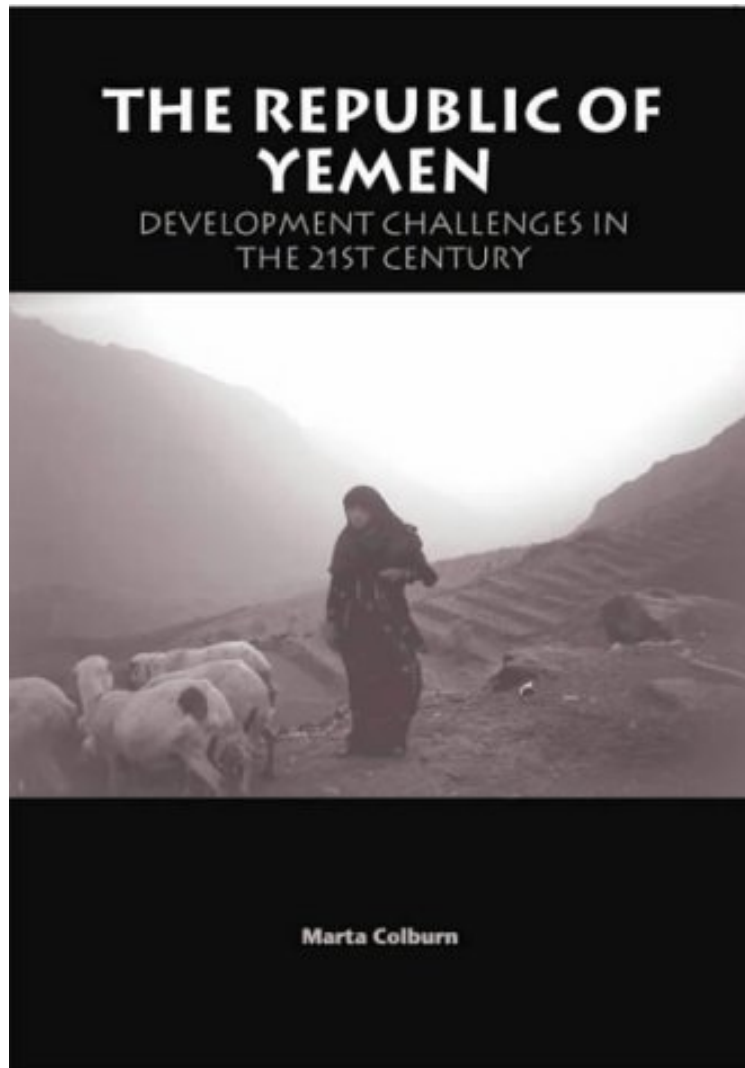


[Read download] The Republic of Yemen

The Republic of Yemen

Marta Colburn

**Download PDF / ePub / DOC / audiobook / ebooks*



DOWNLOAD



READ ONLINE

#9316970 in Books 2002-11-28Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 9.40 x .20 x 6.60l, .50 #File Name: 190098869088 pages | File size: 76.Mb

Marta Colburn : The Republic of Yemen before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Republic of Yemen:

Yemen is probably better known for tribal kidnappings than for its rich cultural heritage or for its steady progress towards democratization in the face of massive developmental challenges.In the 20th century Yemen was the first Arab state to gain independence. It has the only permanent elected parliament in the Arab world. Its press is among the freest in the region. And Yemeni women were the first and remain the only women in the Arabian Peninsula to have

the right to vote. In fact Yemen has a proud tradition of women in leadership the "Queen of Sheba" being its most famous historical figure. Yet its political progress is in stark contrast to the marginal existence still facing millions of Yemenis. Isolated by the international community for refusing to take sides against Iraq during the Gulf War, Yemen continues to suffer the impact. As up to 1 million Yemenis were expelled from neighboring states the country plunged into economic crisis, compounding existing developmental problems. Today more than 70 percent of Yemenis are still without adequate health services and fewer than half of rural households have access to potable drinking water. Fewer than half of girls complete their education. This book traces Yemen's development from ancient times to the present and analyses the social, economic and environmental challenges facing the country today.

About the Author Marta Colburn has lived in Yemen periodically since 1984. From 1984 to 1989 she worked for a number of international development agencies, for the last two and a half years as Deputy Country Representative for Oxfam UK. Ms. Colburn's education is in political science and Middle Eastern studies and for eight years she served as the Outreach Coordinator and Associate Director of the Middle East Studies Center at Portland State University. She has written on a range of topics related to Yemen including gender, democratisation and pre-collegiate curriculum. Among her experiences in Yemen are living with a Yemeni family for two years and marriage to a Yemeni. In 1999 she was kidnapped by tribesmen and held for 38 hours.