



An explorer's map of north west Arabia

DOUGHTY, Charles Montague.

A Map of North Western Arabia and Negd by Charles M. Doughty 1884.

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A map of north western Arabia, with an inset of western Jordan, marking Doughty's routes criss-crossing the region. Doughty (1843-1926) learned Arabic in Damascus before joining a pilgrim caravan heading south for Meccas in 1876. He spent the next two years travelling in poverty, reaching as far east as Buraydah in the Nejd before turning south towards Mecca and Jeddah. Exhausted, it took several years for him to write of his experiences. This map accompanied his account for the Royal Geographical Society; his 'Travels in Arabia Deserta' was not published until 1884. Originally it has little impact, but in the 1920s it was championed by T.E. Lawrence ('Lawrence of Arabia') and republished to greater acclaim.

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