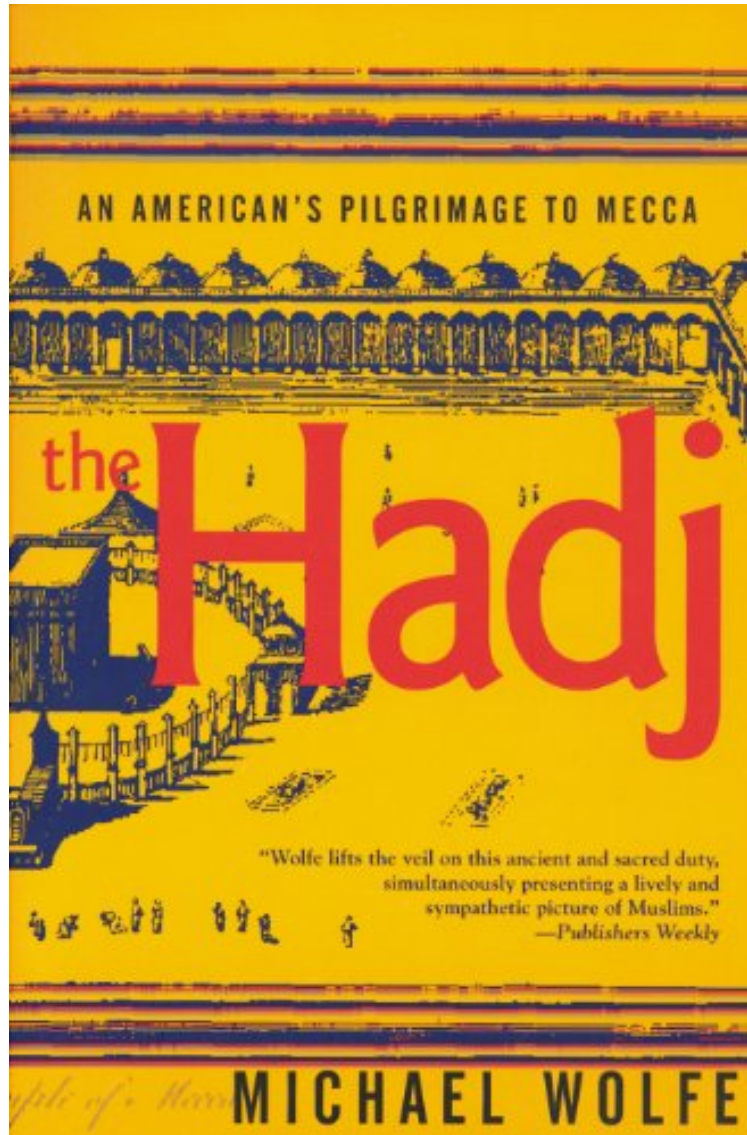


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A personal diary of a trip to HadjVon Ein KundeA very good account of one of the most important journeys in a Muslim's life. I picked up this hoping it would be a good guide for Muslim converts if not a guide for Hadj. It was neither. Although Wolfe does take a genuine interest in the Arab culture and the religion of Islam, he fails to take the

opportunity to enlighten his readers on clearly, one of the world's most misunderstood religion. He does not talk about how to prepare, how to perform, why they do it and what to watch for at the Pilgrimage. Wolfe dwells instead on his personal observations of his tour of Morocco, Mecca and Medina; the book is a personal trip diary. The author has obviously started out by studying a lot into Islam, however, it seems he received his inspirations from unusual sources. He quotes liberally from Frost, Twain and Washington Irving throughout the book but rarely goes into the traditions of the Prophet of Islam. He even summarizes the entire autobiography of the Prophet in 3 paragraphs. Wolfe's admiration for Mohammed (Peace be upon him) is very evident, however; scattered through the book amidst car deals and accounts of his shopping cart are revealing reasons on why he became a Muslim. A short list of the Prophet's words favorite sayings, towards the end, is as refreshing as the cool ZamZam waters of Mecca.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Great book.Von Ein KundeThis is in response to the Kirkus review of Wolfe's book. The reviewer indicates that Wolfe fails to discuss "problem areas" in Islam such as women and violence. First of all, a reading of the Quran would clear up all of the reviewer's misconceptions. Unlike the Judeo-Christian scripture, the Quran and Hadith emphasize the absolute equality of men and women. Why are so many Western women converting to Islam? It is important to base judgements on the religion's scripture, not media images and the so-called Muslim behavior of patriarchal Arab societies. As for violence, Islam only permits violence in retaliatory circumstances. Once again, a study of the Islamic scripture would clear up that "problem area." Also, I did not find Wolfe's critiques of Christianity and Judaism to be unfair. He makes honest assessments of the Judeo-Christian tradition in the light of modern science, religious hierarchy, and elitism. There's a difference between unsubstantiated claims (like the Kirkus reviewer's) and Wolfe's. This was an enlightening book that emphasizes the universality and truth of Islam.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Describes Religious Pilgrimage, but Contains Little ReligionVon Ein KundeAs a recent convert to Islam, I can only imagine what it would feel like to stand in the Great Mosque in Mecca with the hundreds of thousands of other pilgrims. Wolfe had this opportunity, but unfortunately, he did not sufficiently express his religious/spiritual impressions in the book. His writing style was a bit too objective and detached. It appeared that he carried the initial uneasiness he felt in Morocco (i.e. when he was afraid to enter the mosque) throughout the entire trip. However, I do applaud the honesty with which he described his religious upbringing and why he decided to become a Muslim.

KurzbeschreibungThe Hadj, or sacred journey, is the pilgrimage to the house of God at Mecca that all Muslims are asked to make once in their lifetimes. One of the worlds longest-lived religious rites, having continued without break for fourteen hundred years, it is, like all things Islamic, shrouded in mystery for Westerners. In The Hadj, Michael Wolfe, an American who converted to Islam, recounts his own journey a pilgrim, and in doing so brings readers close to the heart of what the pilgrimage means to a member of the religion that claims one-sixth of the worlds population. Not since Sir Richard Burtons account of the pilgrimage to Mecca over one hundred years ago has a Western writer described the Hadj in such fascinating detail.