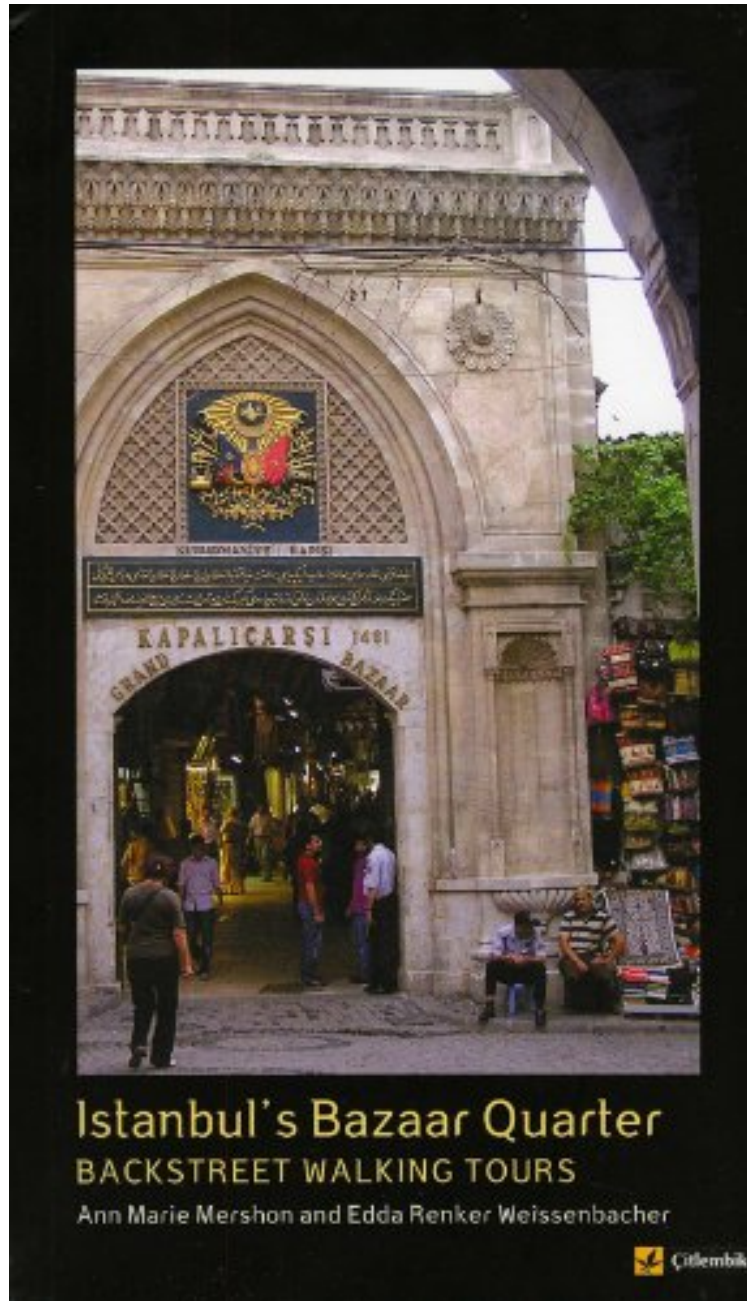


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Istanbul's bazaar quarter dates back many centuries, and this easy-to-use guidebook will help you discover the markets and workshops (hans) of old Constantinople. Many ancient secrets lie behind the crowded tourist areas, and with this book you can explore streets known only to the Turks. The book includes four tours, each of which could take you from two to eight hours, depending on how deeply you delve into each site. Employ the book's maps, photos, and historical information as you wander from the Ta Han to the Grand Bazaar and on to the Egyptian Bazaar (Spice Bazaar). Each walk includes profiles of artisans you can meet along your way, and you might be rewarded with a glass of Turkish tea. Be prepared to be charmed, whether you choose to explore Istanbul's back streets in person or from your armchair.

From the Back CoverIstanbul teems with history, architecture, and culture. You'll discover them for yourself as you follow these routes through the seldom-explored streets around Istanbul's famous bazaars: The Grand Bazaar and the Egyptian Spice Bazaar. Edda Renker Weissenbacher has wandered the bazaar district for decades, amassing a wealth of knowledge about these fascinating back streets. Ann Marie Mershon's photos enhance the two authors' detailed descriptions of over 80 enchanting sites along these self-guided walks. Follow one or all four--and become familiar with the city's historical hans, mosques, and bazaars. Prepare to be beguiled by your excursion into ancient Istanbul.