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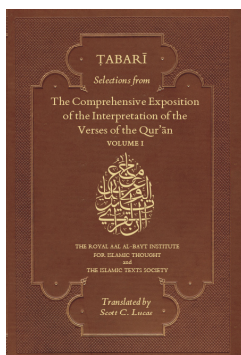
# QUR'ĀN SĪRA & ḤADĪTH

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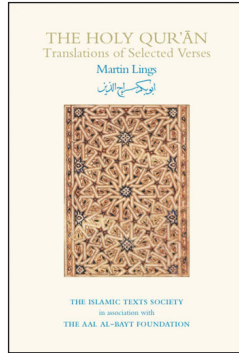
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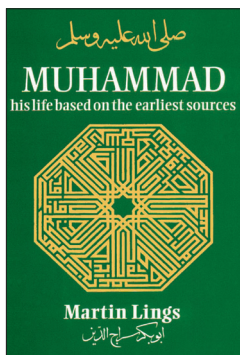
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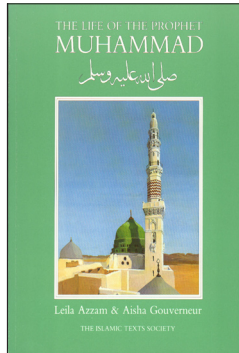
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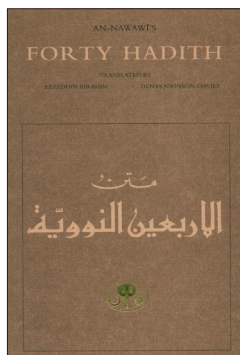
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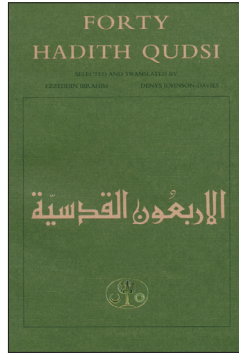
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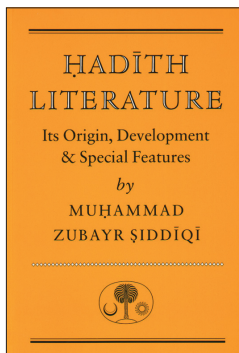
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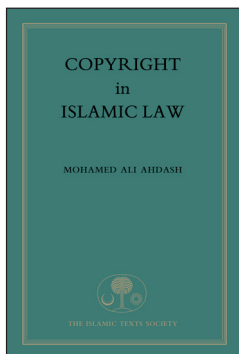
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# ISLAMIC LAW & JURISPRUDENCE

## Copyright in Islamic Law

MOHAMED ALI AHDASH



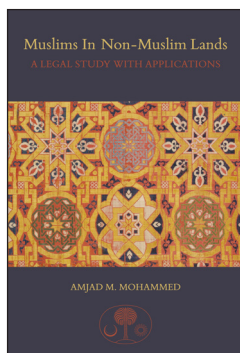
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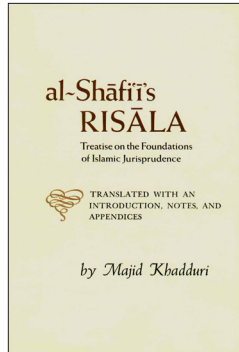
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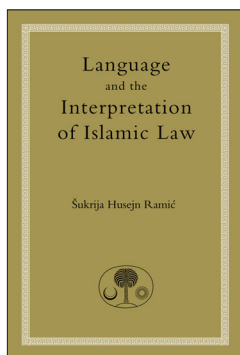
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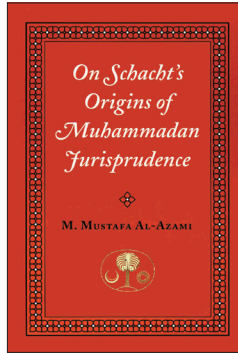
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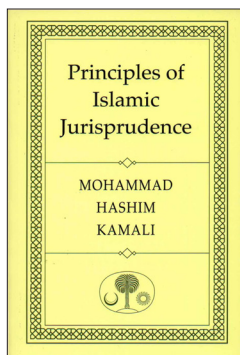
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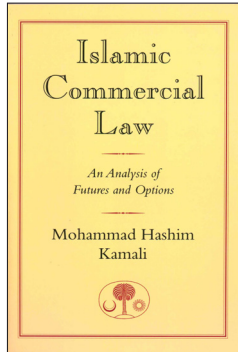
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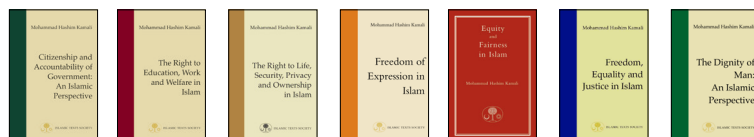
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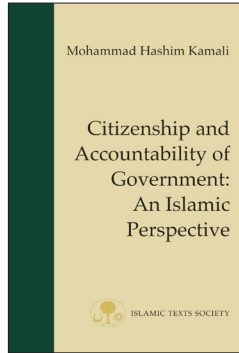
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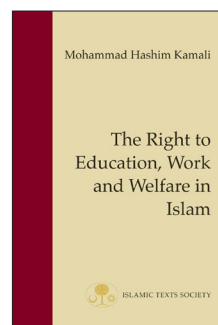
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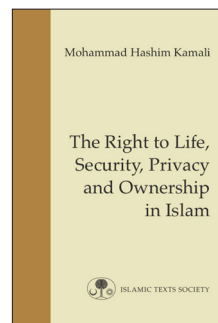


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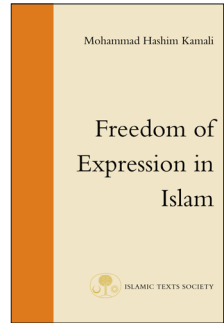
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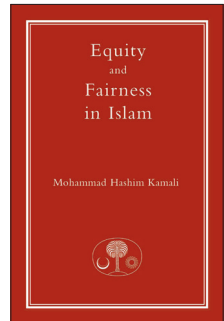
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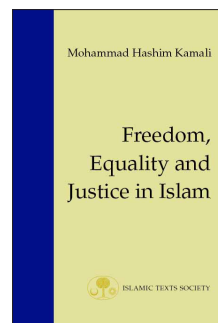
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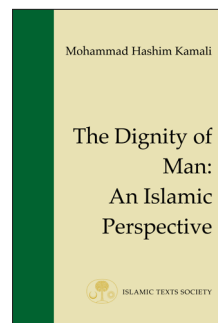
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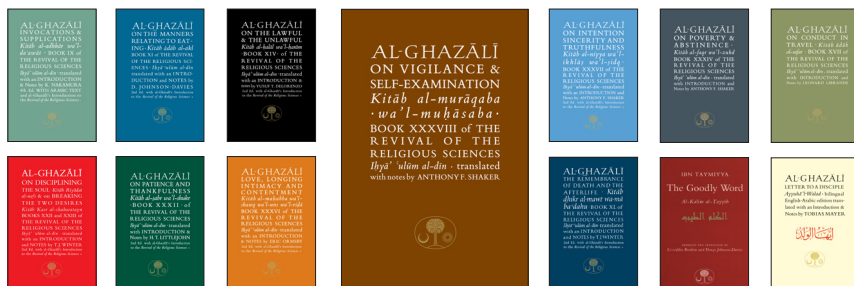
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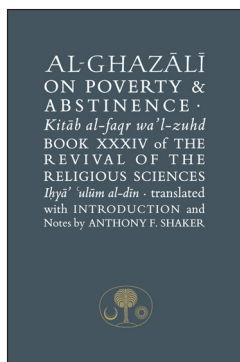
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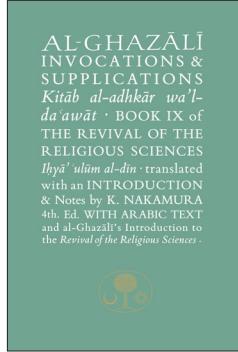
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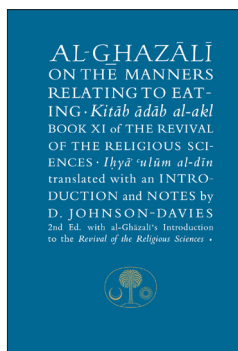
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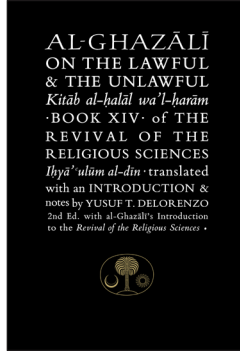
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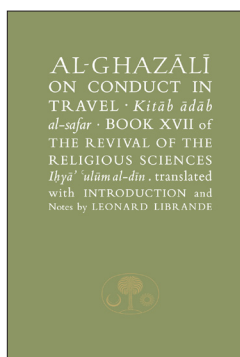
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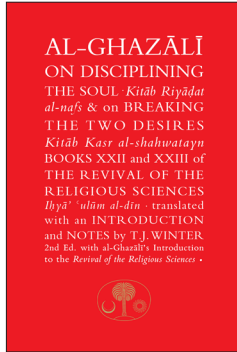
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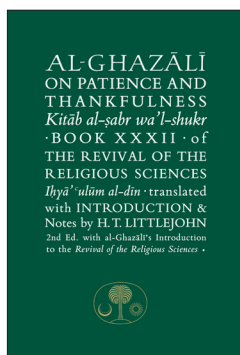
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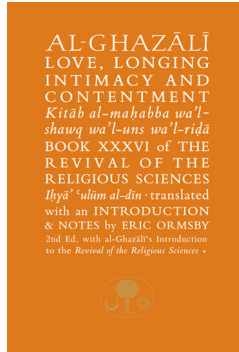
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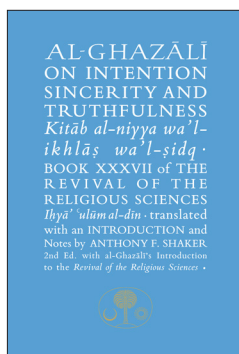
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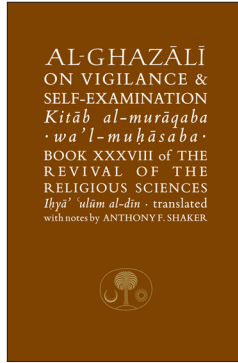
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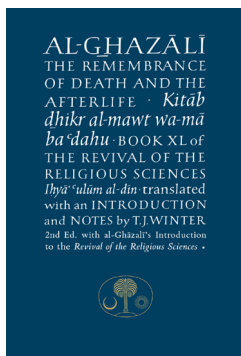
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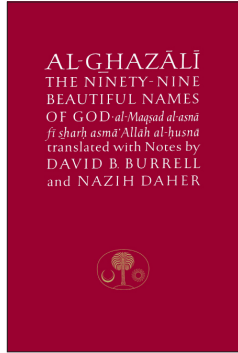
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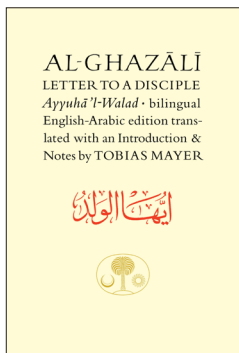
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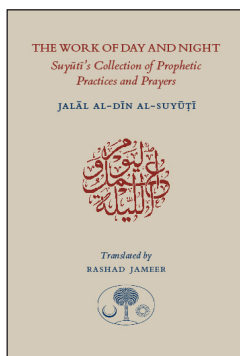
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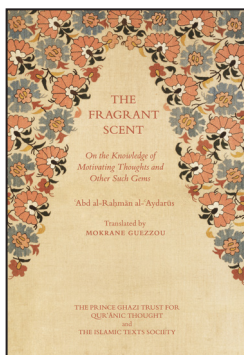
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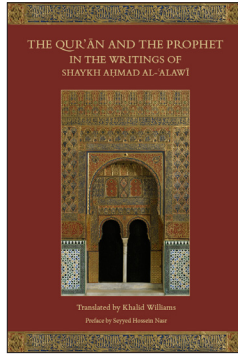
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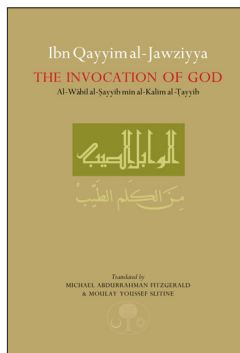
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Written in the fourteenth century by the renowned theologian Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya, this treatise movingly details the many blessings of the remembrance of God. Through discussions of the ego, the nature of the body, the ephemerality of the world, the degrees of prayer, fasting, charity, and the purification of the heart, this beautifully written work is a genuine contribution to Muslim spirituality. What makes *Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya on the Invocation of God* of great interest is that it illustrates the spiritual life of Ibn Qayyim and of his teacher, the Ḥanbalite reformer Ibn Taymiyya (1263AH/1328AD).

Abdurrahman Fitzgerald has studied classical Islamic texts for over 40 years, and published translations of the works of Ibn Ajiba.

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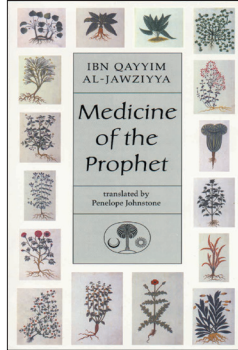
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# Medicine of the Prophet

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Written in the fourteenth century by the renowned theologian Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya, this book is a mine of information on the customs and sayings of the Prophet, as well as on herbal and medical practices current at the time of the author. In bringing together these two aspects, Ibn Qayyim has produced a concise summary of how the Prophet's guidance and teaching can be followed, as well as how health, sickness and cures were viewed by Muslims in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. *Medicine of the Prophet* will appeal not only to those interested in alternative systems of health and medicine, but also to people wishing to acquaint themselves with, or increase their knowledge of, *ḥadīth* and the religion and culture of Islam.

Penelope Johnstone holds a doctorate in history of Arabic medicine and herbals and taught Arabic at the University of Oxford.

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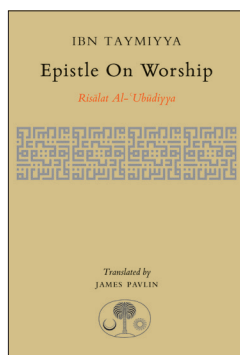
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# Epistle on Worship: *Risālat al-ʿUbūdiyya*

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Ibn Taymiyya remains one of the most controversial Islamic thinkers today because of his supposed influence on many fundamentalist movements. The common understanding of his ideas have been filtered through the bits and pieces of his statements that have been misappropriated by alleged supporters and avowed critics alike. However, most people still have limited access to his beliefs and opinions as expressed in his own writings. This book, *Epistle on Worship: Risālat al-ʿUbūdiyya*, aims to begin filling this gap by presenting an annotated translation of one of his most important epistles on the theology behind the concept of worship. The introduction gives the reader an overview of his biography and situates Ibn Taymiyya in the broader world of Islamic intellectual history by explaining his methodological arguments and theological opinions. The annotated translation captures the immediacy of his ideas as they impacted his world as well as the relevancy they have for our times.

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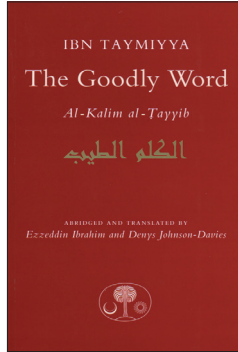
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# The Goodly Word: *Al-Kalim al-Ṭayyib*

IBN TAYMIYYA

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EZZEDDIN IBRAHIM and DENYS JOHNSON-DAVIES



Written by the renowned jurist of the fourteenth century, Taqī al-Dīn Aḥmad Ibn Taymiyya, *The Goodly Word* is one of the most referred to works on prayer and the merits of prayer. Exclusively based on what the Prophet Muḥammad himself said and did, this work includes prayers for every moment of the Muslims life. *The Goodly Word* is here presented in a bilingual edition so that the exact prayers of the Prophet can be read in the original Arabic. The translation is by two distinguished scholars who have also translated *An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith* and *Forty Hadith Qudsi*, both published by the Islamic Texts Society.

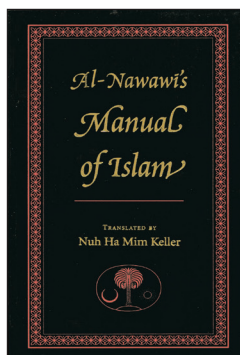
Ezzeddin Ibrahim was a professor of Arabic literature and authored a number of books and translations. He was Cultural Adviser to the President of the United Arab Emirates and served as the Vice-Chancellor of the UAE University.

Denys Johnson-Davies is one of the leading Arabic-English translators of our time. He has translated religious literature, novels and children's books.

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# Al-Nawawī's Manual of Islam

*Translated by* NUH HA MIM KELLER



Imām Nawawī's classic manual of Islam, *al-Maqāṣid*, was first composed as a *fiqh matn*, or synopsis of the practical requirements of Islam—faith, purification, the prayer, charity, fasting, and pilgrimage—for students to memorise. The handbook's clear and concise style will help anyone seeking to learn the essentials of Islamic practice and spirituality from a reliable, traditional source. Although best known for his work on *ḥadīth*, Yahyā ibn Sharaf al- Nawawī (d. 676AH/1277AD) was also the Imām of the later Shāfi'ī school of jurisprudence, and widely acknowledged as the intellectual heir of Imām Shāfi'ī. He was a great scholar and jurist who dedicated his life to the pursuit of Islamic learning.

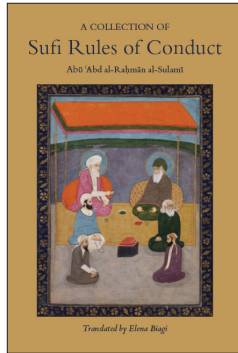
Shaykh Nuh Ha Mim Keller is a specialist in Islamic law having studied with many eminent teachers in Syria and Jordan, where he currently resides.

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# A Collection of Sufi Rules of Conduct

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Elena Biagi is professor of Arabic at the University of Milan, Italy.

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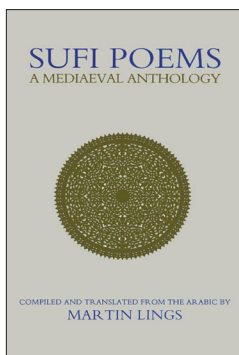
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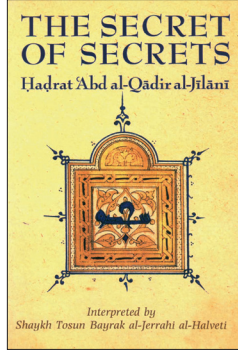
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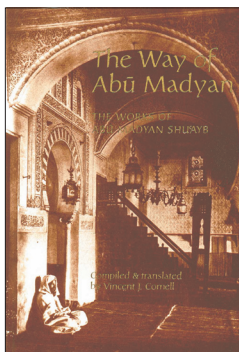
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Shaykh Tosun Bayrak is the leader of the Jerrahi-Halveti Sufi order in the USA.

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# The Way of Abū Madyan

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Vincent J. Cornell is Professor of History at Emory University, Atlanta.

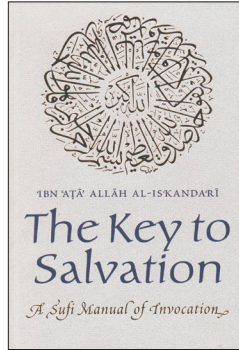
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# The Key to Salvation: A Sufi Manual of Invocation

IBN 'AṬĀ' ALLĀH AL-ISKANDARĪ

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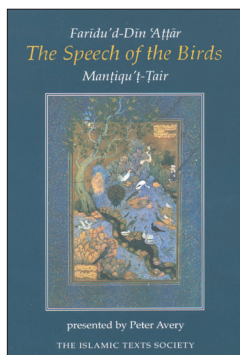
Mary Ann Koury-Danner was Area Specialist for Middle Eastern Studies at Indiana University Library. She has already won two awards for this translation.

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Peter Avery was Persian lecturer at Cambridge from 1958 until 1990.

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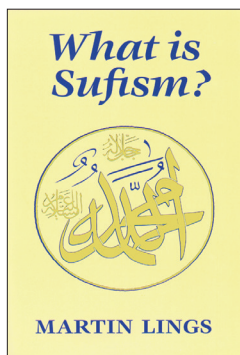
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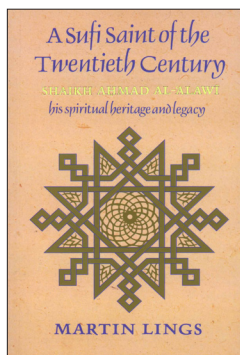
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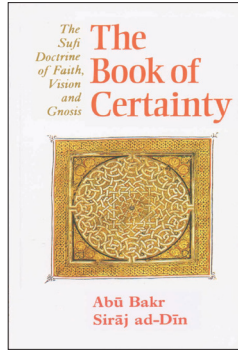
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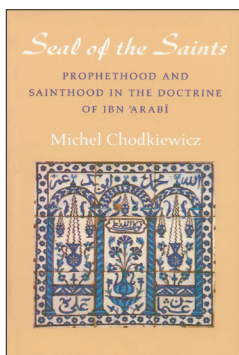
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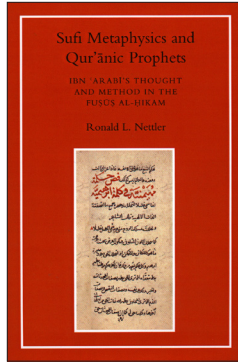
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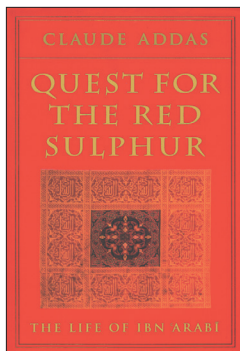
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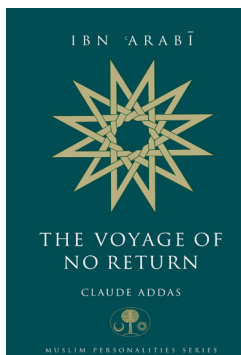
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# Ibn ʿArabī: The Voyage of No Return

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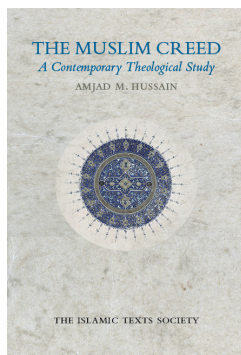
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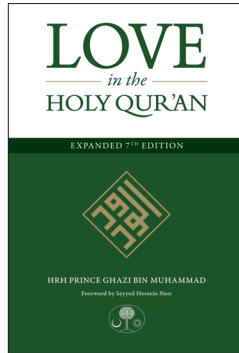
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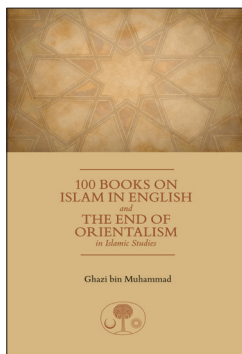
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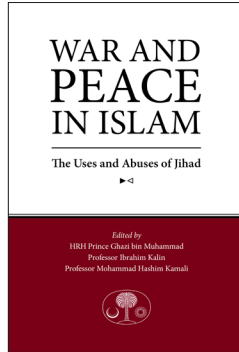
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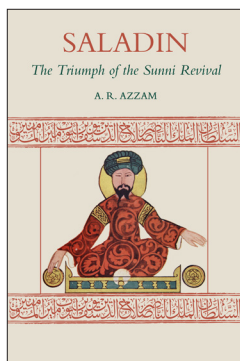
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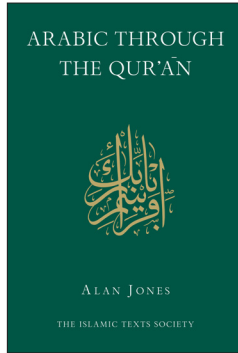
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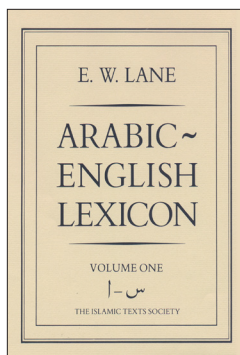
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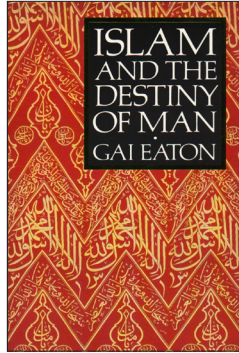
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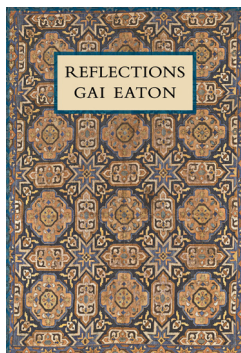
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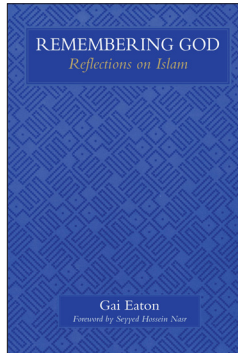
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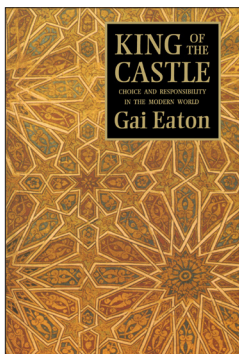
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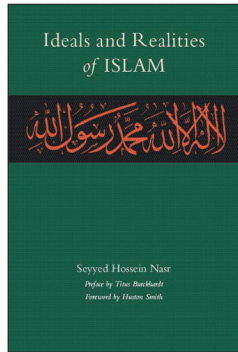
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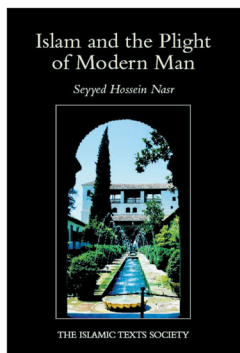
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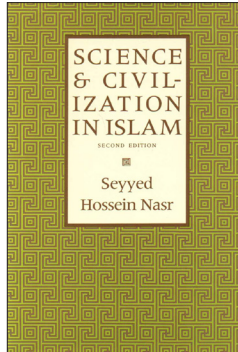
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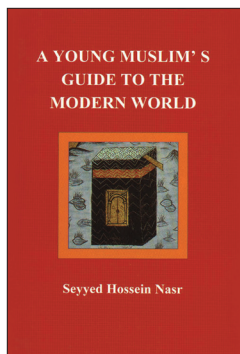
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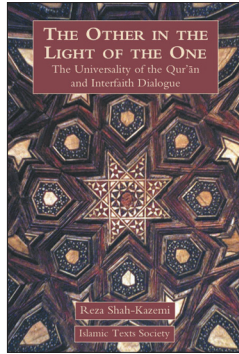
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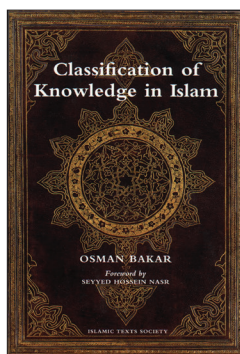
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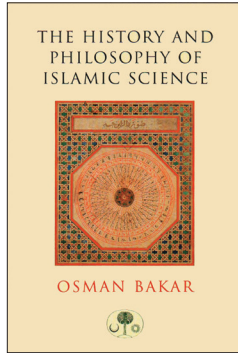
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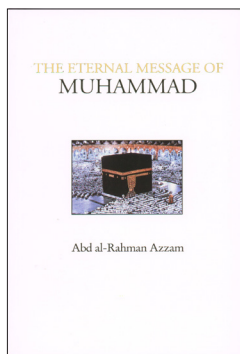
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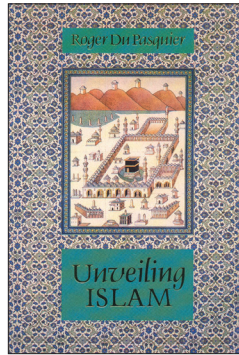
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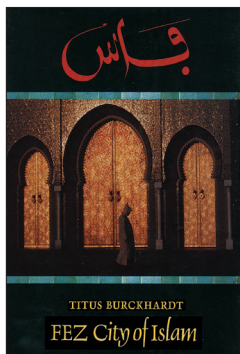
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