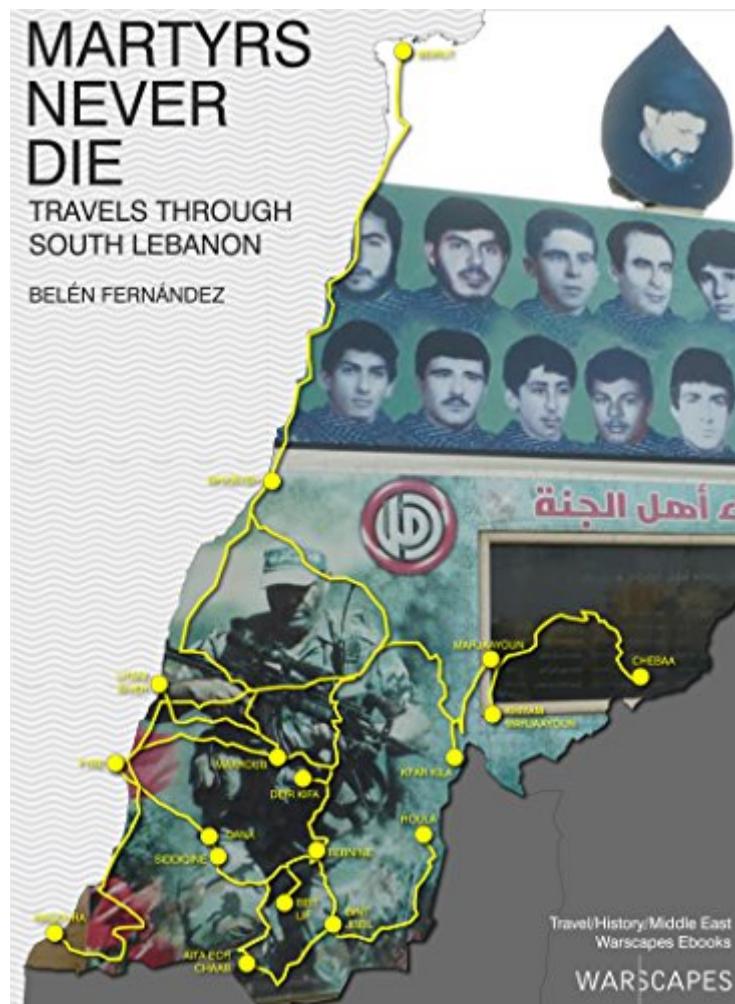


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â œel suspected one could sometimes learn more as a wanderer than as a journalist.â •BelÃ©n FernÃ¡ndez hitchhiked through Lebanon in 2006 and again in 2016. Her travelogue, *Martyrs Never Die: Travels through South Lebanon*, weaves todayâ ™s Lebanon through the time and space of a decade, in a country where â œno space is left unpoliticizedâ •. FernÃ¡ndez leaves her meandering route to the fate and goodwill of her drivers, and her journey leads to encounters with fishermen, Hezbollah fighters, grandmothers, United Nations soldiers, Lebanese intelligence officers, and a Syrian bread delivery man. Asking everyone she meets along the way, â œWere you here in 2006?â •, FernÃ¡ndez bears witness to varying accounts of the previous wars and the current violence in Syria, memories of each war now colored by all the others since. Many of the small border villages FernÃ¡ndez visits are described in the New York Times, often with one-liners like â œHezbollah strongholdâ •. In *Martyrs*, the birdâ ™s-eye view of the Guardian and BBC are exchanged for a granular view of Lebanon that belies Western media depictions. FernÃ¡ndez wades into the milieu with observant humor and a soft touch. *Martyrs* lays one snapshot of southern Lebanon over another, and finds light in between. BelÃ©n FernÃ¡ndez is a contributing editor at Jacobin Magazine and the author of *The Imperial Messenger: Thomas Friedman at Work*, published by Verso. She has written extensively for the Al Jazeera English, The London Review of Books blog, Middle East Eye, Telesur English, VICE, and Warscapes. She studied political science at Columbia and the University of Rome La Sapienza.

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