

## Al-Hijaz in the Arabs' Travel Literature

Traveling has been very nature of human being and a source of earning since times immemorial. Traveling experiences and observations attract every body's attention in the form of stories. That is why, with the passage of time, travelogue became a genre of literature. Like other languages Arabic is also rich in travelogues. For the Muslims, the land of Hijaz is their center for love and respect, because it is the place where the revelation came and the whole humanity took advantage of it. That is why visiting the holy places Makkah Al-Mukarramah and Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah has been the wish of every Muslim. As a result, Hijaz became the most frequently visited place in the world. As Hijaz is also a center of knowledge and trade, that is why a great number of travelogues were written about Al-Hijaz particularly in Arabic language. This is why I have selected the topic "Al-Hijaz in the Arabs' Travel Literature".

I have divided this thesis into Abstract, Preface, five chapters, Bibliography and list of contents. First chapter talks about the importance of literature of travelers and it has five sub-chapters. Second chapter is about Hijaz and it has three sub-chapters. Third chapter is about Arab and non-Arab travelogue writers who wrote about Hijaz. Fourth chapter discusses political, economic and religious overview of Hijaz in the light of travelogues. Fifth chapter has three sub-chapters and talks about the styles of travelogues.