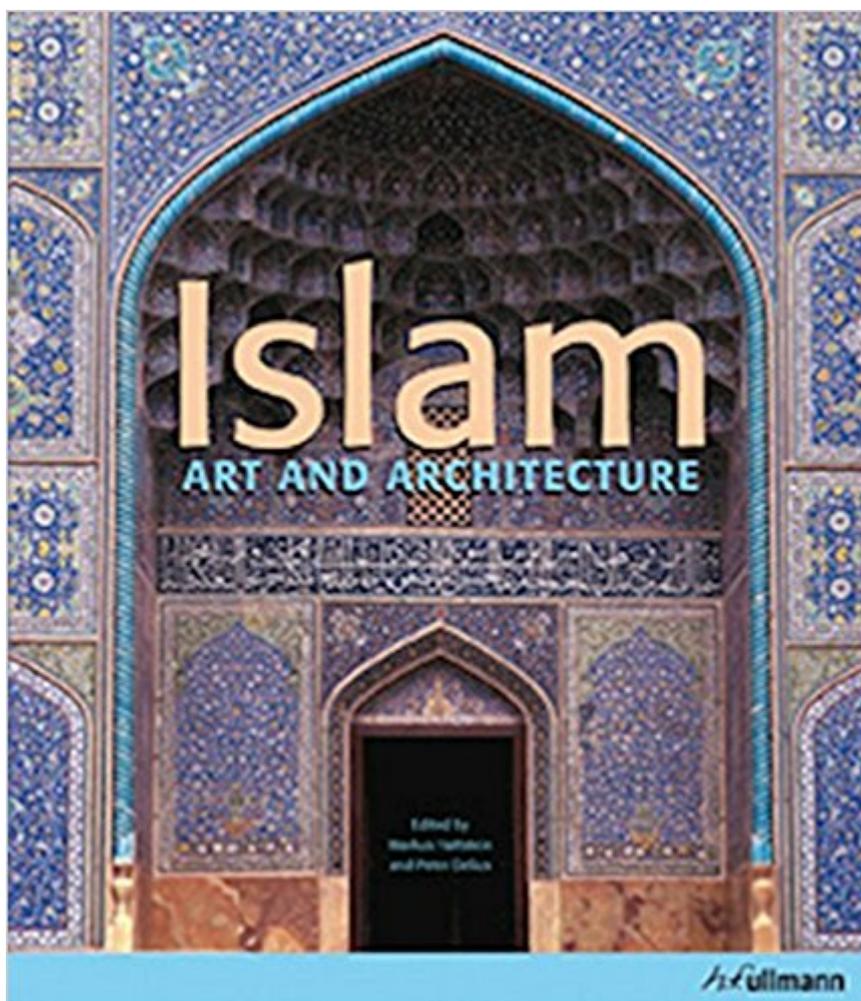


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I received this book as a gift from a friend. When I first saw it, I was completely blown away by its volume, beauty and the wide scope of its content. The cover of this book is adorned with a beautiful Iranian masjid, and as I looked through the rest of it, I was completely spellbound by its material. It is heavily supplemented with great pictures and though I haven't actually read the book yet, it looks like it will be informative yet interesting and enjoyable reading. I loved how just pickign up this book makes you feel like you've been traveling all over the Islamic world - it takes you from places like Samarqand, Azerbaijan & Herat to the Maghreb, India, the Hijaz, the Levant etc. For someone serious about art and architecture, this book will completely blow you away and satisfy you. A MUST HAVE for those interested in this subject matter and makes as an EXCELLENT reference.

rich text and pictures providing detailed knowledge in appreciating Islamic art worldwide, especially the history parts for each period/dynasties which greatly broaden my views

Very didactic, great photography, clearly written! I think this book is a must for anyone willing to learn about Islamic art.

I like the large size of the book and the pictures are large with great resolution. Some of the content seems a bit subjective based on the authors research I guess. I have a slightly different perspective on some of the content. Overall the book is very informative and am enjoying it.

Goes through the history of Islamic Art & Architecture by dynasty & region. Editors did a good job as the contributions fit together well - but I'm not an expert!. Contains some good pictures as well. I've bought three copies now from various sources - for my mum and sisters as well. (Warning: don't try and browse the book when kids are pestering you).

book in great shape - very happy with my purchase!

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