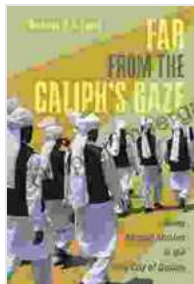


Far From the Caliph's Gaze: Rediscovering the Forgotten Cities of the Islamic World



Far from the Caliph's Gaze: Being Ahmadi Muslim in the Holy City of Qadian by Nicholas H. A. Evans

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In the heart of the Islamic world, far from the bustling cities of Cairo, Damascus, and Baghdad, lie the ruins of once-great cities that have been forgotten by time. These cities, once centers of learning, culture, and trade, were abandoned centuries ago and now lie in ruins, their stories untold.

In his new book, *Far From the Caliph's Gaze*, author James Fox takes readers on a journey through some of these forgotten cities. From the ruins of Merv in Central Asia to the abandoned city of Leptis Magna in North Africa, Fox sheds light on the rich history and culture of these once-great centers of civilization.

Fox's journey begins in the city of Merv, which was once one of the largest and most important cities in the Islamic world. Merv was a center of learning and culture, and its libraries were said to contain more than a

million books. However, in the 13th century, Merv was destroyed by the Mongol hordes, and its ruins have been largely forgotten.

From Merv, Fox travels to the city of Bukhara, which was once a major center of Islamic scholarship. Bukhara was home to some of the most famous scholars of the Islamic world, including Avicenna and al-Bukhari. However, Bukhara was also destroyed by the Mongols, and its ruins have been largely forgotten.

Fox's journey continues to the city of Samarkand, which was once the capital of the Timurid Empire. Samarkand was a center of art and architecture, and its buildings are still some of the most beautiful in the world. However, Samarkand was also destroyed by the Mongols, and its ruins have been largely forgotten.

Fox's final stop is the city of Leptis Magna, which was once a major Roman city in North Africa. Leptis Magna was abandoned in the 7th century, and its ruins have been largely forgotten.

Fox's book is a fascinating look at the forgotten cities of the Islamic world. Through his evocative prose and stunning photography, Fox brings these cities back to life and sheds light on their rich history and culture. *Far From the Caliph's Gaze* is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of the Islamic world or the art and architecture of the Middle Ages.

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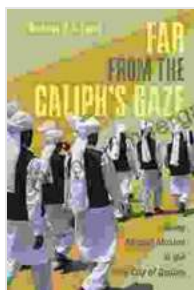
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