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Cover top photograph: View of Beirut, 1840. From a map in the Public Records Office, Kew.

Cover bottom photographs:

Terracotta female head, Roman, around 1st century AD. From the Souk area.

Carved stone eagle holding a laurel wreath in its beak. Roman, about 2nd century AD. Remains of red paint. One eye inlaid with blue material. Built into a niche in an undisturbed funerary monument at Al Kantari.

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