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The Caliph's House

By Tahir Shah

Transworld Publishers Ltd. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Caliph's House, Tahir Shah, Look into the eyes of a jinn and you stare into the depths of your own soul. Writer and filmmaker Tahir Shah - in his 30s, married, with two small children - was beginning to wilt under brash, cramped, enervating British city life. Flying in the face of friends' advice, he longed to fulfil his dream of finding a place bursting with life, colour, history and romance - somewhere far removed from London - in which to raise a family. Childhood memories of holidaying with his parents, and of a grandfather he barely knew, led him to Morocco and to 'Dar Khalifa', a sprawling and, with the exception of its jinns, long-abandoned residence on the edge of Casablanca's shanty town that, rumour had it, once belonged to the city's Caliph. And so begins Tahir Shah's gloriously vivid, funny, affectionate and compelling account of how he and his family - aided, abetted and so often hindered by a wonderful cast of larger-than-life local characters: guardians, gardeners, builders, artisans, bureaucrats and police (not forgetting the jinns, the spirits that haunt the house) - returned the Caliph's House to its...

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