

## The Road To Mecca

A fresh look at Muhammad Asad's classic English translation and explanation of the Qur'an is offered in this redesigned and updated edition of his work. A new typeset and index is complimented with a prologue by the distinguished British Muslim Gai Eaton and original artwork by internationally renowned artist and scholar Dr. Ahmed Moustafa. Asad's translation is widely considered to be the

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foremost in conveying the meaning and sensibility of the original Arabic text, making this edition a must-have for English readers with a budding interest in Islamic studies and veteran scholars alike. Part travelogue, part autobiography, "The Road to Mecca" is the compelling story of a Western journalist and adventurer who converted to Islam in the early twentieth century. A spiritual and literary counterpart of Wilfred Thesiger and a contemporary of T. E.

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Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia), Muhammad Asad journeyed around the Middle East, Afghanistan and India. This is an account of Asad's adventures in Arabia, his inner awakening, and his relationships with nomads and royalty alike, set in the wake of the First World War. It can be read on many levels: as a eulogy to a lost world, and as the poignant account of a man's search for meaning. It is also a love story, defying convention and steeped in loss. With its evocative

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descriptions and profound insights on the Islamic world, "The Road to Mecca" is a work of immense value today.

A South African pastor and a young teacher from Cape Town battle over the fate of an eccentric elderly widow.

From Mali to Cairo to Mecca and beyond, Mansa Musa was known as the Lion of Mali. Now remembered as the richest person in history, his enormous wealth, legendary generosity, and lavish pilgrimage from Mali to Mecca made him a favorite

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of medieval Arab storytellers. However, the 14th-century leader also presided over one of the largest empires in the world during his time.

This informative biography traces Mansa Musa's life, following his magnificent caravan as he traversed what remained of the Silk Road routes to become a hajji and returned to transform Timbuktu into western Africa's most famous cultural center.

Mansa Musa

Sinners, Seekers, Saints  
and the Road to Redemption

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The Road to Mecca  
Classical Arab Islam  
The Muslim Pilgrimage to Mecca and the Holy Places  
On the trip of a lifetime, Adam and Zayneb must find their way back to each other in this surprising and romantic sequel to the "bighearted, wildly charming" (Becky Albertalli, New York Times bestselling author) Love from A to Z. Adam and Zayneb. Perfectly matched. Painfully apart. Adam is in Doha, Qatar, making a

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map of the Hijra, a historic migration from Mecca to Medina, and worried about where his next paycheck will come from. Zayneb is in Chicago, where school and extracurricular stresses are piling on top of a terrible frenemy situation, making her miserable. Then a marvel occurs: Adam and Zayneb get the chance to spend Thanksgiving week on the Umrah, a pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina, in Saudi Arabia. Adam is

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thrilled; it's the reboot he needs and an opportunity to pray for a hijra in real life: to migrate to Zayneb in Chicago. Zayneb balks at the trip at first, having envisioned another kind of vacation, but then decides a spiritual reset is calling her name too. And they can't wait to see each other—surely, this is just what they both need. But the trip is nothing like what they expect, from the



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appearance of Adam's former love interest in their traveling group to the anxiety gripping Zayneb when she's supposed to be "spiritual." As one wedge after another drives them apart while they make their way through rites in the holy city, Adam and Zayneb start to wonder: was their meeting just an oddity after all? Or can their love transcend everything else like the greatest marvels of the world?

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'Hearts Turn' is a singular and gripping exploration of the act of 'tawba', a Qur'anic term commonly translated as repentance. In English, repentance is a forbidding word that suggests a puritanical finality. But in Arabic the term 'tawba' is dynamic, meaning to 'turn' or 'return'. 'At-Tawwab' is one of the Names of God, the Oft-Returning or Ever-Relenting. It is an active constant, an ongoing, compassionate

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reality that renews every moment we are alive. The process of purification is a process of continuous turning. In 'Hearts Turn' Michael Sugich, author of 'Signs on the Horizons', tells stories that are harrowing and hilarious, heartrending and bizarre, profane and transcendent, and altogether full of hope, showing how men and women from many parts of the world and many walks of life have turned themselves around and

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taken a fork in the road  
toward a higher reality.

"This book is a  
declaration of mercy and  
certainty. Formed of a  
collection of stories  
I've experienced, read  
or heard, about how  
malleable the human  
heart can be and how  
wrongdoing, remorse,  
need, and yearning  
intersect with Divine  
Compassion, Forgiveness  
and Guidance. It is also  
about the sudden  
transitions from  
confusion to clarity,  
from sin to virtue, from

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sleep to wakefulness,  
from ignorance to  
knowledge, from  
foolishness to wisdom.  
And finally it is about  
the path of our lives,  
which leads us  
gradually, and for those  
who God favors,  
inexorably to  
salvation." From the  
introduction to 'Hearts  
Turn' "Magnificent!...Int  
erlacing ancient and  
modern experiences of  
the unexpected presence  
of God, this unique  
anthology of conversion  
stories reminds us of

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the ongoing spiritual  
power of Islamic faith."

Dr. Timothy Winter

(Shaykh Abdal Hakim  
Murad) Dean of Cambridge  
Muslim College"Michael  
Sugich is a master  
storyteller as he  
demonstrated in 'Signs  
on the Horizons'.

'Hearts Turn' is a  
brilliantly written  
reminder that God's  
Mercy is always open to  
each of us, no matter  
our position in life.  
This book has the power  
to leave the reader  
wanting to turn to God

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and to His Mercy. I loved this book." Sami Yusuf Singer, Composer, Humanitarian "A really heartwarming book...for a generation of young Muslims and converts who face inner doubts and in need of a few smart lessons from Michael's journeybook, told through many voices and his own unique spiritual history. It is a relief to know I am not alone." Yusuf Islam (Cat Stevens)

The Unveiling Origin of Mecca provides insights

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into the history of Kaaba (Ka'ba) in Mecca. The Ka'ba is the first house built on earth. It is one of the few and perhaps the only Islamic History books that looks at modern archaeological evidence and the Holy Quran and the history of the Quran to explore the proper location of the Ka'ba. The author notes that in the Holy Quran, Mecca, sometimes also called Becca, which words are synonymous, and signify "a place of great intercourse," is



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undoubtedly one of the most ancient cities in the world. Some authors imagine it to be the Mesa, or Mesha, of the Scripture and that it deduced its name from one of Ishmael's sons. It stands in a stony and barren valley, surrounded by mountains under the exact parallel with the Macoraba of Ptolemy, and about 40 Arabian miles from the sea 'Al Kolzom. There is a magnificent temple in the city, like the Colosseum at Rome.

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However, it is not made of such large stones but burnt bricks and round in the same manner. It has ninety or one hundred doors around it and is arched...upon entering the temple you descend ten or twelve steps of marble, and here and there about the said entrance there stand men who sell jewels and nothing else. Researching ancient Islam and the origin of Mecca, the author asserts that the Ka'ba is currently misplaced,

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contradicting the Holy Quran and Arabian geography. Although there are many Islamic scholars and Quran research Institutes throughout the world, sadly, none of them have yet verified the exact places, mountains surrounding Ka'ba, and its sacred area according to the Holy Quran.

Seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject Theology -  
Miscellaneous,  
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(Theological Institute),  
course: Modern Trends in  
Islam , language:  
English, abstract: I.  
Introduction "My story  
is simply the story of a  
European's discovery of  
Islam and of his  
integration within the  
Muslim community." This  
is one of the first  
sentences of the book,  
The Road to Mecca  
written by Muhammad Asad  
and published in 1955.  
It is surely true, he  
just wanted to live the  
Islam way and be a part  
of the Muslim community.

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Asad was an Austrian Jew from Lemberg who converted to Islam and became one of the most meaningful Muslim thinkers of the 20 century. He was a visionary, a diplomat and he searched for adventures. As an author and Koran translator he had a big influence in the modern theologian thinking of Islam and became a great pioneer and cultural mediator between the Western world and Islam. He had a controversial life,

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but also had (and still has) a number of critics and on the other hand he has a lot of sympathizer. The Road to Mecca is a great adventure story with a warm-hearted picture of the religion of Islam, (unlike the stories we hear about Islam in the media today). In the present paper two interesting points in relation to Muhammad Asad will be dealt with. Many reports draw a picture of a very controversial Asad

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relating to Islam. Some of his critics accuse him of not being strict in his beliefs; who would often changes his views. For example, at first he turned his back to Western civilization and then suddenly came back to live in New York. In relation to this point, the following questions are of interest: 1. What is Muhammad Asad's comprehension of Islam? As has been noted before, Asad tried to build bridges between

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the abyss of the Muslim world and the West. It would be an exercise to list some important points of his life and his thinking to show how he contributed to the interreligious dialogue.

2. How did Asad mediate between the Western world and Islam? Before dealing with these questions it is important to give some background information about Muhammad Asad's life.

The Hajj

The Haj



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## **A Little Book of Mystical Secrets The Road To Mecca Four Test Cases of the Tension Between Poetry and Society Black Wave**

*SuperSummary, a modern alternative to SparkNotes and CliffsNotes, offers high-quality study guides for challenging works of literature. This 51-page guide for "The Road to Mecca" by Athol Fugard includes detailed chapter summaries and analysis covering 2 chapters, as well as several more in-depth sections of expert-written literary analysis. Featured*

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*content includes commentary on major characters, 25 important quotes, essay topics, and key themes like Individual, Racial, and Artistic Freedom Versus Oppression and Trust Versus Love.*

*Examines the tragic history of the Middle East in an epic tale that recreates the turbulent era from World War I to the early decades of the existence of the state of Israel*

*For the non-Muslim, Mecca is the most forbidden of Holy Cities--and yet, in many ways it is the best known. Muslim historians and geographers have studied it, and countless pilgrims and*

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travelers--many of them European Christians in disguise--have left behind lively and well-publicized accounts of life in Mecca and its associated shrine-city of Medina, where the Prophet lies buried. The stories of all these figures, holy men and heathens alike, come together in this book to offer a remarkably revealing literary portrait of the city's traditions and urban life and of the surrounding area. Closely following the publication of F. E. Peters's *The Hajj* (Princeton, 1994), which describes the perilous pilgrimage itself from the

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*travelers' perspectives, this collection of writings and commentary completes the historical travelogue. The accounts begin with the Muslims themselves, in the patriarchal age of Abraham and Ishmael, and trace the sometimes glorious and sometimes sad history of Islam's central shrine down to the last Grand Sharif of Mecca, Husayn ibn Ali, whose fragile kingdom was overtaken by the House of Sa`ud in 1926. Because of chronic flooding and constant rebuilding, there is little or no material evidence for the early history of Islam's holy cities. By assembling,*

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*analyzing, and fashioning these literary accounts of Mecca, however, Peters supplies us with a vivid sense of place and human interaction, much as he did in his widely acclaimed Jerusalem (Princeton, 1985). Originally published in 1994. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover*

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*editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905.*

*This book, a milestone of Islamic scholarship, calls attention to those aspects of Arab Islamic culture that excite modern controversy. Professor Khalidi examines the classical period, when the basic cultural patterns of Islamic civilization were established, the various branches of religious and nonreligious scholarship defined, and the religious life-styles had become*

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*embedded in the subconscious of an ancient society. The topics covered are: The Foundations God and His Community Islamic Paideia Attitudes Towards the past The Mystic Quest The Place of Reason The World of Nature The Governance of the Umma Ibn Khaldun--The Great Synthesist Past and Present in Contemporary Arabic Thought.*

*Muhammad Asad: a mediator between the Islamic and the Western world*

*Blessed Names and Characteristics of Prophet Muhammad*

*From Before Genesis Until Now*

*Muhammad of Mecca*

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Mecca

*Islam Between East and West*

***1. Ezra Pound ; 2. Stefan George ;  
3. Art versus propaganda ; 4. The  
poet in the machine age.***

***At long last, an accessible little  
book that focuses on the teachings  
of Rumi's teacher and inspiration,  
Shams of Tabriz. Included in this  
slim, charming volume is a  
biographical sketch of the great  
Sufi teacher and mystic and a new  
translation of 500 of his core  
teachings that bring into fresh  
focus the meaning and mysteries of  
life and love. There are many books  
on Rumi and many translations of  
his works and yet most readers are  
unaware of how Rumi became a***



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*mystic. Shams, an Arabic word that means the sun, was the catalyst that converted the rather resolute and ascetic Rumi, the cleric and teacher, into Rumi, the passionate disciple of the religion of love. He was the agent of the propulsive mystical energy that transformed Rumi the reticent into Rumi the ecstatic poet. Rumi lovers, spiritual seekers, and devotees of the mystical path will meet this little book of wisdom and mystical secrets with enthusiasm. I shall not place you in my heart For you may get hurt by its wounds. I won't keep you in my eyes For I may belittle you and expose you to the ridicule of common men. I will hide you*

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*inside my soul, not in my heart or in my eyes, so that you may become one with my breath.*

*The Road to Mecca*  
*The Road To Mecca*  
*The Book Foundation*

*Chronicles the life of the prophet Muhammed from his birth in Mecca, through his preaching and the establishment of Islam, to his continuing legacy to the world.*

*East of Mecca*

*An interreligious discourse*

*A Literary History of the Muslim Holy Land*

*Prophet of Islam*

*An Autobiography*

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### *Memory in the Middle East*

The remarkable story of Kristiane Backer's transformation from MTV Europe media darling to follower of the spiritual path of Islam.

With this impassioned memoir, an American convert to Islam “lifts the veil on this ancient and sacred duty” of making a pilgrimage to Mecca (Publishers Weekly). The hadj, or sacred journey, is the pilgrimage to Mecca that all Muslims are enjoined to make once in their lifetimes. One of the world’s oldest religious rites, the hadj has continued without break for fourteen centuries. It is, like most things Islamic, shrouded in mystery for Westerners. Here, Michael Wolfe, an American-born writer and

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recent Muslim convert, recounts his experiences on this journey. Wolfe begins his narrative in Marrakech, Morocco. Beginning with the month-long fast of Ramadan, he immerses himself in the traditional Muslim life of Morocco. Then, in Tangier, he visits mystics and the American author Paul Bowles. From there, he journeys to Mecca, the sacred desert city in Saudi Arabia closed to all but Muslims. Though the buildup to the Gulf War hovers in the background, the age-old rites of the hadj are what most preoccupy Wolfe. His experience profoundly strengthens his bond to the faith he has embraced as an outsider, making it personal and alive. At a time when the eyes of the world are

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on Islam, The Hadj offers a much-needed look at its human face. Among the duties God imposes upon every Muslim capable of doing so is a pilgrimage to the holy places in and around Mecca in Arabia. Not only is it a religious ritual filled with blessings for the millions who make the journey annually, but it is also a social, political, and commercial experience that for centuries has set in motion a flood of travelers across the world's continents. Whatever its outcome--spiritual enrichment, cultural exchange, financial gain or ruin--the road to Mecca has long been an exhilarating human adventure. By collecting the firsthand accounts of

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these travelers and shaping their experiences into a richly detailed narrative, F. E. Peters here provides an unparalleled literary history of the central ritual of Islam from its remote pre-Islamic origins to the end of the Hashimite Kingdom of the Hijaz in 1926.

"A wide and deep view of a dynamic, multiethnic Southern California . . . Susan Straight is an essential voice in American writing and in writing of the West." —The New York Times Book Review A New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice and an NPR Staff Pick. One of The Washington Post's 21 Books to Read this Summer. Named a Most Anticipated Book of March 2022 by

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the Los Angeles Times, USA Today, and Alta. From the National Book Award finalist Susan Straight, *Mecca* is a stunning epic tracing the intertwined lives of native Californians fighting for life and land. Johnny Frías has California in his blood. A descendant of the state's Indigenous people and Mexican settlers, he has Southern California's forgotten towns and canyons in his soul. He spends his days as a highway patrolman pulling over speeders, ignoring their racist insults, and pushing past the trauma of his rookie year, when he killed a man assaulting a young woman named Bunny, who ran from the scene, leaving Johnny without a witness. But like the

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Santa Ana winds that every year bring the risk of fire, Johnny's moment of action twenty years ago sparked a slow-burning chain of connections that unites a vibrant, complex cast of characters in ways they never see coming. In Mecca, the celebrated novelist Susan Straight crafts an unforgettable American epic, examining race, history, family, and destiny through the interlocking stories of a group of native Californians all gasping for air. With sensitivity, furor, and a cinematic scope that captures California in all its injustice, history, and glory, she tells a story of the American West through the eyes of the people who built it—and continue to sustain it. As the stakes get



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higher and the intertwined characters in Mecca slam against barrier after barrier, they find that when push comes to shove, it's always better to push back.

The Hadj

The Jewish Discovery of Islam

The Siege of Mecca

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How Islam Inspired My Life

Study Guide

***In this, one of his last works, Martin Lings discusses the significance of the pilgrimage to Mecca, made annually by several million Muslims, in the light of the tradition of Abraham.***

***Drawing upon his own experience of performing the pilgrimage first in 1946 and then in 1978, as well referring to the traditional sources, he considers the timeless spiritual meaning of the Hajj, which was proclaimed and established by Abraham and Ishmael and renewed by the Prophet Muhammad, in the context of its long history and comes to some surprising conclusions.***

***Islam Between East and West - Islamic and Western philosophies examined, by the first president of Bosnia.***

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***In comparing the offerings of secular civilization with the truths and justice of Islam, the author analyzes the West's denial of Islam and the lack of progress among Muslims. An inspiring and astonishingly integrated analysis of the human condition. The sweep of its power gives an invigorating sense of the beauty and universality of Islam.***

***Referrals for Islam Between East and West An inspiring and astonishingly integrated analysis of the human condition. The sweep of its power gives an invigorating***

***sense of the beauty and universality of Islam. Robin Woodsworth Carlsen For centuries Europe has benefitted from Islam, often without acknowledging it and without giving anything in return. Now with the publication of Islam Between East and West, Europe has begun to pay its debt to Islam. Rational and yet not insulting to the emotions, it exalts the spirit without denigrating the body. But what stands it apart as a landmark is its transcendental wisdom expressed in a style***

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***inherent to all noble ideas. Doubtless, its appeal will go beyond its time because it embraces life - and there is no theme greater than life.***

***M . Tariq***

***A treasury of significant works by travel writers from the East and the West over the last ten centuries details the ceremonies performed at Mecca and the reasons behind them, through two distinct sides of a spirited conversation. Reprint.***

***Born a German Catholic in 1931, Hofman embraced Islam in 1980, after he retired from diplomatic***

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***service. Here is the diary of his hajj, pilgrimage, in 1992. He not only recounts the events and adventures, but also reveals what it means to put the five pillars of Islam into practice in daily life. Tr***

***Ten Centuries of Travelers Writing about the Muslim Pilgrimage***

***The Culture and Heritage of the Golden Age***

***THE ROAD TO MAKKAH***

***Love from Mecca to Medina***

***The Origins of the Koran***

***One Thousand Roads to Mecca***

In 1999, the Moroccan scholar

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Abdellah Hammoudi, trained in Paris and teaching in America, decided to go on the pilgrimage to Mecca. He wanted to observe the hajj as an anthropologist but also to experience it as an ordinary pilgrim, and to write about it for both Muslims and non-Muslims. Here is his intimate, intense, and detailed account of the hajj ? a rare and important document by a subtle, learned, and sympathetic writer. Hammoudi describes not just the adventure, the human pressures, and the social tumult ? everything from the early preparations to the last climactic scenes in the holy shrines of Medina and Mecca ? but also the intricate politics and amazing complexity of the entire pilgrimage experience. He pays special heed to the effects of Saudi bureaucratic control over the hajj, to the ways that

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faith itself becomes a lucrative source of commerce for the Arabian kingdom, and to the Wahhabi inflections of the basic Muslim message. Here, too, is a poignant discussion of the inner voyage that pilgrimage can mean to those who embark on it: the transformed sense of daily life, of worship, and of political engagement. Hammoudi acknowledges that he was spurred to reconsider his own ideas about faith, gesture, community, and nationality in unanticipated ways. This is a remarkable work of literature about both the outer forms and the inner meanings of Islam today. "East of Mecca is a harrowing story of love and betrayal, a family's tragic undoing, the transcendent power of friendship, and the ultimate price of oppression"--Back cover.



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Wolfe does an exemplary job of detailing the ceremonies performed at Mecca and the reasons behind them . . . Highly recommended (Library Journal, starred review). This updated and expanded edition of *One Thousand Roads to Mecca* collects significant works by observant travel writers from the East and West over the last ten centuries—including two new contemporary narratives—creating a comprehensive, multifaceted literary portrait of the enduring tradition. Since its inception in the seventh century, the pilgrimage to Mecca has been the central theme in a large body of Islamic travel literature. Beginning with the European Renaissance, it has also been the subject for a handful of adventurous writers from the West who, through conversion or connivance, managed to slip inside the

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walls of a city forbidden to non-Muslims. These very different literary traditions form distinct impressions of a spirited conversation in which Mecca is the common destination and Islam the common subject of inquiry. Along with an introduction by Reza Aslan, featured writers include Ibn Battuta, J.L. Burckhardt, Sir Richard Burton, the Begum of Bhopal, John Keene, Winifred Stegar, Muhammad Asad, Lady Evelyn Cobbold, Jalal Al-e Ahmad, and Malcolm X. One Thousand Roads to Mecca is a historically, geographically, and ethnically diverse collection of travel writing that adds substantially to the literature of Islam and the West.

▯Serves as an excellent introduction to a religion, people, culture, and philosophy.▯ ▯Santa Cruz Sentinel  
A New York Times Notable Book of

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2020 "[A] sweeping and authoritative history" (The New York Times Book Review), *Black Wave* is an unprecedented and ambitious examination of how the modern Middle East unraveled and why it started with the pivotal year of 1979. Kim Ghattas seamlessly weaves together history, geopolitics, and culture to deliver a gripping read of the largely unexplored story of the rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran, born from the sparks of the 1979 Iranian revolution and fueled by American policy. With vivid story-telling, extensive historical research and on-the-ground reporting, Ghattas dispels accepted truths about a region she calls home. She explores how Sunni Saudi Arabia and Shia Iran, once allies and twin pillars of US strategy in the region, became mortal enemies after 1979. She shows how

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they used and distorted religion in a competition that went well beyond geopolitics. Feeding intolerance, suppressing cultural expression, and encouraging sectarian violence from Egypt to Pakistan, the war for cultural supremacy led to Iran's fatwa against author Salman Rushdie, the assassination of countless intellectuals, the birth of groups like Hezbollah in Lebanon, the September 11th terrorist attacks, and the rise of ISIS. Ghattas introduces us to a riveting cast of characters whose lives were upended by the geopolitical drama over four decades: from the Pakistani television anchor who defied her country's dictator, to the Egyptian novelist thrown in jail for indecent writings all the way to the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul in 2018.

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Black Wave is both an intimate and sweeping history of the region and will significantly alter perceptions of the Middle East.

Hearts Turn

The Road to Mecca (djalan Menuджу Islam)

The Most Famous African Traveler to Mecca

Classic Essays on Islam's Holy Book

Rise of Ancient Islam in North Arabia

Journey to Makkah

**In The Siege of Mecca, acclaimed journalist Yaroslav Trofimov pulls back the curtain on a thrilling, pivotal, and overlooked episode of modern history, examining its repercussions on the Middle East and the world. On**

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**November 20, 1979, worldwide attention was focused on Tehran, where the Iranian hostage crisis was entering its third week. That same morning, gunmen stunned the world by seizing the Grand Mosque in Mecca, creating a siege that trapped 100,000 people and lasted two weeks, inflaming Muslim rage against the United States and causing hundreds of deaths. But in the days before CNN and Al Jazeera, the press barely took notice. Trofimov interviews for the first time scores of direct participants in the siege, and draws upon hundreds of newly**

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**declassified documents. With the pacing, detail, and suspense of a real-life thriller, The Siege of Mecca reveals the long-lasting aftereffects of the uprising and its influence on the world today.**

**This volume rejects the notion that Islam's sacred text is error free and cannot be critically evaluated. The study of the Koran must develop and mature. Scholars of Islam are of course familiar with the book's many errors and contradictions, but these inherent flaws have rarely been revealed to a wider public. The Origins of the**

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**Koran is an attempt to remedy this deficiency by bringing together classic critical essays which raise key issues surrounding Islam's holy book. Divided into four parts, this important anthology begins with Theodor Nöldeke's first truly scientific study of the Koran. Part Two focuses on the difficulty of establishing a reliable Koranic text, while Part Three examines the Jewish, Christian, and Zoroastrian sources of Muhammad's revelation. Part Four is a consideration of the controversial interpretations of contemporary scholar John**



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**Wansbrough, who questions the historical reliability of the earliest Islamic sources. This superb collection, which includes additional selections from Leone Caetani, Arthur Jeffery, David Margoliouth, Andrew Rippin, C.C. Torrey, and more, will prove indispensable to scholars and all those interested in the textual underpinning of one of the fastest growing religions in the world. Ibn Warraq is the highly acclaimed author of Why I Am Not a Muslim and Defending the West. He is also the editor of The Origins of the Koran, What the Koran Really**

**Says, Leaving Islam, The  
Quest for the Historical  
Muhammad, and Which  
Koran'.**

**This beautiful presentation of  
Blessed Names and  
Characteristics of Prophet  
Muhammad draws the reader  
nearer to the Prophet through  
contemplation and reflection  
of his names, their meaning  
and how each shapes our  
daily lives. By studying the  
Prophet's names readers may  
grasp the pivotal role of the  
Prophet in Islam and the  
interrelationship between God,  
the Prophet, and man. The  
Prophet's names are also**

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reflective of his unblemished character and conduct, shedding light upon the attributes that make him a remarkable role model for all mankind. Each name is selected from the Qur'an or a hadith. Accompanying each name is a commentary that is concise in nature but rich in meaning and style. Abdur Raheem Kidwai (b. 1956) is a professor of English at the Aligarh Muslim University, India, and a visiting fellow at the School of English, University of Leicester, United Kingdom. He earned his two PhDs in English from the

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**Aligarh Muslim University and the University of Leicester. He is a well-known author of many works on the Qur'an and Islam, including: The Qur'an: Essential Teachings; Daily Wisdom: Islamic Prayers and Supplications; Daily Wisdom: Selections from the Holy Qur'an; and What Should We Say?**

**Narrative of a Pilgrimage**

**The 1979 Uprising at Islam's Holiest Shrine**

**Homecoming of the heart (1932-1992)**

**A Season in Mecca**

**Dream and Responsibility**

**The Unveiling Origin of Mecca**