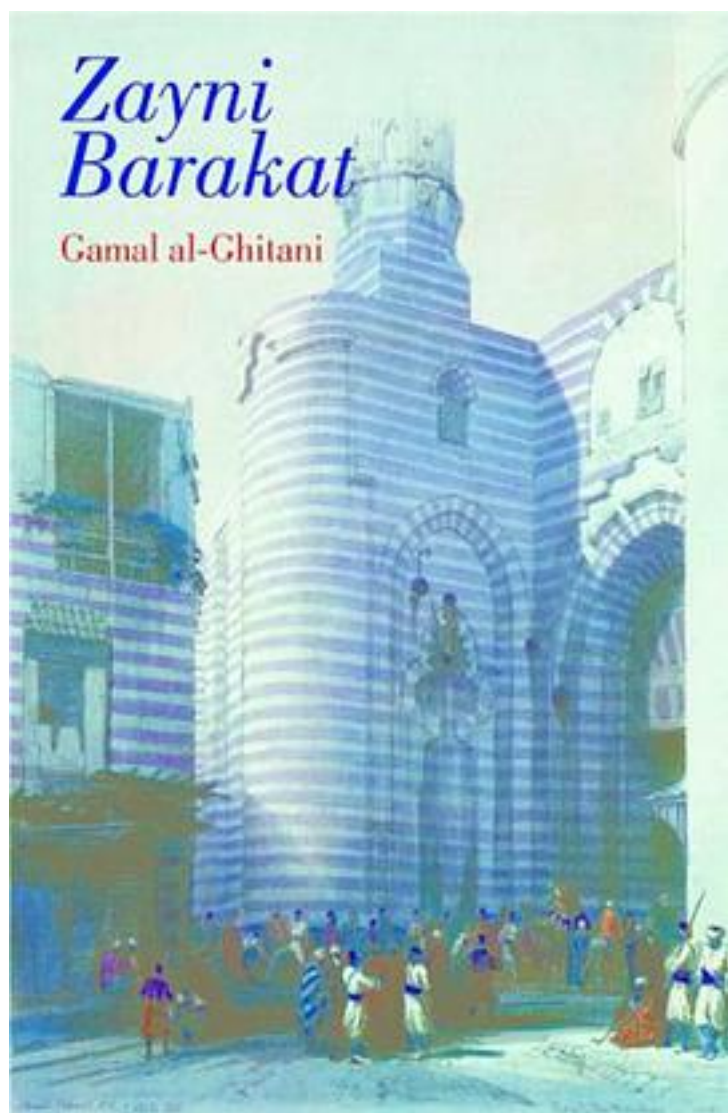


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"In the course of my long travels I have never seen a city so devastated. After a long time I ventured out into the streets. Death, cold and heavy, hung in the air. Walls have no value here, doors have been eliminated. No one is certain that they will see another day." The Egypt of the Mamluk dynasty witnessed a period of artistic ostentation and social and political upheaval, at the heart of which lay the unsolved question of the ruler's legitimacy. Now, in 1516, the Mamluk reign is coming to an end with the advance of the invading Ottomans. The numerous narrators, among them a Venetian traveler and several native Muslims, tell the story of the rise to power of the ruthless, enigmatic, and puritanical governor of Cairo, Zayni Barakat ibn Musa, whose control of the corrupt city is effected only through a complicated network of spies and informers.

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两年前读的时候觉得非常新鲜非常深刻，借古喻今神马的。但是现在回想起来记住的或者说能触动人的内容并不多。加之后来对作者、他的其他作品及该书阿语原文的了解，感觉他有一定的卖弄文墨之嫌。书是好书，值得一读，但是离经典还有相当的距离。不少人--包括我自己--认为此书的翻译很大程度上造就了它，谨此向已故的Farouk致敬。

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