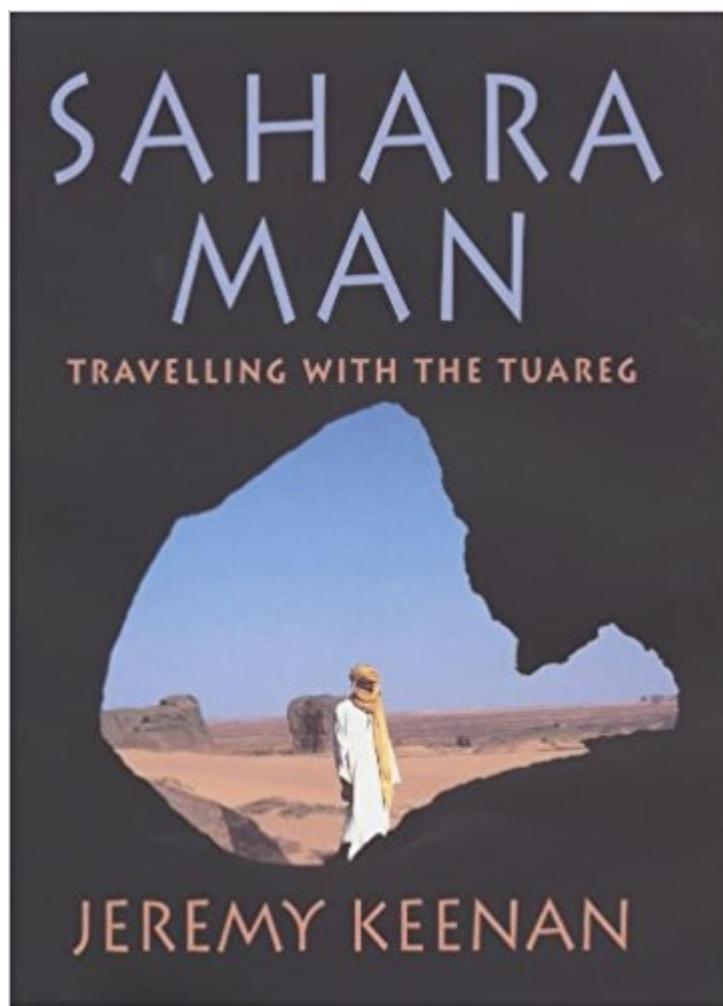


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Sahara Man: Travelling With The Tuareg



Synopsis

Jeremy Keenan travelled to Algeria in search of the Tuareg, the fearsome indigo-veiled nomads of the Central Sahara with whom he had lived as a young anthropologist. A chance meeting set him on his way to the Tuareg traditional fortress, the vast mountainous area of Ahaggar, in the tracks of bandits, his tent pitched beside caves decorated with pre-historic paintings. Here he discovered that the Tuareg, who had learned to survive as tourist guides after the horrors of Algeria's war of independence, were now being starved out of their livelihood by the violence in the north. This vivid and fascinating book takes us into the heart of the Sahara and into the lives of the Tuareg, into Keenan's own past and into the fearful history and present day experience of Algeria itself.

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"This is a book that anyone interested in the Sahara will have to read."

Jeremy Keenan has lectured all over the world on social anthropology. His film 'The Tuareg' won an award at the 1972 Cannes Film Festival and his book, 'The Tuareg People of Ahaggar' is considered the definitive work on the Berber nomads of the Central Sahara. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and the Royal Anthropological Institute. He lives in Somerset.

I travelled with the Tuaregs in Niger Sahara (Air, Tenere, Iferoen, Djado, Grand Erg og Bilma, Timia, etc.) more than 25 years ago before the Sahara tourism collapsed. I had always assumed that I would one day return and again travel with the Tuareg, but given the state of things in the Sahara

these days I am not even sure if I can ever return there in this lifetime. I had understood that Jeremy Keenan's book deals with Algerian Sahara and the Tuareg there, not Niger Sahara and Niger Tuareg, the people who I traveled with and were my friends, but I was nonetheless hungry for his account of his travels in the Sahara. Having opened the book, I just couldn't stop. I read voraciously, like a Sahara traveler by the day who finally reached a guelda, or fish just returned to water. Keenan's account puts me right there. Just wonderful. I arrived at this book via *Sahara Unveiled* by William Langewische, Fergus Fleming's *The Sword and the Cross*, one personal, and the other historical, both of which I would recommend to those who loved this book and want to immerse themselves in the Sahara some more.

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