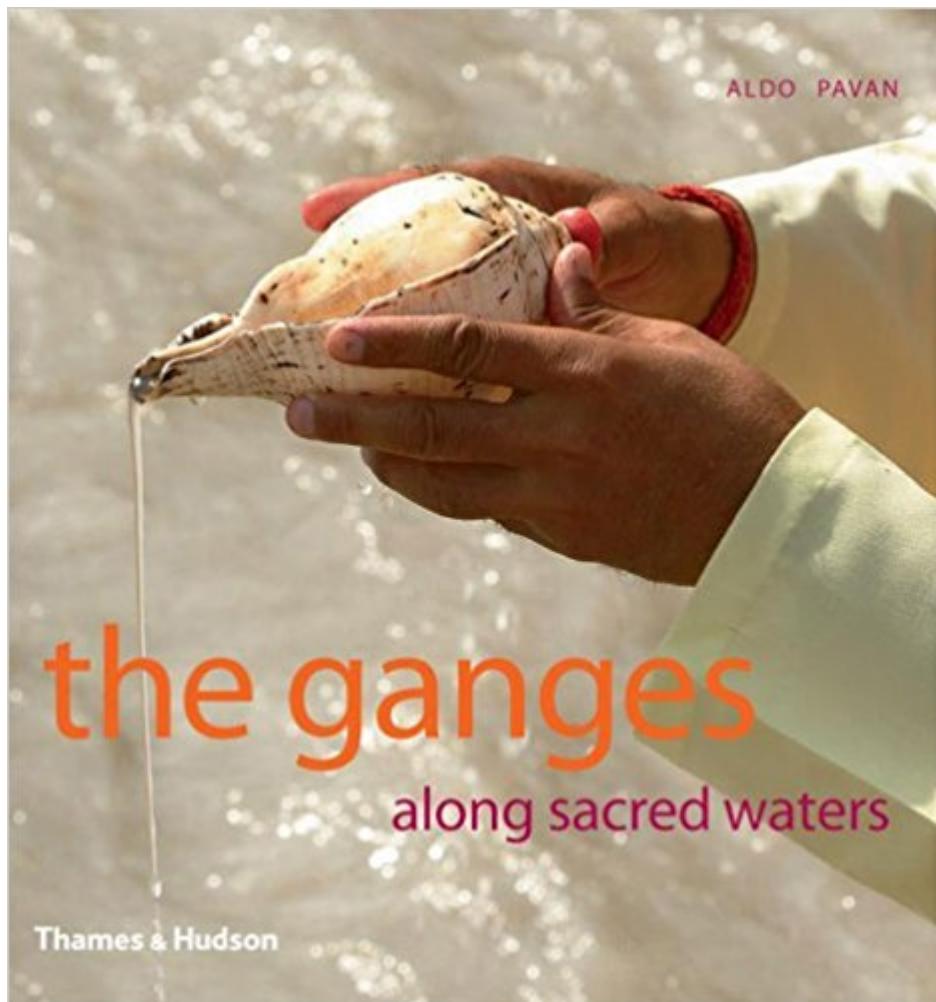


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Synopsis

A photographic journey that traces the entire route of India's sacred river. Rivers are more than mere geography. They are the inner soul of the earth, a marvelous landscape without which the greatest and the humblest stories could never have been told. Rivers are also a challenge. Their origins have to be discovered, the sources of those life-giving waters, and their ends must be found. India's holiest river, the Ganges, winds some 1,550 miles through the country, from its headwaters in the Himalayan glaciers past the villages and cities of the Gangetic Plain to the Delta's thousand fingers in the Bay of Bengal between India and Bangladesh. Here, Aldo Pavan and his camera trace the route of this sacred river, capturing its beauty and its many different phases and moods. Along the way, we meet the pilgrims, sadhus, fishermen, farmers, weavers, merchants, hair dressers, snake charmers, and others whose lives are spent along the river's banks. Over 300 color illustrations.

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Aldo Pavan is an Italian travel writer and photographer, and a regular contributor to the travel magazine Gulliver. The images in this book were selected from more than 4,000 photographs taken on Pavan's many trips to India.

If you like photography from a travel writers perspective this book is for you. Aldo Pavan is an Italian travel writer and photographer and takes us on a 1,500 mile journey from the Himalayan glaciers ending at the "thousand fingered delta" into the Indian Ocean. Along the way we meet pilgrims, fishermen, farmers, merchants , snake charmers and many others whose

lives are affected by the river. Each year millions of pilgrims are drawn to all sections of the river to celebrate rituals, be blessed or simply die and have their ashes scattered on the river. I really enjoy the editing, layout and color printing of many Thames and Hudson coffee table books. This one is 10 x 10 inches with over 267 illustrations, 253 in color and almost one third are beautiful. "crossover" photographs. Although the text pages are limited, the book's layout flows because Pavan puts lengthy captions next to most of his photos that are just as informative as his text pages (24 pages total). It's all about the timeless photography ! Enjoy your trip down the Ganges.

Tons of pics and lots of great pictures for India buffs like me! A great "coffee table" book

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