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covering over thirteen centuries of islamic writing this quintessential anthology contains the most important and seminal works of the islamic world told from all types of storytellers from different classes and cultures these stories encompass the people and spirit of the fasting growing religion in the modern world this text summarises and critiques the major positions on the issue of the authenticity of traditions hadiths which claim to preserve the words and deeds of muhammad and early muslim scholars in general and exegetical hadiths in particular a sweeping reinterpretation of spanish literature showing the great debts to arab culture that spain incurred through the 800 years of islamic presence in iberia by so doing it redefines the ground of the study of spanish literature islam on the street deals with the popular side of islam as described not only in tracts and manuals written by sufi shaykhs and islamist thinkers from among the more militant groups in islam but also in writings by other more secular thinkers who have also influenced public opinion a scholar of arabic literature muhsin al musawi explains the growing rift that has occurred between the secular intellectual the forerunner of arab and islamic modernity since the late nineteenth century and the upsurge of islamic fervor in the street at the grassroots level and what these secular intellectuals can do to reconnect with the masses using some of the most important arabic and islamic poetry prose and fiction to come out of the twentieth century al musawi provides context for the complex images of arab and islamic culture given by the various social religious and political groups providing the motivations readers interested in the influence of religion and secularism within modern islamic arabic literature will find that the author addresses the presence of islam and sufism in ways that secular commentators have been incapable of doing a comprehensive study of the qur anic data about each prophet and a history and study of the general muslim literature dealing with the prophets seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject english language and literature studies literature grade gut university of frankfurt main institut für england und amerikastudien course early modern england islam 1560 1640 language english abstract the troubles with islam in today s europe concerning legal and social issues are accompanied by stereotypical visions of the islamic world stereotypes and prejudices play of course a certain role in every representation or vision of the other in regard to islam they are however of a particularly long and rich history already after one century from its emergence islam was seen as a danger to christianity john of damascus granted already in 8th century a complete though totally ignorant view of the muslim civilization muhammad was depicted by him as an antichrist and he declared islam to be a conspiracy against christianity the medieval reception of islam is shown very accurately in the famous divina comedia by dante where the reader finds mohammed placed nowhere else but in hell see how mahomet is mangled before he goes ali in tears his face cleft from chin to forelock and all the others thou seest here were in life sowers of scandal and schism and therefore are thus cloven untrue and unfair depictions of islam in europe are found in catholic theology by thomas aquinas who is still regarded by the church as its most prominent philosopher ignorance about islam may seem understandable as far as fear of religious challenge is concerned since many critics of islam felt it was their duty to defend the truth about god many of them depicted the muslim culture in a completely wrong way because of the very fact that they had never been in real contact with that culture more detailed investigations about what was behind the teachings would however needed to be based on direct encounter accounts on islam based on personal experience would have been then at least more objective and written in various languages on multiple continents and over many centuries islamic literature encompasses a rich and varied body of texts while mention is made of key historical and religious works this volume focuses on poetry and literary prose whether popular or courtly in inspiration topics covered include dominant genres recurring patterns in imagery the influence of pre islamic arabian literature and the periods of development that islamic literature passed through from the seventh century ce to the present day this insightful and wide ranging overview introduces readers to authors such as yunus emre rumi afez and fuzuli of baghdad an invaluable resource discusses the art architecture literature and culture of islamic nations including the development of arabic calligraphy literary elements in islamic

literature and historic traditions of islamic visual arts reference librarian and archivist paula union theological seminary and presbyterian school of christian education virginia and rebecca a scholar of arabic studies present a critically annotated bibliography of central works on islam that are available in english translation they write for readers who are acquainted with the basic ideas histo islam in spanish literature is a sweeping reinterpretation of spanish literature taking as its given the enormous debt to arab culture that spain incurred through the eight centuries of islamic presence on the iberian peninsula this volume takes up the thread of the work of the arabist miguel asín palacios the first to comment extensively upon the marked islamic features in many spanish classics after an initial survey of the presence of islam and judaism in spanish history and culture succeeding chapters explore the muslim context of juan ruiz the author of the libro de buen amor st john of the cross st teresa de jesus the anonymous sonnet no me mueve mi dios aljamiado morisco literature and then official moorophile literature standing in such dramatic contrast to one another and last the novelist juan goytisolo who writing today continues to reflect upon the impact of the east on spanish culture it is no exaggeration to state that this book redefines the ground of the study of spanish literature it will be hard for the contemporary reader ever again to read it with innocence as a literature exclusively european in the works of many prominent african writers islam provides a key component and yet until now islam has been ignored unseen or glossed over in english literary criticism this volume redresses this imbalance and focuses on islam in the works of authors such as camara laye cheikh hamidou kane sembene ousmane birago diop and hampate ba it also includes studies on songhay epics swahili and somali poetry senegalese film and the role of sufism and mouridism uncovering islam s formative impact on u s literary origins this book traces the influence of arabic and persian literature in america from the revolution beginnings to reconstruction focusing on informal engagements and intimate exchanges jeffrey einboden excavates fresh witnesses to early american engagement with the muslim world reclaiming karbala studies the emergence and formation of a viable muslim identity in bengal over the late nineteenth century and into the 1940s mecca is the most forbidden of holy cities many muslim historians and geographers have studied it and countless pilgrims and travelers have left behind lively and well publicized accounts of life in the city the stories of all these figures holy men and heathen alike are collected here to offer a remarkably revealing literary portrait of the city s traditions and urban life introducing readers to the extremely rich tradition of arabic literature this anthology covers some of its major themes and concerns across the centuries from its early beginnings to modern times the texts chosen are a library of personal preferences of a scholar who has spent half a century or more in the company of arabic books marking then translating those passages that seemed to him to capture some of its most memorable moments reflecting the great diversity and unpredictability of arabic literature as the carrier of a major world culture both pre modern and modern the anthology is divided thematically to highlight modern issues such as love religion the human self human rights freedom of expression the environment violence secular thought and feminism the short easy to read texts are accessible to non specialists providing an ideal entry point to this extraordinary literature the encounter between muslim and hindu remains one of the defining issues of south asian society today this encounter began as early as the 8th century and the first muslim kingdom in india would be established at the end of the 12th century this powerful kingdom the sultanate of delhi eventually reduced to vassalage almost every independent kingdom on the subcontinent in love s subtle magic a remarkable and deeply original book aditya behl uses a little understood genre of sufi literature to paint an entirely new picture of the evolution of indian culture during the earliest period of muslim domination these curious romantic tales transmit a deeply serious religious message through the medium of lighthearted stories of love although composed in the muslim courts they are written in a vernacular indian language until now they have defied analysis and been mostly ignored by scholars east and west behl shows that the sufi authors of these charming tales purposely sought to convey an islamic vision via an indian idiom they thus constitute the earliest attempt at the indigenization of islamic literature in an indian setting more important however behl s analysis brilliantly illuminates the cosmopolitan and composite culture of the sultanate india in which they were composed this in turn compels us completely to rethink the standard of the opposition between indian hindu and foreign muslim and recognize that the indo islamic culture of this era was already significantly indian in many important ways in this innovative study bernadette andrea focuses on the contributions of women and their writings in the early modern cultural encounters between england and the islamic world she examines previously neglected material such as the diplomatic correspondence between queen elizabeth i and the ottoman queen mother safiye at the end of the sixteenth century and resituates canonical accounts including lady mary wortley montagu s travelogue of the ottoman empire at the beginning of the eighteenth century her study advances our understanding of how women negotiated conflicting discourses of gender orientalism and imperialism at a time when the ottoman empire was hugely powerful and england was still a marginal nation with limited global influence this book is a significant contribution to critical and theoretical debates in literary and cultural postcolonial women s and middle

eastern studies the spread of islam eastward into south and southeast asia was one of the most significant cultural shifts in world history as it expanded into these regions islam was received by cultures vastly different from those in the middle east incorporating them into a diverse global community that stretched from india to the philippines in islam translated ronit ricci uses the book of one thousand questions from its arabic original to its adaptations into the javanese malay and tamil languages between the sixteenth and twentieth centuries as a means to consider connections that linked muslims across divides of distance and culture examining the circulation of this islamic text and its varied literary forms ricci explores how processes of literary translation and religious conversion were historically interconnected forms of globalization mutually dependent and creatively reformulated within societies making the transition to islam who is a muslim argues that modern urdu literature from its inception in colonial institutions such as fort william college calcutta to its dominant iterations in contemporary pakistan popular novels short stories television serials is formed around a question that is and historically has been at the core of early modern and modern western literatures the question who is a muslim a constant concern within eighteenth century literary and scholarly orientalist texts the english oriental tale chief among them takes on new and dangerous meanings once it travels to the north indian colony and later to the newly formed pakistan a literary historical study spanning some three centuries this book argues that the idea of an urdu canon far from secular or progressive has been shaped as the authority designate around the intertwined questions of piety national identity and citizenship analysing an extensive range of texts and publications across multiple genres formats and literary lineages reclaiming karbala studies the emergence and 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studies literature university of marburg language english abstract 9 11 novels post 9 11 novels and ground zero fiction which have a literary closeness of this day suddenly picked up the former colonial concepts of other and otherness or center and periphery and set them in a context of a shifting multicultural american population with the task to suddenly re imagine this other a task which has hardly been dealt with and if so only on the surface to do so is a difficult task since this has to be done from a western perspective and in the light that this other here is attached to islam or muslims the literary presentation of the other as a muslim remains a painful step since it also has to examine the ways in which knowledge is manipulated by dominant western and muslim discourses but it helps to bring in new energy into the postcolonial discourse being shaped by critics such as said spivak or foucault thus fiction related to 9 11 must not only stay on the level of shock or individual or collective trauma it can also be seen as a starting point for new cultural and critical debates how to deal and write about the terror attacks of that day and how to see the muslim as the other in a more objective light how this can be done will be one central part of this book which starts with a general remark of muslim writing before and after 9 11 and a short reflection of different types of novels dealing with it a next step lies in the task to critically reflect the presentation of muslims in 9 11 fiction in the usa and canada this will be followed by an analysis of parameters typical for muslim existence a closer analysis will then be followed by three novels dealing with matters of otherness the reluctant fundamentalist 2007 cockroach 2008 and atta 2011 the final step then will be to give an outlook of the matter discussed here the choice of the three novels analyzed here followed one basic principle namely that all selected authors are male and dispose of a different cultural and religious background with islam as the common glue examines the enduring legacy of the nawasib early muslims who were hostile to islam s fourth caliph ali and his descendants this work presents in english translation the largest collection ever assembled of the sayings and stories of jesus in arabic islamic literature in doing so it traces a tradition of love and reverence for jesus that has characterized islamic thought for more than a thousand years an invaluable resource for the history of religions the collection documents how one culture that of islam assimilated the towering religious figure of another that of christianity as such it is a work of great significance for the understanding of both and of profound implications for modern day intersectorian relations and ecumenical dialogue tarif khalidi s introduction and commentaries place the sayings and stories in their historical context showing how and why this gospel arose and the function it served within muslim devotion the jesus that emerges here is a compelling figure of deep and life giving spirituality the sayings and stories some 300 in number and arranged in chronological order show us how the image of this jesus evolved

throughout a millennium of islamic history the story of how arab editors of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries revolutionized islamic literature islamic book culture dates back to late antiquity when muslim scholars began to write down their doctrines on parchment papyrus and paper and then to compose increasingly elaborate analyses of and commentaries on these ideas movable type was adopted in the middle east only in the early nineteenth century and it wasn't until the second half of the century that the first works of classical islamic religious scholarship were printed there but from that moment on ahmed el shamsy reveals the technology of print transformed islamic scholarship and arabic literature in the first wide ranging account of the effects of print and the publishing industry on islamic scholarship el shamsy tells the fascinating story of how a small group of editors and intellectuals brought forgotten works of islamic literature into print and defined what became the classical canon of islamic thought through the lens of the literary culture of nineteenth and twentieth century arab cities especially cairo a hot spot of the nascent publishing business he explores the contributions of these individuals who included some of the most important thinkers of the time through their efforts to find and publish classical literature el shamsy shows many nearly lost works were recovered disseminated and harnessed for agendas of linguistic ethical and religious reform bringing to light the agents and events of the islamic print revolution rediscovering the islamic classics is an absorbing examination of the central role printing and its advocates played in the intellectual history of the modern arab world a climate of islamophobia allows anxieties about muslim men living in and migrating to britain to endure british muslims men are often profiled in highly negative terms or regarded with suspicion owing to their perceived religious and cultural heritage but novels and films by british migrant and diaspora writers and filmmakers powerfully contest these stereotypes and explore the rich diversity of muslim masculinities in britain this book is the first critical study to engage with british muslim masculinities in this literary and cinematic output from the perspective of masculinity studies through close analysis of work by monica ali nadeem aslam guy gunaratne sally el hosaini hanif kureishi suhayl saadi kamila shamsie zadie smith zia haider rahman and salman rushdie peter cherry examines how migrant and diaspora protagonists negotiate their masculinity in a climate of islamophobic and anti migrant rhetoric cherry proposes a transcultural reading of these novels and films that exposes how conceptions of britishness muslimness and those of masculinity are unstable and contingent constructs shaped by migration interaction with other cultures and global and local politics this sourcebook presents more than fifty new translations of key islamic texts edited and translated by three leading specialists it illustrates the growth of islamic thought from its seventh century origins to the end of the medieval period exploring and understanding how medieval christians perceived and constructed the figure of the prophet muhammad is of capital relevance in the complex history of christian muslim relations medieval authors writing in latin from the 8th to the 14th centuries elaborated three main images of the prophet the pseudo historical the legendary and the eschatological one this volume focuses on the first image and consists of texts that aim to reveal the christian truth about islam they have been taken from critical editions where available otherwise they have been critically transcribed from manuscripts and early printed books they are organized chronologically in 55 entries each of them provides information on the author and the work date and place of composition an introduction to the passage s reported and an updated bibliography listing editions translations and studies the volume is also supplied with an introductory essay and an index of notable terms originally presented as the author s dissertation universiteat heidelberg 2008 the hadith the sayings attributed to the prophet muhammad form a sacred literature which for the muslims ranks second in importance only to the qur an itself as a source of law ethics and doctrine the vast corpus of hadith continue to exercise decisive influence islamic scholarship has hence devoted immense efforts to gathering and classifying the hadith and ensuring their authenticity this book is the only introduction in english which presents all the aspects of the subject it explains the origin of the literature the evolution of the isnad system the troubled relationship between scholars and the state the problem of falsification and the gradual development of a systematic approach to the material this edition is a fully revised and updated version of the original which was first published in 1961 to considerable scholarly acclaim muhammad zubayr siddiqi was professor of islamic culture in the university of calcutta exploring the relationship between fiction and nation formation in the muslim world through 12 unique studies from azerbaijan libya iran algeria and yemen amongst others this book shows how fiction reflects and relates the complex entanglements of nation religion and modernity in the process of political and cultural identity formation highlights the spirituality and cosmopolitanism of four contemporary german muslim writers showing that they undermine the clash of civilizations narrative and open up space for new ways of coexisting with remarkable breath of vision dr gehan s a ibrahim background not with the outer appearance of things but with their inner reality the meaning of islamic ethical culture ranging across the literature of the muslim era islamic art objects and islamic architecture dr ibrahim penetrates to the inner dimension of islamic moral values and shows the role culture plays in the life of the individual muslims the role of the formation of the code of morals of the muslim era by

rediscovering the root of the moral concepts in the islamic tradition dr gehan s a ibrahim opens doors to new dimensions of the unity and variety in form and meaning of the moral values since the dawn of the muslim era this book explores the changing understandings of islam by focusing on the islamist movement s production of literary fiction since the early 1980s by focusing on islamic literary narratives of the period this study introduces issues of change space history and analytical relation that are excluded by the essentialist reading of islamism one of the richest and most rewarding yet at the same time least familiar traditions of muslim literature is that of the shi i imami ismailis although many great literary treasures of the islamic world are already available in english translation those of the ismailis are only slowly being made accessible to scholars and readers at large this substantial anthology makes a vital and welcome contribution to that process of wider dissemination it brings together for the first time extracts from a range of significant ismaili texts in both poetry and prose here translated into english by some of the foremost scholars in the field the texts included belong to a long span of ismaili history which extends from the fatimid era to the beginning of the twentieth century the translations in question have been rendered from their originals in arabic persian and the different languages of badakhshan and south asia with substantial sections devoted to such broad topics as faith and thought history and biography ethics the imamate ta wil or esoteric exegesis and textual interpretation the anthology offers continuously enriching glimpses into the depths diversity and distinctiveness of one of the great traditions of islamic thought and creativity which still remains relatively undiscovered by the west part 1 is a comprehensive study of the qur anic data about each prophet with a full portrait of every figure and dealing also with all the major scholarly literature on the subject and with the qur anic concept of prophetology part 2 is a history and study of the general muslim literature dealing with the prophets

## **Anthology of Islamic Literature**

1975-10

covering over thirteen centuries of islamic writing this quintessential anthology contains the most important and seminal works of the islamic world told from all types of storytellers from different classes and cultures these stories encompass the people and spirit of the fasting growing religion in the modern world

## **The Development of Exegesis in Early Islam**

2000

this text summarises and critiques the major positions on the issue of the authenticity of traditions hadiths which claim to preserve the words and deeds of muhammad and early muslim scholars in general and exegetical hadiths in particular

## ***Islam in Spanish Literature***

1992

a sweeping reinterpretation of spanish literature showing the great debts to arab culture that spain incurred through the 800 years of islamic presence in iberia by so doing it redefines the ground of the study of spanish literature

## **Islam on the Street**

2009-06-16

islam on the street deals with the popular side of islam as described not only in tracts and manuals written by sufi shaykhs and islamist thinkers from among the more militant groups in islam but also in writings by other more secular thinkers who have also influenced public opinion a scholar of arabic literature muhsin al musawi explains the growing rift that has occurred between the secular intellectual the forerunner of arab and islamic modernity since the late nineteenth century and the upsurge of islamic fervor in the street at the grassroots level and what these secular intellectuals can do to reconnect with the masses using some of the most important arabic and islamic poetry prose and fiction to come out of the twentieth century al musawi provides context for the complex images of arab and islamic culture given by the various social religious and political groups providing the motivations readers interested in the influence of religion and secularism within modern islamic arabic literature will find that the author addresses the presence of islam and sufism in ways that secular commentators have been incapable of doing

## ***Beyond A Thousand & One Nights***

2000

a comprehensive study of the qur'anic data about each prophet and a history and study of the general muslim literature dealing with the prophets

## **Biblical Prophets in the Qur'ān and Muslim Literature**

2002

seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject english language and literature studies literature grade gut university of frankfurt main institut für england und amerkastudien course early modern england islam 1560 1640 language english abstract the troubles with islam in today's europe concerning legal and social issues are accompanied by stereotypical visions of the islamic world stereotypes and prejudices play of course a certain role in every representation or vision of the other in regard to islam they are however of a particularly long and rich history already after one century from its emergence islam was seen as a danger to christianity john of damascus granted already in 8th century a complete though totally ignorant view of the muslim civilization muhammad was depicted by him as an antichrist and he declared islam to be a conspiracy against christianity the medieval reception of islam is shown very accurately in the famous divina comedia by dante where the reader finds mohammed placed nowhere else but in hell see how mahomet is mangled before he goes ali in tears his face cleft from chin to forelock and all the others thou seest here were in life sowers of scandal and schism and therefore are thus cloven untrue and unfair depictions of islam in europe are found in catholic theology by thomas aquinas who is still regarded by the church as its most prominent philosopher ignorance about islam may seem understandable as far as fear of religious challenge is concerned since many critics of islam felt it was their duty to defend the truth about god many of them depicted the muslim culture in a completely wrong way because of the very fact that they had never been in real contact with that culture more detailed investigations about what was behind the teachings would however needed to be based on direct encounter accounts on islam based on personal experience would have been then at least more objective and

## **Representations of Islam in Travel Literature in Early Modern England**

2011-05

written in various languages on multiple continents and over many centuries islamic literature encompasses a rich and varied body of texts while mention is made of key historical and religious works this volume focuses on poetry and literary prose whether popular or courtly in inspiration topics covered include dominant genres recurring patterns in imagery the influence of pre islamic arabian literature and the periods of development that islamic literature passed through from the seventh century ce to the present day this insightful and wide ranging overview introduces readers to authors such as yunus emre rumi afef and fuzuli of baghdad an invaluable resource

## **Islamic Literature**

2017-07-15

discusses the art architecture literature and culture of islamic nations including the development of arabic calligraphy literary elements in islamic literature and historic traditions of islamic visual arts

## **Islamic Art, Literature, and Culture**

2009-12-20

reference librarian and archivist paula union theological seminary and presbyterian school of christian education virginia and rebecca a scholar of arabic studies present a critically annotated bibliography of central works on islam that are available in english translation they write for readers who are acquainted with the basic ideas histo

## ***The Literature of Islam***

2006

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## **Islam in Spanish Literature**

2023-09-20

in the works of many prominent african writers islam provides a key component and yet until now islam has been ignored unseen or glossed over in english literary criticism this volume redresses this imbalance and focuses on islam in the works of authors such as camara laye cheikh hamidou kane sembene ousmane birago diop and hampate ba it also includes studies on songhay epics swahili and somali poetry senegalese film and the role of sufism and mouridism

## **Popular Indonesian Literature of the Qur'an**

1994

uncovering islam s formative impact on u s literary origins this book traces the influence of arabic and persian literature in america from the revolution beginnings to reconstruction focusing on informal engagements and intimate exchanges jeffrey einboden excavates fresh witnesses to early american engagement with the



muslim world

## **Faces of Islam in African Literature**

1991

reclaiming karbala studies the emergence and formation of a viable muslim identity in bengal over the late nineteenth century and into the 1940s

## **The Islamic Lineage of American Literary Culture**

2016

mecca is the most forbidden of holy cities many muslim historians and geographers have studied it and countless pilgrims and travelers have left behind lively and well publicized accounts of life in the city the stories of all these figures holy men and heathen alike are collected here to offer a remarkably revealing literary portrait of the city s traditions and urban life

## ***Reclaiming Karbala***

2022

introducing readers to the extremely rich tradition of arabic literature this anthology covers some of its major themes and concerns across the centuries from its early beginnings to modern times the texts chosen are a library of personal preferences of a scholar who has spent half a century or more in the company of arabic books marking then translating those passages that seemed to him to capture some of its most memorable moments reflecting the great diversity and unpredictability of arabic literature as the carrier of a major world culture both pre modern and modern the anthology is divided thematically to highlight modern issues such as love religion the human self human rights freedom of expression the environment violence secular thought and feminism the short easy to read texts are accessible to non specialists providing an ideal entry point to this extraordinary literature

## ***Mecca***

1994

the encounter between muslim and hindu remains one of the defining issues of south asian society today this encounter began as early as the 8th century and the first muslim kingdom in india would be established at the end of the 12th century this powerful kingdom the sultanate of delhi eventually reduced to vassalage almost every independent kingdom on the subcontinent in love s subtle magic a remarkable and deeply original book aditya behl uses a little understood genre of sufi literature to paint an entirely new picture of the evolution of indian culture during the earliest period of muslim domination these curious romantic tales transmit a deeply serious religious message through the medium of lighthearted stories of love although composed in the muslim courts they are written in a vernacular indian language until now they have defied analysis and been mostly ignored by scholars east and west behl shows that the sufi authors of these

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## ***Anthology of Arabic Literature***

2016-03-16

in this innovative study bernadette andrea focuses on the contributions of women and their writings in the early modern cultural encounters between england and the islamic world she examines previously neglected material such as the diplomatic correspondence between queen elizabeth i and the ottoman queen mother safiye at the end of the sixteenth century and resituates canonical accounts including lady mary wortley montagu s travelogue of the ottoman empire at the beginning of the eighteenth century her study advances our understanding of how women negotiated conflicting discourses of gender orientalism and imperialism at a time when the ottoman empire was hugely powerful and england was still a marginal nation with limited global influence this book is a significant contribution to critical and theoretical debates in literary and cultural postcolonial women s and middle eastern studies

## **Love's Subtle Magic**

2012-11-29

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## **Women and Islam in Early Modern English Literature**

2008-01-17

who is a muslim argues that modern urdu literature from its inception in colonial institutions such as fort william college calcutta to its dominant iterations in contemporary pakistan popular novels short stories television serials is formed around a question that is and historically has been at the core of early modern and modern western literatures the question who is a muslim a constant concern within eighteenth century literary and scholarly orientalist texts the english oriental tale chief among them takes on new and dangerous meanings once it travels to the north indian colony and later to the newly formed pakistan a literary historical study spanning some three centuries this book argues that the idea of an urdu canon far from secular or progressive has been shaped as the authority designate around the intertwined questions of piety national identity and citizenship

## **Islam Translated**

2011-05-01

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## **Who Is a Muslim?**

2021-01-19

document from the year 2017 in the subject english language and literature studies literature university of marburg language english abstract 9 11 novels post 9 11 novels and ground zero fiction which have a literary closeness of this day suddenly picked up the former colonial concepts of other and otherness or center and periphery and set them in a context of a shifting multicultural american population with the task to suddenly re imagine this other a task which has hardly been dealt with and if so only on the surface to do so is a difficult task since this has to be done from a western perspective and in the light that this other here is attached to islam or muslims the literary presentation of the other as a muslim remains a painful step since it also has to examine the ways in which knowledge is manipulated by dominant western and muslim discourses but it helps to bring in new energy into the postcolonial discourse being shaped by critics such as said spivak or foucault thus fiction related to 9 11 must not only stay on the level of shock or individual or collective trauma it can also be seen as a starting point for new cultural and critical debates how to deal and write about the terror attacks of that day and how to see the muslim as the other in a more objective light how this can be done will be one central part of this book which starts with a general remark of muslim writing before and after 9 11 and a short reflection of different types of novels dealing with it a next step lies in the task to critically reflect the presentation of muslims in 9 11 fiction in the usa and canada this will be followed by an analysis of parameters typical for muslim existence a closer analysis will then be followed by three novels dealing with matters of otherness the reluctant fundamentalist 2007 cockroach 2008 and atta 2011 the final step then will be to give an outlook of the matter discussed here the choice of the three novels analyzed here followed one basic principle namely that all selected authors are male and dispose of a different cultural and religious background with islam as the common glue

## ***Reclaiming Karbala***

2023-05-18

examines the enduring legacy of the nawasib early muslims who were hostile to islam s fourth caliph ali and his descendants

## **9/11 and the Muslim presentation as the "Other" in American and Canadian Fiction**

2017-11-09

this work presents in english translation the largest collection ever assembled of the sayings and stories of jesus in arabic islamic literature in doing so it traces a tradition of love and reverence for jesus that has characterized islamic thought for more than a thousand years an invaluable resource for the history of religions the collection documents how one culture that of islam assimilated the towering religious figure of another that of christianity as such it is a work of great significance for the understanding of both and of profound implications for modern day intersectorian relations and ecumenical dialogue tarif khalidi s introduction and commentaries place the sayings and stories in their historical context showing how and why this gospel arose and the function it served within muslim devotion the jesus that emerges here is a compelling figure of deep and life giving spirituality the sayings and stories some 300 in number and arranged in chronological order show us how the image of this jesus evolved throughout a millennium of islamic history

## **Opposing the Imam**

2021-04-29

the story of how arab editors of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries revolutionized islamic literature islamic book culture dates back to late antiquity when muslim scholars began to write down their doctrines on parchment papyrus and paper and then to compose increasingly elaborate analyses of and commentaries on these ideas movable type was adopted in the middle east only in the early nineteenth century and it wasn t until the second half of the century that the first works of classical islamic religious scholarship were printed there but from that moment on ahmed el shamsy reveals the technology of print transformed islamic scholarship and arabic literature in the first wide ranging account of the effects of print and the publishing industry on islamic scholarship el shamsy tells the fascinating story of how a small group of editors and intellectuals brought forgotten works of islamic literature into print and defined what became the classical canon of islamic thought through the lens of the literary culture of nineteenth and twentieth century arab cities especially cairo a hot spot of the nascent publishing business he explores the contributions of these individuals who included some of the most important thinkers of the time through their efforts to find and publish classical literature el shamsy shows many nearly lost works were recovered disseminated and harnessed for agendas of linguistic ethical and religious reform bringing to light the agents and events of the islamic print revolution rediscovering the islamic classics is an absorbing examination of the central role printing and its advocates played in the intellectual history of the modern arab world

## **The Muslim Jesus**

2003-04-30

a climate of islamophobia allows anxieties about muslim men living in and migrating to britain to endure british muslims men are often profiled in highly negative terms or regarded with suspicion owing to their perceived religious and cultural heritage but novels and films by british migrant and diaspora writers and filmmakers powerfully contest these stereotypes and explore the rich diversity of muslim masculinities in britain this book is the first critical study to engage with british muslim masculinities in this literary and cinematic output from the perspective of masculinity studies through close analysis of work by monica ali nadeem aslam guy gunaratne sally el hosaini hanif kureishi suhayl saadi kamila shamsie zadie smith zia haider rahman and salman rushdie peter cherry examines how

migrant and diaspora protagonists negotiate their masculinity in a climate of islamophobic and anti migrant rhetoric cherry proposes a transcultural reading of these novels and films that exposes how conceptions of britishness muslimness and those of masculinity are unstable and contingent constructs shaped by migration interaction with other cultures and global and local politics

## **Rediscovering the Islamic Classics**

2020-02-11

this sourcebook presents more than fifty new translations of key islamic texts edited and translated by three leading specialists it illustrates the growth of islamic thought from its seventh century origins to the end of the medieval period

## **Muslim Masculinities in Literature and Film**

2021-09-23

exploring and understanding how medieval christians perceived and constructed the figure of the prophet muhammad is of capital relevance in the complex history of christian muslim relations medieval authors writing in latin from the 8th to the 14th centuries elaborated three main images of the prophet the pseudo historical the legendary and the eschatological one this volume focuses on the first image and consists of texts that aim to reveal the christian truth about islam they have been taken from critical editions where available otherwise they have been critically transcribed from manuscripts and early printed books they are organized chronologically in 55 entries each of them provides information on the author and the work date and place of composition an introduction to the passage s reported and an updated bibliography listing editions translations and studies the volume is also supplied with an introductory essay and an index of notable terms

## **Classical Islam**

2004-03

originally presented as the author s dissertation universiteat heidelberg 2008

## **The Pseudo-historical Image of the Prophet Muhammad in Medieval Latin Literature: A Repertory**

2011-11-30

the hadith the sayings attributed to the prophet muhammad form a sacred literature which for the muslims ranks second in importance only to the qur an itself as a source of law ethics and doctrine the vast corpus of hadith continue to exercise decisive influence islamic scholarship has hence devoted immense efforts to gathering and classifying the hadith and ensuring their authenticity this book is the only introduction in english which presents all the aspects of the subject it explains the origin of the literature the evolution of the isnad system the troubled relationship between scholars and the state the problem of falsification and the gradual development of a systematic approach to the material this edition is a fully revised and updated version of the original which was first published in 1961 to

considerable scholarly acclaim muhammad zubayr siddiqi was professor of islamic culture in the university of calcutta

## **Representing the Enemy**

2010

exploring the relationship between fiction and nation formation in the muslim world through 12 unique studies from azerbaijan libya iran algeria and yemen amongst others this book shows how fiction reflects and relates the complex entanglements of nation religion and modernity in the process of political and cultural identity formation

## ***Islam and Its Reflection in Contemporary British Literature. A Course Book***

2015-05-08

highlights the spirituality and cosmopolitanism of four contemporary german muslim writers showing that they undermine the clash of civilizations narrative and open up space for new ways of coexisting

## ***Ḥadīth Literature***

1993

with remarkable breath of vision dr gehan s a ibrahim background not with the outer appearance of things but with their inner reality the meaning of islamic ethical culture ranging across the literature of the muslim era islamic art objects and islamic architecture dr ibrahim penetrates to the inner dimension of islamic moral values and shows the role culture plays in the life of the individual muslims the role of the formation of the code of morals of the muslim era by rediscovering the root of the moral concepts in the islamic tradition dr gehan s a ibrahim opens doors to new dimensions of the unity and variety in form and meaning of the moral values since the dawn of the muslim era

## **Novel and Nation in the Muslim World**

2015-07-20

this book explores the changing understandings of islam by focusing on the islamist movement s production of literary fiction since the early 1980s by focusing on islamic literary narratives of the period this study introduces issues of change space history and analytical relation that are excluded by the essentialist reading of islamism

## ***Classical Urdu Literature from the Beginning to Iqbāl***

1975

one of the richest and most rewarding yet at the same time least familiar traditions of muslim literature is that of the shi i imami ismailis although many great literary treasures of the islamic world are already available in english translation those of the ismailis are only slowly being made accessible to scholars and readers at large this substantial anthology makes a vital and welcome contribution to that process of wider dissemination it brings together for the first time extracts from a range of significant ismaili texts in both poetry and prose here translated into english by some of the foremost scholars in the field the texts included belong to a long span of ismaili history which extends from the fatimid era to the beginning of the twentieth century the translations in question have been rendered from their originals in arabic persian and the different languages of badakhshan and south asia with substantial sections devoted to such broad topics as faith and thought history and biography ethics the imamate ta wil or esoteric exegesis and textual interpretation the anthology offers continuously enriching glimpses into the depths diversity and distinctiveness of one of the great traditions of islamic thought and creativity which still remains relatively undiscovered by the west

## ***Mystical Islam and Cosmopolitanism in Contemporary German Literature***

2018

part 1 is a comprehensive study of the qur anic data about each prophet with a full portrait of every figure and dealing also with all the major scholarly literature on the subject and with the qur anic concept of prophetology part 2 is a history and study of the general muslim literature dealing with the prophets

## ***Virtues in Muslim Culture***

2015-04-15

## ***Marginal Voices in Literature and Society***

2000

## ***Islamic Literature in Contemporary Turkey***

2016-04-16

## **An Anthology of Ismaili Literature**

2008-08-15

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