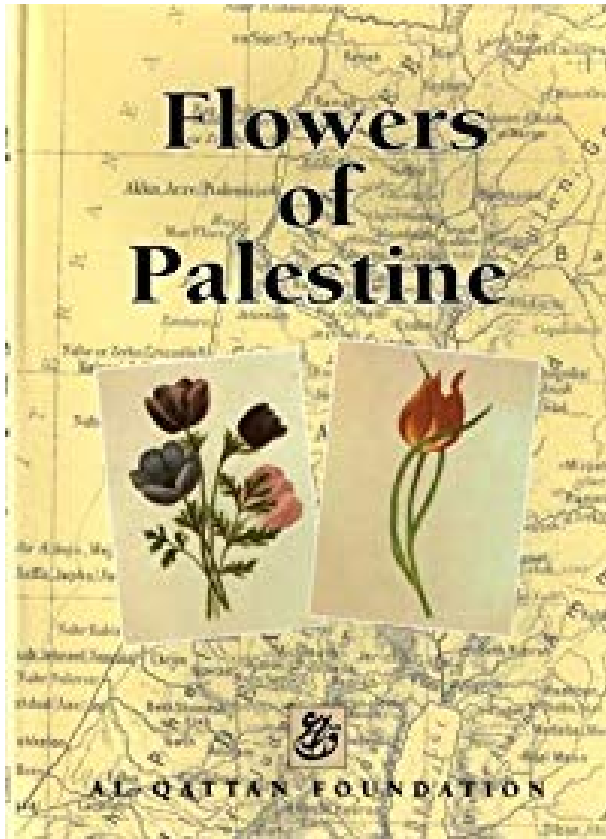


# Flowers Of Palestine



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Wild Flowers of Palestine was originally published around 1870 in three editions in English, French, and German. It contained fifty-four plates printed in colour, after drawings and paintings by a Swiss missionary, Hanna Zeller, then resident in Nazareth, Palestine. In this edition the English text is also translated into Arabic along with the popular names of the flowers. The book is introduced by Palestine's most famous poet, Mahmoud Darwish. Hanna Zeller nee Gobat was born in the winter of 1838-1839 in Beuggen, Switzerland, daughter of Bishop Samuel Gobat of Jerusalem who was the founder of the first Christian school in Jerusalem in 1847. In 1859 Hanna married Revd John Zeller, a Swiss missionary known as the 'Missionary of Nazareth'. Both her father and husband were great pioneers and promoters of education and teachers' training. It was during her time in the region that she depicted the beauty of the flora of the Holy Land through the fine paintings in this volume. The fifty-four plates reproduced are intended as an accessible and beautiful introduction to some of the natural treasures of Palestine. This book is a modest way of launching the Al-Qattan Charitable Trust's activities, which concentrate on fields of culture and education in and about Palestine and the Arab world.