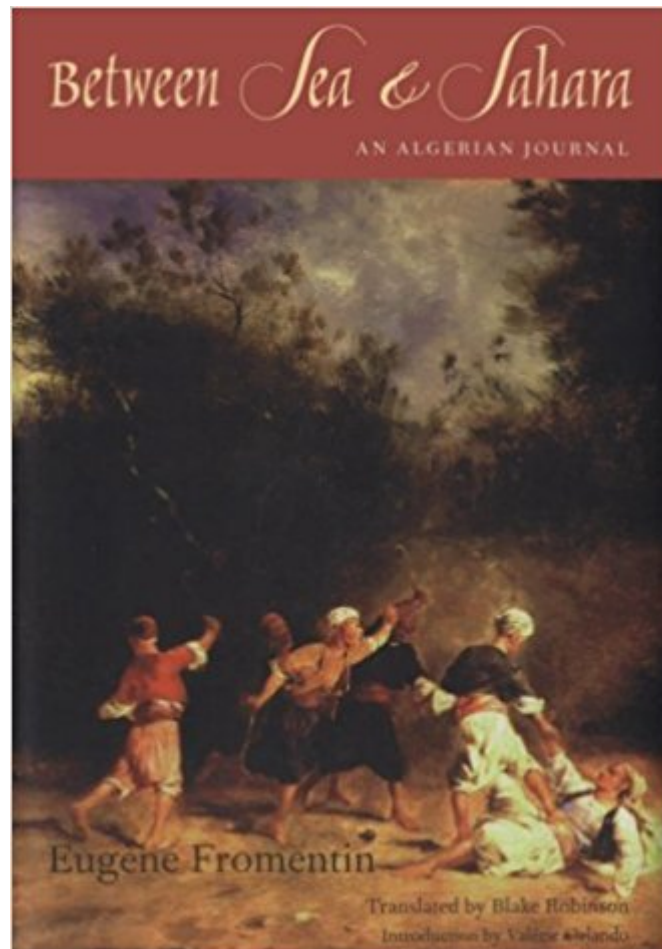




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Eugene Fromentin (1820-1876) was a master in two arts. Especially known for his paintings of North Africa, he was the author of two travel books on the region. He also wrote the novel

Dominique and a work on Flemish and Dutch painting. Both Flaubert and George Sand thought highly of him as a writer. Blake Robinson is a translator from French and Italian. He lives in Miami and Washington, D.C.

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