

# 6 PICKS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MONITOR STAFF

## 1 SPIRITUAL ARCHITECTURE

Islam from its inception inspired extraordinary architecture, and an engaging introduction is offered by Henri Stierlin in **Islam: From Baghdad to Cordoba, Early Architecture From the 7th to 13th Century** (Taschen). Concentrating on mosques, palaces, and monuments, Stierlin brings a connoisseur's curiosity to his commentary, interspersed with inspiring photography of glittering mosaics, majestic arches, and stylized geometric ornamentation. This concise yet comprehensive overview invites travel to these sites as well as spiritual meditation at home.

