. Rather, she gives the reader the realization that humanity is the same wherever one is in the world, and that there is always hope for a people or country regardless of the current situation.The author offers the reader the ability to look past the media hype and into the hearts and minds of a people so similar and yet so different to the rest of the world. In An American in Tunis, You will be sure to fall in love with both Tunisia and its people.

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