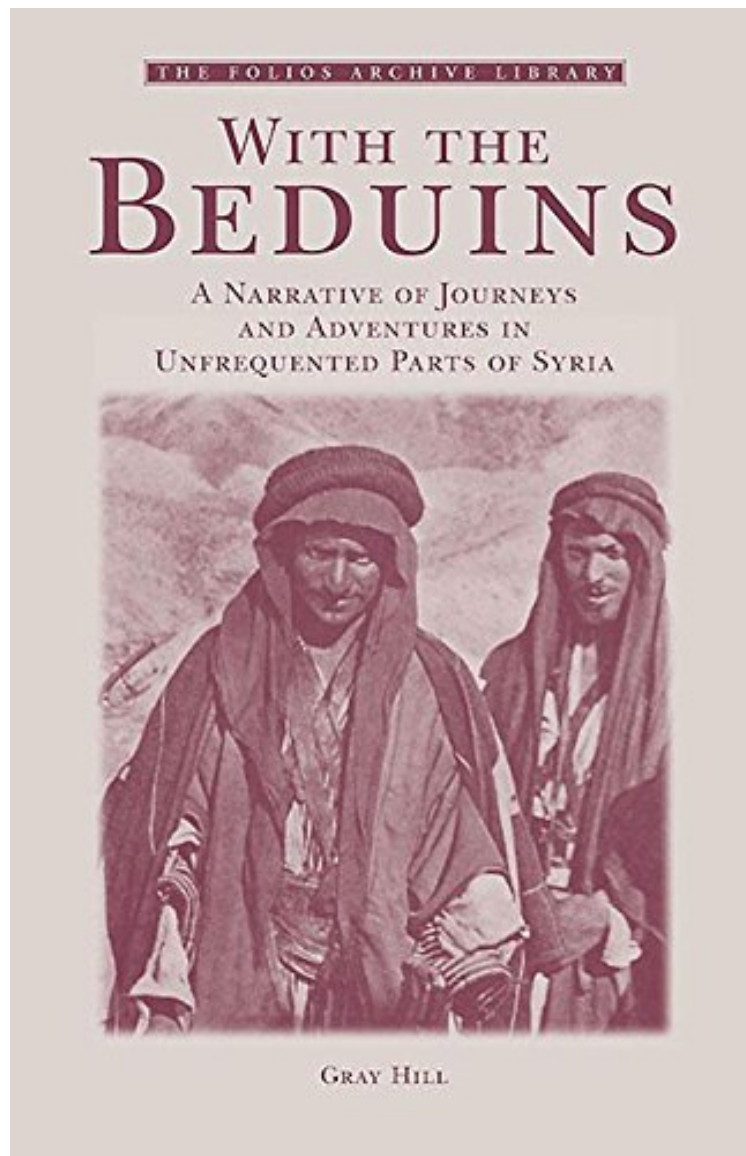


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By Bonnie Neely  
The republication of Gray Hill's *Journeys With The Beduins: A Narrative of and Adventures in Unfrequented Parts of Syria* gives the reader a look at the Middle East at the end of the 1800s through the eyes of a Victorian adventure seeker. Hill made three trips to Jordan, Palestine, and Syria, mainly interacting with the Beduins of these regions. The book is done in a travel log fashion, giving Hill's impressions of a land and people inhabiting that land in a delightful account. The reader gets a sense of what this area was like before it became a place of conflict and unrest that has created a feeling of uneasiness for the rest of the world. The Arab Beduins that Hill describes in his narrative are seen as intriguing characters, having a unique approach to life, which has been their way of life for hundreds of years. Hill's wife also traveled with Hill and did sketches of the places that they visited. These along with photos of the various people Hill encountered are featured throughout the book. The reader is pulled along by Hill's upbeat style of writing and the wonder at what lies around the bend or in the next valley for Hill and his group of travelers. At one point Hill's group is held as prisoners by Beduins, and one will find it interesting how they attain their freedom. The last section of the book is devoted to folklore and stories that come from the oral tradition of the peoples of the land Hill journeyed through. To look back from our modern times and see the nature of these people and that area of the world as it existed a little over a hundred years ago and contrast it with what we see and hear in the news today is time travel that gives one new insight into our every changing world (reviewed by Bill Neely)

Gray Hill was a distinguished Liverpool solicitor who, along with his wife, made a number of annual trips to Jordan, Palestine and Syria. This work is the record of three of these trips, made in 1888, 1889 and 1890. It deals with the situation of the Bedouin tribes of the region.

About the Author  
Gray Hill, a nephew of the postal reformer Sir Rowland Hill, was a distinguished Liverpool solicitor. A great traveler, Hill owned property near Jerusalem and on one occasion was captured by Arabs. He had only just returned from the East when he died suddenly at Mere Hall, his home near Birkenhead, in 1914.