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When I'm in Istanbul, I always visit the harem at the Topkapi Palace, where the Sultan lived with hundreds of women. You see this vivid turquoise on the 16th-century tiles along the walls and to me, it evokes all the mystery and fascination of Turkey. The word turquoise actually comes from the French *turquois*, which means Turkish.