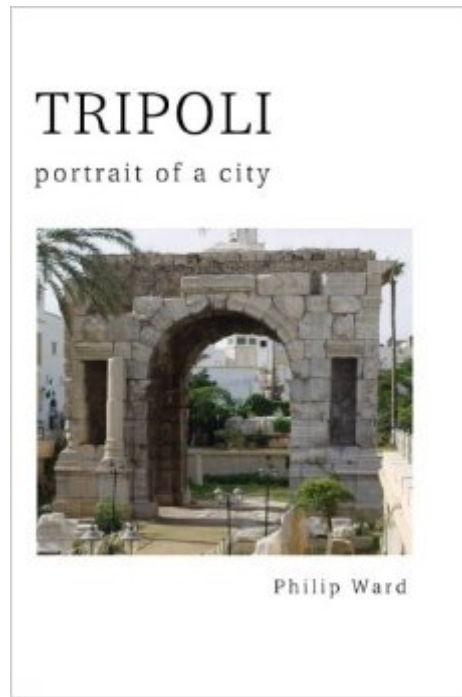


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# Tripoli: Portrait Of A City



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Very interesting book, especially covering the highlights of Tripoli, including the architecture. The chapters are short, but cover the main sights over the years.

I was in Tripoli, Libya during this time period. The book is very interesting. I recommend it to anyone who has lived there.

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