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Excerpts from this memoir have also been anthologized in *Love Inshallah: The Secret Love Lives of Muslim American Women*, *Becoming: What Makes a Woman*, and *Beyond Belief: The Secret Lives of Women and Extreme Religion*.

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