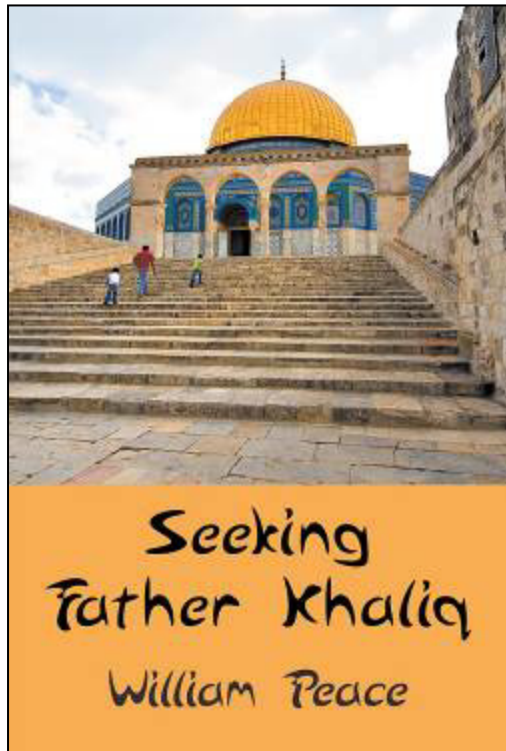


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### Novel Explores Inter-Faith Relationships in the Middle East



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