Among The Berbers Of Algeria
While in many respects I agree with the previous reviewer, I disagree in that 1. The book is an anthropological resource for a lost era, both of North Africa and the perceptions of the time. 2. The author undertook many other field trips, Egypt and the Torres Straits for example. 3. The book was published in 1900, therefore written in a very different imperial era with a different moral compass. 4. The author may be anti-French (as were most British imperialist) and anti-Arab (ditto), but he wasn’t anti-Semitic nor anti-Berber. He merely reflects his era...117 years ago. Furthermore he was still only 23 when he died in 1901. 5. These things have to be read in context, history is everything.

It is obvious from the very first page that this author is extremely prejudice and dare I say racist in his remarks. He calls the people of this region "ruffians" and recaps the French colonization of Algeria as a triumph that the Western world should be proud of despite the fact that any modern scholar would first call to mind the blood and oppression that eventually caused the citizens to revolt and regain control of their country. Due to the abundant colorful words that the author employs at
every page, this book is not even a good resource from a historical standpoint. Completely worthless in every respect, unfortunately...

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