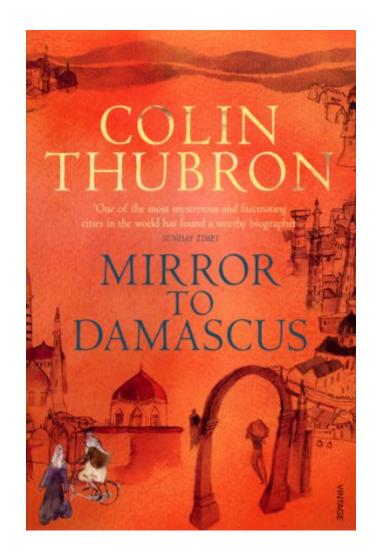


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Compulsory reading for those who wish to ave some understanding of Syria and its neighbours prior to the current disaster.

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