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Blank Pages - Of an Iranian Photo Album by **Newsha Tavakolian**

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Selected by TIME LightBox editor Olivier Laurent: "I can't think of another country that has been as much in the news in 2015 than Iran. From the nuclear deal signed in July and adopted in October, to the country's involvement in Yemen and Syria, Iran is asserting itself on the world stage. And yet, it remains, for many people in the so-called West, a mystery.

"With her book *Blank Pages of an Iranian Photo Album*, Newsha Tavakolian shows us the complexity of her home country using the familiar mechanism and aesthetics of the photo album - an object we can all relate to.

"Through her careful selection of images, Tavakolian also shows that artistry and journalism can cohabit, a lesson some documentary photographers tend to forget at times."