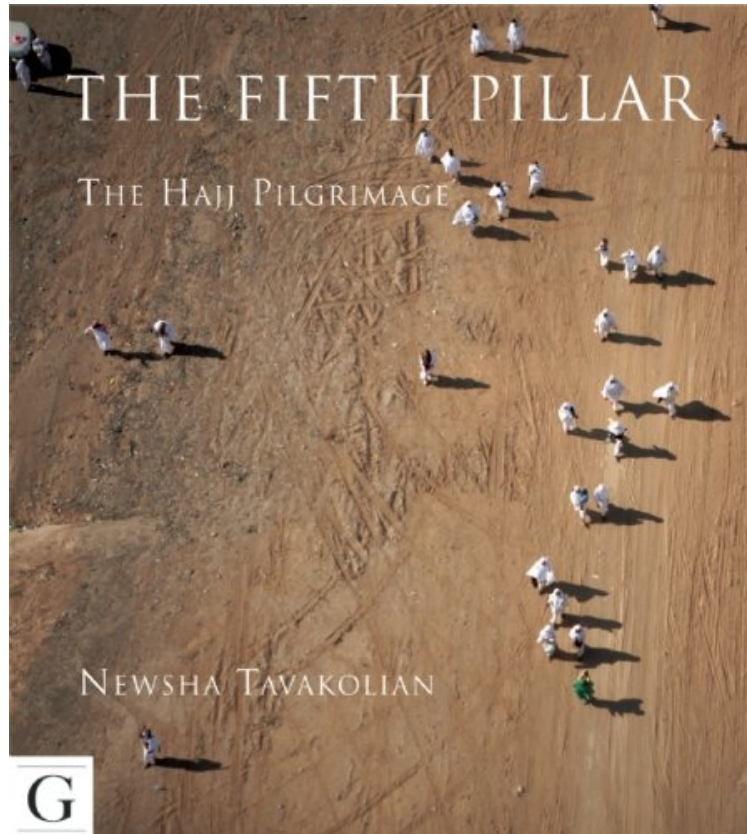


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From the Back Cover? Newsha Tavakolian, winner of the National Geographic Photographer of the Year Award (2006), turns her lens on the sites and visitors of the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca. This photographic celebration of the Hajj pilgrimage will establish itself as an essential keepsake a treasured tool in presenting the sights the traveler will encounter in the holy cities. Newsha Tavakolian's remarkable photography is reproduced here with full captions that detail the events and rituals that form part of the pilgrimage. About the Author Newsha Tavakolian: A self-

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