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About the Author Fuad I. Khuri was a leading anthropologist of the Middle East and a distinguished Lebanese writer and academic. He wrote extensively in English and Arabic on various aspects of Arab culture and society. Fuad I. Khuri died in 2003.