



BEAUTIFUL KASHMIR

Photographs from the Valley

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Paradise Is Here

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**This is one of the oldest
conflicts in the world
today.**

Despite decades of conflict, the Kashmir valley in India is breathtakingly beautiful with fields of saffron, blue-white mountains, ancient gardens and much more. This book is a portrait of the people and the place I have fallen in love with. *Welcome to Wonderland.*

Locals glide along Dal Lake in summer.



A view of the mountains from a shikara (boat) on Dal Lake.





The columns of this ancient mosque is made of cedar wood. (right)

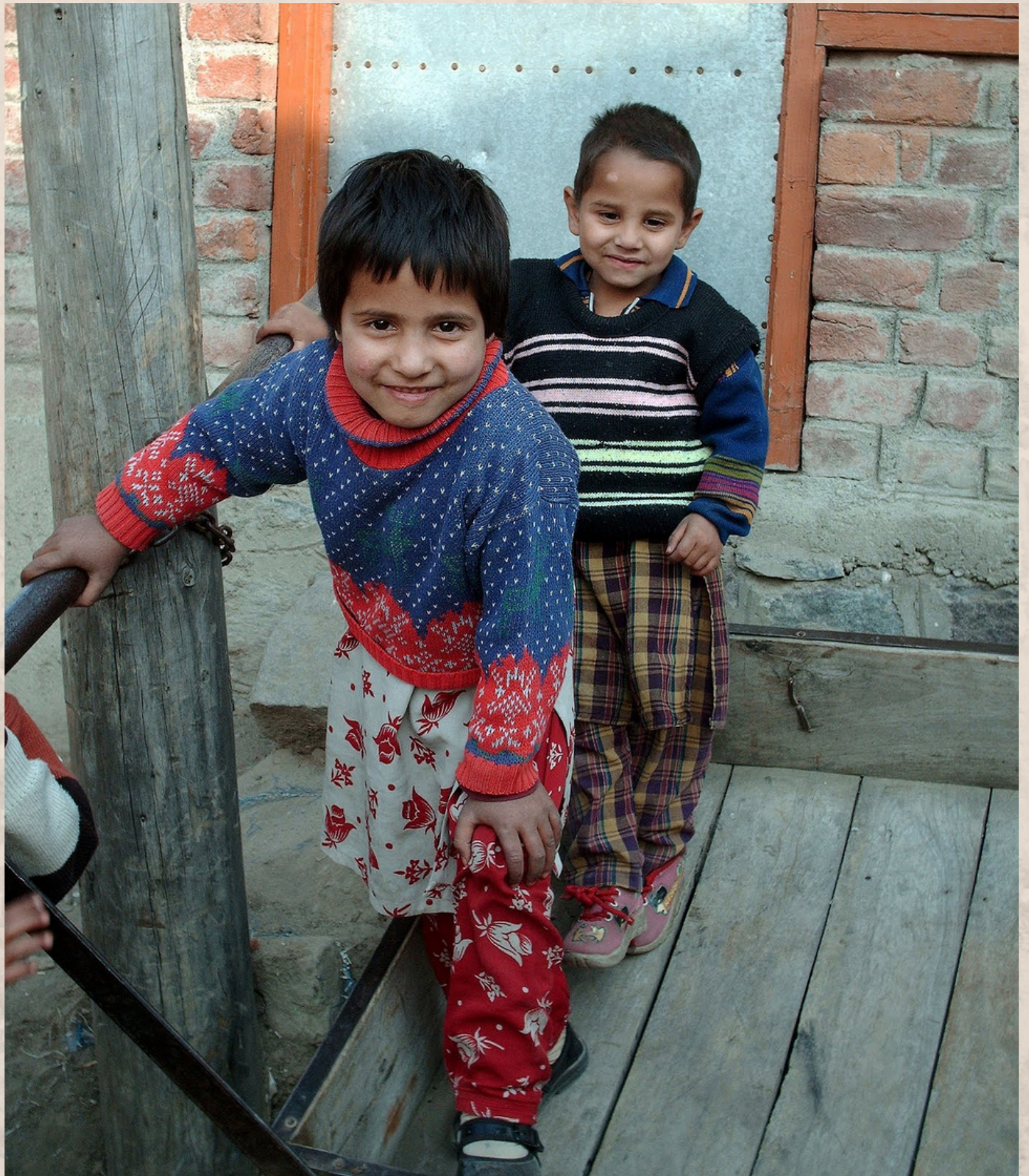
Standing in front of the abandoned mosque as leaves fall from the revered chinar trees. (bottom)





Mugli, "the lonely mother," spent a lifetime looking for her missing son. Her story can be found in *Secrets of the Kashmir Valley* (Newport Publishing, 2017)

Children in the downtown area of Srinagar.



Tangerine-red spools of thread on the roof to dry.
(Right)

A shawl-maker uses a
colorful range of thread to
weave a pashmina.
(Below)

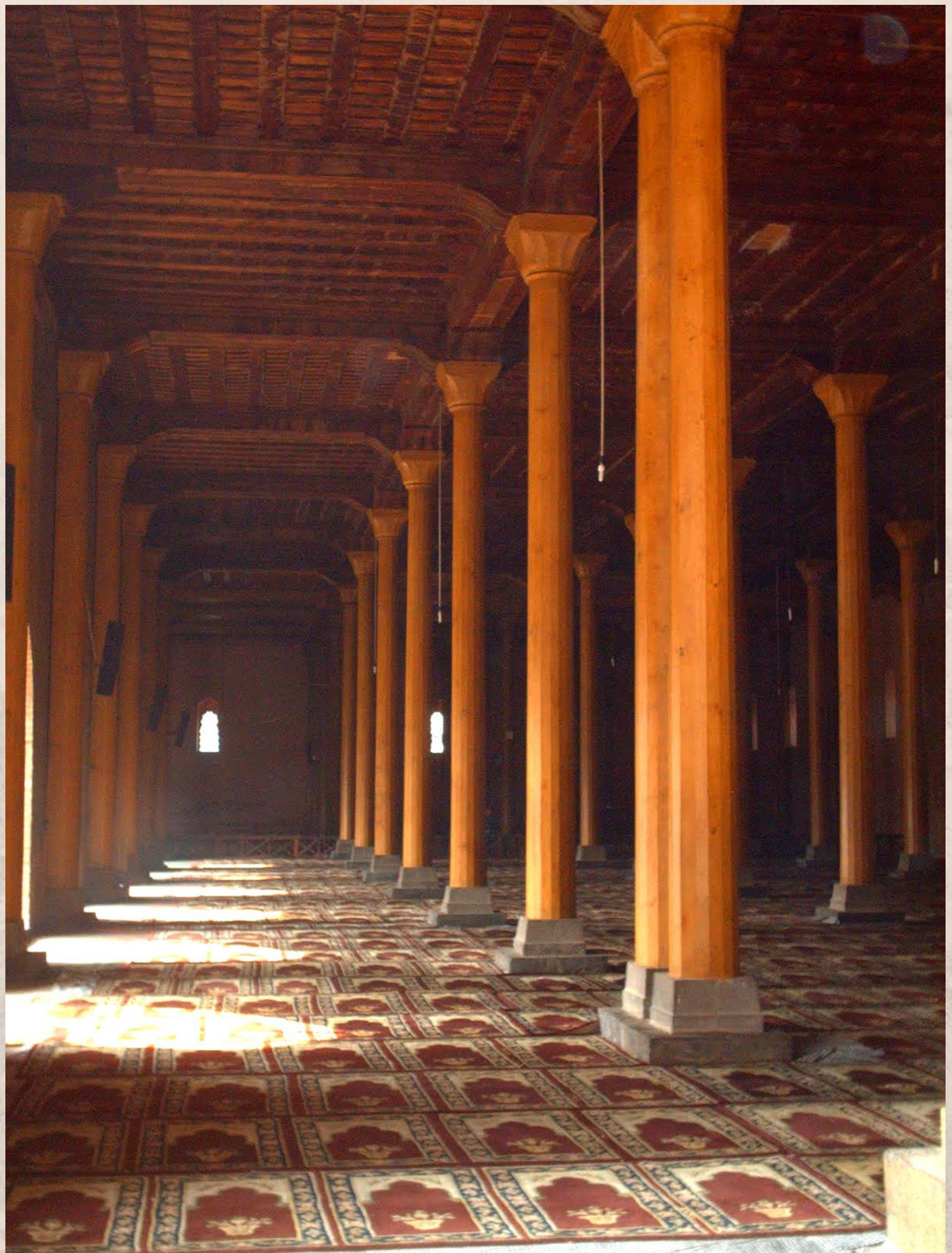




Jamia Mosque in Srinagar is an ancient site in the middle of the old city of Srinagar. Built by Sultan Sikandar in 1400 A.D., the mosque holds a charming courtyard and 370 wooden pillars.



Hundreds of
wooden columns
adorn the Jamia
Mosque.





An elderly woman in a traditional Kashmiri dress.
She lives on the outskirts of Srinagar.

Flowers in bloom in winter.





A local woman works from her home to weave by hand an intricate floral pattern on a large spice-colored shawl. It will take her one month to complete the design.





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