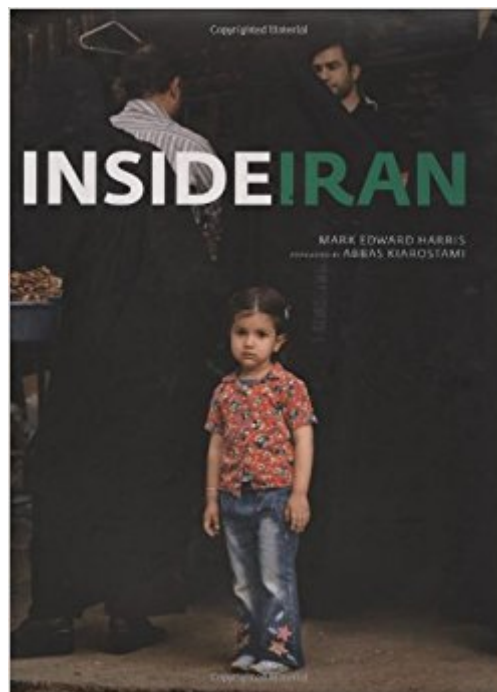


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The Islamic Republic of Iran is at the center of world attention politically, socially, and culturally but it remains largely a cipher to the West. Award-winning photographer Mark Edward Harris has traveled throughout Iran to produce the first contemporary photographic book on a place seldom seen or understood. His images of daily life offer a fascinating look at a society of juxtapositions ancient and modern, commercial and spiritual, serene and intense, political and personal. With chapter introductions and extended captions providing context for the images, *Inside Iran* is a crucial look at a country whose future is likely to influence our own.

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Customer Reviews

Mark Edward Harris has traveled and photographed in more than 70 countries and is the author of several books, most recently *Inside North Korea*. He lives in Los Angeles.

It's a bit more than a typical coffee table book, the text portion is worth reading too. If you can put aside the memories of 1979 you will like it.

Wonderful book with lots of photos. Photos well described, big, showing the life of Iran as it is. Text is well done too - chapters are arranged geographically with interesting information.

THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL BOOK, FULL OF INFORMATION AND GREAT PICTURES ..RECOMMEND IT TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN SEEING MORE OF IRAN ..

Beautiful photography. Well done. My wife had been in Iran as a teenager and so I got it for her. She loved it!

This coffee table book meets my standards for the genre: quality and size of photos, sturdy paper, a minimum of text and a balance of people culture and scenery. I like that it is geographically arranged. It starts with a map showing the country and its many neighbors. There is an introductory paragraph for each area's chapter. Coffee table books should have big photos (so I think), especially now that we can see small ones on the internet, and this book meets that criteria. There are several double page shots of city and country scapes. On the negative side, the chapter introductions are on black paper, which pulls down the photo on the opposite page and makes the text, no matter which color is used, hard on the eyes. While I am not a good judge of what the balance of content should be in a book on Iran, two things were missing that I did want to see depicted. One is North Tehran, not only a streetscape, but how the women there dress (presumably more stylishly?) in public. The other, the remembrances for the martyrs of the Iran-Iraq War. I understand there are elaborate memorials and would have liked to see one or two.

The breadth and scope of text and photos are remarkable. The sights are memorable, the insights unforgettable.

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