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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An excellent concise book about Turkey and all you might want to know about the countryVon bookwormThis is an excellent, very well-researched overview of Turkish cuisine, history, customs and traditions, religion, arts and crafts and humor that I can recommend to anyone who is interested in Turkey, but does not want to read numerous books about it.A lot of very nice photographs and illustrations are included and in the chapters about Turkish cuisine and customs and traditions, there are many comparisons between today and the Ottoman period that I found quite interesting.There are only a few errors and inaccuracies that I would like to set right:* Cappadocia is not a city, but a region.* The beverage "boza" is not always drunk cold. I remember being served hot boza on a cold winter day in Turkey.* The fasting month of Ramazan is once misspelled as "Razadan".* There are no special New Years' traditions in Turkey? But there are! New Year's Eve in a way is the Turks' Christmas, in that they are exchanging small gifts, often clothes, because it is regarded as bringing good luck to start the new year with at least one piece of new clothing. That can be a shirt or blouse, and even a new pair of socks or new underwear do count. I am talking from experience, because I've been married to a Turk for many years, and once when we were in Turkey on a family visit over Christmas and New Year's, a sister-in-law of mine gave me a nice, embroidered pair of knickers (or panties, for Americans) on New Year's Eve and explained why.* The book says "In 622, Muhammad left Mecca for Medina..."It should be added that he did not just leave, but he had to flee, because he was persecuted for preaching a Monotheist religion that contradicted the prevailing Polytheist religion of the time and place.* The autor(s) forgot to mention that the "holy war" or "jihad" is primarily an individual's war against the heathen within himself and only secondarily the war against non-Muslims.If there should be any more inaccuracies about Islam, Islamic scientists please step forward.The same goes for the historical part of the book. I am neither a historian nor an Islamic scientist and not even a Muslim, thus I can talk only about things I know from my own experience and knowledge.

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