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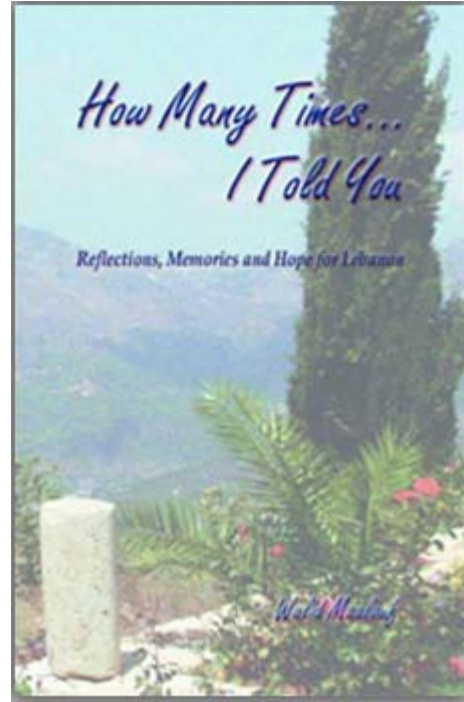
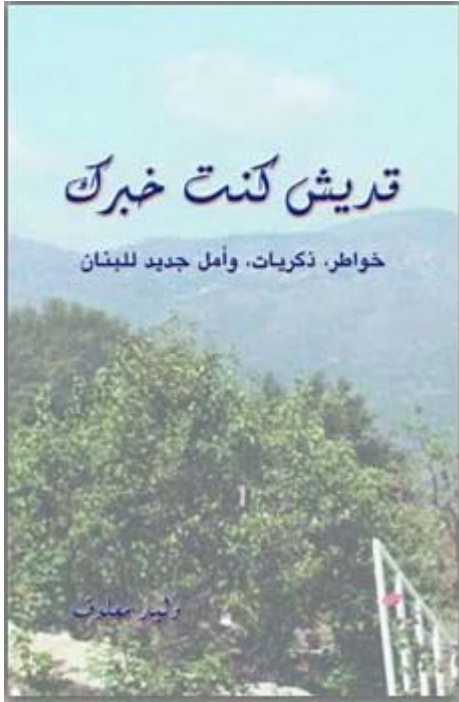
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The Middle East needs a project for democracy, established in its own midst, by its own cultures and aimed at its own future. Therefore, the natural launching pad for such a project has to be situated in the region. Where? There is no better place for it than Lebanon, which had produced democratic elections for half a century before war ravaged its institutions between 1975 and 2007. Today, Lebanon has been propelled to the forefront of the Middle East dilemma.

All the while, deeply determined to restore their democracy, the Lebanese at home and in the Diaspora never seem to give in. This compilation of personal and cultural observations is a tribute to their resiliency in the face of war and outside control. The democratic spirit, as evidenced by the actions of one shows that there is always hope for Lebanon.

Dr. Wadi' D. Haddad, former Chief Advisor to the President of Lebanon for National Affairs wrote in the foreword: "Mr. Maalouf's book is ... a genuine and unadulterated record of the odyssey of one Lebanese American – his thoughts, emotions and actions made public through published articles and speeches. He shares with us his frustrations, hopes, calls to action, and finally the fulfillment of success."

Professor Marius Deeb, of the School of Advanced International Studies at John Hopkins University said: "Mr. Walid Maalouf has written a book which documents his untiring struggle for the rebirth of Lebanon. The book comprises nostalgic essays on the wonders of living in the mountains of Lebanon as well as speeches and interviews that cover the last two decades. Mr. Walid Maalouf's role at the United Nations and his input into the momentous and historic UN Security Council Resolution 1559, which has set the path for the liberation of Lebanon from Syrian domination, was of utmost importance. All Lebanese both at home and abroad would enjoy reading this invaluable book".

May A. Rihani, Senior Vice-President of the Academy for Educational Development said: "Mr. Maalouf's book is a testimony of how Lebanese Americans who are proud of being American citizens and grateful for the opportunities that the United States offers, still have Lebanon on their minds and in their hearts every moment of their lives. This book is about positive political activism -- an activism that is inclusive, one that rejects an "either/or" approach to national loyalty and embraces a "both/and" outlook. Mr. Maalouf's experience is one of an immigrant who is deeply loyal to America and who champions the values and opportunities that he has found in his new land and who wishes to see these values protected and nurtured in the land of his origin. Mr. Maalouf illustrates how the U.S. empowered him to fight for a noble cause: the sovereignty of Lebanon and the affirmation of its democratic heritage. This book is also about the unique experience of a young Lebanese man, from a small but beautiful mountain village in Lebanon, who rises to become a political player in the political hallways of Washington, DC".

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