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All Praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, the [One Who] Sustains the Heavens and Earths, Director of all that is created, who sent the Messengers (may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon all of them) to rational beings, to guide them and explain the religious laws to them with clear proofs and undeniable arguments. I praise Him for all of His bounties. I ask Him to increase His Grace and Generosity. I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah alone, who has no partner, the One, Who Subdues, the Generous, the Forgiving. I bear witness that our leader Muhammad is His servant and Messenger, His beloved and dear one, the best of all creation. He was honoured with the Glorious Qur'an that has been an enduring miracle throughout the years. He was also sent with his guiding Sunnah that shows the way for those who seek guidance. Our leader Muhammad has been particularised with the characteristic of eloquent and pithy speech, and simplicity and ease in the religion. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, the other Prophets and Messengers, all of their families and the rest of the righteous. NO Copyrights!!! This book can be printed or reproduced or utilized in any form or by any electronic, mechanical, or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including photocopying and recording, without permission from the publisher for the sake of spreading the True teachings of Isl

The Life of the Prophet Muhammad

Whether we will admit it or not, it happens all the time. We often judge individuals, families, churches, and other organizations based on a lack of information. We hear something negative about a teenager in our child's class and assume that the parents are slacking off; we get reprimanded by the church greeter for our attire and assume that the whole church is unfriendly and cold; we listen to the news about a greedy CEO and assume the whole company is out to rip us off. Following this train of thought, what do you think of when you hear the name Muhammad? Do you think of a prophet of God sent to the Arabs or do you think of a leader who formed a blood-thirsty religion? Your perception will most likely be skewed by what you know about Muslims today. But that begs the question. What do you really know about Muhammad and Islam? Are you willing to study and learn about his life and teachings? Are you willing to reach across the divide and get to know the descendants of Abraham so that we can relate to them better? Who Was Muhammad? An Analysis of the Prophet of Islam in Light of the Bible and the Quran engages readers in a fascinating study of the life and times of Muhammad from a historical and prophetic standpoint. Pastor Doug Hardt then launches readers into an in-depth study of the Quran and Muhammad's teachings to see if they agree or disagree with the Word of God. This book will deepen your understanding of the origin of the second largest religion in the world.

Who Was Muhammad?

Finally, the truth...about Jesus and Muhammad This provocative book presents a factual analysis of the two most influential men of all time-Jesus, the founder of Christianity, with 2 billion adherents, and Muhammad, the founder of Islam, with 1.3 billion followers. Dr. Mark A. Gabriel allows you to walk side by side with Jesus and Muhammad from their births to their deaths. You will discover that both were prophesied over as children, endorsed by their cousins, rejected by their hometowns, and assisted by twelve disciples. With an understanding of their biographies, you are prepared to compare their teachings, including: •How they described themselves •How they responded to challenges from Jews •The healings and miracles they performed •Guidelines for acceptable prayer •When to fight an enemy •What they taught about women Dr. Gabriel's balanced historical comparison will shatter false images and give you new insight into the influence

of Jesus and Muhammad in the world today.

Jesus and Muhammad

"In this biography, Barnaby Rogerson explores the life and times of this deeply influential figure. Vividly describing the sixth-century Arabia where Muhammad was born, Rogerson charts his early years among the flocks, the caravans and the markets of his native Mecca; the night the Archangel Gabriel appeared before him and Muhammad become the messenger of God; the dangerous years of reciting the divine revelations in Mecca; his escape to Yathrib (Medina) and the subsequent battles between the pagan Meccans and the Prophet's Muslim forces, who would ultimately prove victorious."--BOOK JACKET.

The Prophet Muhammad

The author attempts to explain the astonishing series of conquests which have marked the triumph of Muhammad and his successors, and which in less than a hundred years extended the frontiers of Islam from Samarkand to Toledo.

Muhammad and the Conquests of Islam

Muhammad Is The Prophet, The Messenger Of God. But For The Vast Majority Of People Outside The Islamic Faith, He Remains A Mystery, And Myths And Misconceptions About Him Abound. Born In A Time Of Moral Despondency And Despair, Muhammad Spent His Entire Life Trying To Transcend Human Pettiness, Searching For Absolute Values, The Meaning Of Life And What It Meant To Be A Human Being. The Book Of Muhammad Recounts This Journey Muhammad S Early Struggles To Bring His Message To The People In Mecca, The Revelation, His Flight To Medina And The Establishment Of Islam And An Ideal City-State There, And His Triumphant Return To Mecca. Mehru Jaffer S Own Search To Understand The Teachings Of Islam Inform This Lucid Yet Profound Retelling Of The Life Of One Of The Most Mesmerizing Figures To Walk This Earth, Thereby Making His Teachings And Spiritual Significance Accessible To All. In This Short Biography, Mehru Jaffer Presents Muhammad As An Extraordinary Prophet And Leader, A Man Of God Who Succeeded In Uniting All Of Arabia Through His New Faith And Exerted Enormous Influence Over Centuries Of Human History. In Her Detailed Introduction To The Book She Also Examines Why The Fundamental Tenet Of His Teachings That To Be A Good Human Being Is To Be Kind, Compassionate And Charitable Is Particularly Relevant In Our Troubled Times Today.

The Book of Muhammad

Karen Armstrong adalah penulis yang telah menghasilkan karya-karya gemilang tentang berbagai tradisi agama. Dalam setiap tulisannya, dia menampakkan kepiawaiannya menampilkan kajian yang rumit menjadi bahasan yang memikat dan mudah dimengerti. Penulis yang bermukim di Inggris itu kini menampilkan biografi Nabi Muhammad, yang tentunya membawakan tafsiran yang baru dan mengejutkan yang selalu menjadi kekhasannya. Biografi Nabi Muhammad ini ditulis Karen pertama kali sebagai respons terhadap fatwa Ayatullah Khomeini terhadap Salman Rushdie. Hingga saat itu, kebanyakan literatur Barat menggambarkan Muhammad entah sebagai orang suci yang sempurna atau sebagai penipu ulung. Armstrong berdiri di tengahnya: Muhammad ditampilkannya sebagai seorang luar biasa berbakat, pemberani, dan kompleks. Diperlihatkannya pula betapa karakter dan ide-ide Nabi demikian kuat untuk mengubah sejarah secara drastis dan menarik jutaan pengikut. Dengan mahir Karen menjalinkan di dalam narasinya jejak-jejak awal sejarah panjang permusuhan Barat terhadap Islam. Ditulis dengan riset yang kuat dan berdasarkan sumber-sumber yang berimbang, penggambaran Karen tentang Nabi dengan latar kehadirannya tentu dapat pula mencerahkan pembaca dengan pemahaman baru tentang kejadian-kejadian modern di kancah politik internasional. [Mizan, Agama, nabi, Islam, Karen Amstrong, Indonesia]

Muhammad Prophet for our time

As the Messenger of God, Muhammad stands at the heart of the Islamic religion, revered by Muslims throughout the world. The Cambridge Companion to Muhammad comprises a collection of essays by some of the most accomplished scholars in the field exploring the life and legacy of the Prophet. The book is divided into three sections, the first charting his biography and the milieu into which he was born, the revelation of the Qur'ān, and his role within the early Muslim community. The second part assesses his legacy as a law-maker, philosopher, and politician and, finally, in the third part, chapters examine how Muhammad has been remembered across history in biography, prose, poetry, and, most recently, in film and fiction. Essays are written to engage and inform students, teachers, and readers coming to the subject for the first time. They will come away with a deeper appreciation of the breadth of the Islamic tradition, of the centrality of the role of the Prophet in that tradition, and, indeed, of what it means to be a Muslim today.

The Cambridge Companion to Muhammad

AN INDEPENDENT BEST BOOKS ON RELIGION 2014 PICK Few things provoke controversy in the modern world like the religion brought by Prophet Muhammad. Modern media are replete with alarm over jihad, underage marriage and the threat of amputation or stoning under Shariah law. Sometimes rumor, sometimes based on fact and often misunderstood, the tenets of Islamic law and dogma were not set in the religion's founding moments. They were developed, like in other world religions, over centuries by the clerical class of Muslim scholars. Misquoting Muhammad takes the reader back in time through Islamic civilization and traces how and why such controversies developed, offering an inside view into how key and controversial aspects of Islam took shape. From the protests of the Arab Spring to Istanbul at the fall of the Ottoman Empire, and from the ochre red walls of Delhi's great mosques to the trade routes of the Indian Ocean world, Misquoting Muhammad lays out how Muslim intellectuals have sought to balance reason and revelation, weigh science and religion, and negotiate the eternal truths of scripture amid shifting values.

Misquoting Muhammad

Peterson engagingly tells the tale of this prophet, blending the texts of traditional sources into a clear narrative that opens a window on the life and influence of the first Muslim.

Muhammad, Prophet of God

Adil writes of the Holy Prophet and how he prayed for mercy upon his enemies. Despite the fact that they did him such harm and caused him so much hurt, he would not curse them, for all prophets' curses instantly take effect.

Muhammad, the Messenger of Islam

Muhammad is a shimmering, lyrical biography of the Prophet, composed from the words of Muslims throughout the centuries. Drawing on a variety of Islamic sources, from the hadith, or sayings of Muhammad and his companions, to Abbasid and Persian texts, Weinberger weaves a subtle, mystical prose poem, spanning Muhammad's birth and childhood; his adolescence, miracles and marriages; to the *isra* and *miraj*, his journey from Mecca to Jerusalem and ascent into heaven, with the angel Jibril (Gabriel) as his guide. The result is a vivid triptych that presents the final prophet of Islam with extraordinary clarity. At a time when the Muslim world is being demonized in much of the media Muhammad provides a sense of the awe surrounding this historical and sacred figure.

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In his quest for the historical Muhammad, Zeitlin's chief aim is to catch glimpses of the birth of Islam and the

role played by its extraordinary founder. Islam, as its Prophet came to conceive it, was a strict and absolute monotheism. How Muhammad had arrived at this view is not a problem for Muslims, who believe that the Prophet received a revelation from Allah or God, mediated by the Angel Gabriel. For scholars, however, interested in placing Muhammad in the historical context of the seventh-century Arabian Peninsula, the source of the Prophet's inspiration is a significant question. It is apparent that the two earlier monotheisms, Judaism and Christianity, constituted an influential presence in the Hijaz, the region comprising Mecca and Medina. Indeed, Jewish communities were salient here, especially in Medina and other not-too-distant oases. Moreover, in addition to the presence of Jews and Christians, there existed a third category of individuals, the Hanifs, who, dissatisfied with their polytheistic beliefs, had developed monotheistic ideas. Zeitlin assesses the extent to which these various influences shaped the emergence of Islam and the development of the Prophet's beliefs. He also seeks to understand how the process set in motion by Muhammad led, not long after his death, to the establishment of a world empire.

The Historical Muhammad

The extraordinary life of the man who founded Islam, and the world he inhabited—and remade. Lesley Hazleton's new book, *Agnostic: A Spirited Manifesto*, is out now from Riverhead Books. Muhammad's was a life of almost unparalleled historical importance; yet for all the iconic power of his name, the intensely dramatic story of the prophet of Islam is not well known. In *The First Muslim*, Lesley Hazleton brings him vibrantly to life. Drawing on early eyewitness sources and on history, politics, religion, and psychology, she renders him as a man in full, in all his complexity and vitality. Hazleton's account follows the arc of Muhammad's rise from powerlessness to power, from anonymity to renown, from insignificance to lasting significance. How did a child shunted to the margins end up revolutionizing his world? How did a merchant come to challenge the established order with a new vision of social justice? How did the pariah hounded out of Mecca turn exile into a new and victorious beginning? How did the outsider become the ultimate insider? Impeccably researched and thrillingly readable, Hazleton's narrative creates vivid insight into a man navigating between idealism and pragmatism, faith and politics, nonviolence and violence, rejection and acclaim. *The First Muslim* illuminates not only an immensely significant figure but his lastingly relevant legacy.

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A biography of Muhammad, the founder of Islam.

The First Muslim

The Man Who Inspired the World's Fastest-Growing Religion Muhammad presents a fascinating portrait of the founder of a religion that continues to change the course of world history. Muhammad's story is more relevant than ever because it offers crucial insight into the true origins of an increasingly radicalized Islam. Countering those who dismiss Islam as fanatical and violent, Armstrong offers a clear, accessible, and balanced portrait of the central figure of one of the world's great religions.

Life of Muhammad

Just over a sixth of the world's population subscribes to the Muslim belief that 'there is no god but God, and Muhammad is his Messenger'. Michael Cook gives an incisive account of the man who inspired this faith, drawing on the traditional Muslim sources to describe Muhammad's life and teaching. He also attempts to stand back from this traditional picture to question how far it is historically justified.

Muhammad: Prophet and Statesman

A life of the prophet Muhammad by bestselling author Karen Armstrong. 'Armstrong has a dazzling ability: she can take a long and complex subject and reduce it to its fundamentals, without over-simplifying' SUNDAY TIMES 'One of our best living writers on religion' FINANCIAL TIMES 'Not just a sympathetic book that would dispel the misconceptions and misgivings of its western readers, but also a book that is of considerable importance to Muslims' MUSLIM NEWS Most people in the West know very little about the prophet Muhammad. The acclaimed religious writer Karen Armstrong has written a biography which will give us a more accurate and profound understanding of Islam and the people who adhere to it so strongly. Muhammad also offers challenging comparisons with the two religions most closely related to it - Judaism and Christianity.

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His campaigns, military thought, and insurgent strategy There are many biographies of the Prophet, and they tend to fall into three categories: pious works that emphasize the virtues of the early Islamic community, general works for non-Muslim or non-specialist readers, and source-critical works that grapple with historiographical problems inherent in early Islamic history. In *The Generalship of Muhammad*, Russ Rodgers charts a new path by merging original sources with the latest in military theory to examine Muhammad's military strengths and weaknesses. Incorporating military, political, and economic analyses, Rodgers focuses on Muhammad's use of insurgency warfare in seventh-century Arabia to gain control of key cities such as Medina. Seeking to understand the operational aspects of these world-changing battles, he provides battlefield maps and explores the supply and logistic problems that would have plagued any military leader at the time. Rodgers explains how Muhammad organized his forces and gradually built his movement against sporadic resistance from his foes. He draws from the hadith literature to shed new light on the nature of the campaigns. He examines the Prophet's intelligence network and the employment of what would today be called special operations forces. And he considers the possibility that Muhammad received outside support to build and maintain his movement as a means to interdict trade routes between the Byzantine Empire and the Sasanid Persians.

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Chronicles the life of the prophet Muhammed from his birth in Mecca, through his preaching and the establishment of Islam, to his continuing legacy to the world.

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In our day, which is characterized by a great misunderstanding of Islam, this work outlines the ideal of an Islamic society at the time of the Prophet Muhammad.

The Generalship of Muhammad

This work is the first to examine the educational philosophy of Elijah Muhammad, the founder of the Nation of Islam and a pivotal leader in America's history. This timely book outlines Elijah Muhammad's educational ideas in relation to critical pedagogy, multicultural education, and critical white studies, a branch of "critical race theory" - which is a scholarly theory popularized in the mid-1970s and reaches across disciplines to explore the relationship among race, the justice system, and society. In this seminal work, Professor Pitre introduces several key components of Elijah Muhammad's educational philosophy, such as the knowledge of self; the purpose of education; education for a new world; and the role of teachers. Professor Pitre's presentation of these facets of Elijah Muhammad's philosophy is used as the basis for the development of a new educational paradigm that is universal in scope. This is a must-read book for those dedicated to creating a new paradigm that can transform individuals, schools, societies, and the world.

Muhammad of Mecca

Muhammad and the People of Book by Sahaja Carimokam asks the question, what was the nature of Muhammad's relationship to non-Muslims, particularly Jews and Christians, and how did it change over time? This work is based on a chronological reading of the chapters of the Qur'an supplemented with Muslim commentary literature and biographical materials on the life of Muhammad. Carimokam traces Muhammad's evolving religious viewpoint based on his borrowings of primarily Jewish and some Christian traditional/apocryphal materials. He shows how Muhammad's inaccurate and anachronistic rendition of Jewish traditional literature ensured that the Jews would reject him as a Prophet. This rejection led to his ultimatum to the Jews early in the Medinan period of the Qur'an and culminated with his call to Jihad against all non-Muslims, including those Jews and Christians who refused to acknowledge his Prophethood. The origins of takfir, declaring Muslims to be non-Muslims, are considered. Comparisons are made of moderate and traditional interpreters of the Qur'an. Historical-critical issues regarding the background provided by Muslim historical propaganda is considered in one chapter. The book concludes with a controversial issue for the interpretation of Islamic law in the 21st century based on the actual canonical practices of Muhammad.

The Path of Muhammad

A well-researched biography of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, this book corrects many misconceptions about his life, and answers Western criticism. The biography discusses in detail the high moral character of the prophet, his love for orphans, the poor and downtrodden, his persecution by the Meccans, his flight to Madina.

The Educational Philosophy of Elijah Muhammad

The Leadership of Muhammad is a very personal study of the life-story and leadership skills of the Prophet. John Adair served with a Bedouin regiment in the Arab Legion and this story is full of fascinating detail of desert life and Bedouin beliefs. A business book that crosses boundaries it highlights the key leadership skills displayed by Muhammad and allows you to share in his wisdom. John Adair weaves the story of Muhammad's life together with aspects of Bedouin culture and ancient proverbs to provide key points for leaders and aspiring leaders. He discusses tribal leadership and essential attributes such as integrity, moral authority and humility. Learning and leadership go hand in hand. You are not born a leader, but you can become one and it is never too late to learn. John Adair's study of Muhammad and the tribal tradition of leadership is an essential addition to the leadership debate.

Muhammad and the People of the Book

An accessible and fresh biography boldly arguing that Muhammad's entrepreneurial mindset helped unleash the modern world "A beautifully written, immaculately researched meditation on the impact of the Prophet Muhammad on the modern world. I loved this book!" —Reza Aslan, author of No God but God and Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth A six-year-old cries in his mother's arms as she draws her last breaths to urge him: "Muhammad, be a world-changer!" The boy, suddenly orphaned in a tribal society that fears any change, must overcome enormous obstacles to unleash his own potential and inspire others to do the same. Fusing details long known to Muslim scholars but inaccessible to popular audiences, Mohamad Jebara brings to life the gripping personal story of Islam's founding prophet. From his dramatic birth to nearly being abducted into slavery to escaping assassination, Muhammad emerges as an unrelenting man on a mission. Surrounding the protagonist are dynamic women who nurture Muhammad; Jewish and Christian mentors who inspire him; and the enslaved individuals he helps liberate who propel his movement. Jebara places Muhammad's life in a broader historical context, vividly evoking the Meccan society he was born into and arguing that his innovative vision helped shape our modern world.

Muhammad the Prophet

Muhammad's Body introduces questions of embodiment and materiality to the study of the Prophet Muhammad. Analyzing classical Muslim literary representations of Muhammad's body as they emerge in Sunni hadith and sira from the eighth through the eleventh centuries CE, Michael Muhammad Knight argues that early Muslims' theories and imaginings about Muhammad's body contributed in significant ways to the construction of prophetic masculinity and authority. Knight approaches hadith and sira as important religiocultural and literary phenomena in their own right. In rich detail, he lays out the variety of ways that early believers imagined Muhammad's relationship to beneficent energy—baraka—and to its boundaries, effects, and limits. Drawing on insights from contemporary theory about the body, Knight shows how changing representations of the Prophet's body helped to legitimize certain types of people or individuals as religious authorities, while marginalizing or delegitimizing others. For some Sunni Muslims, Knight concludes, claims of religious authority today remain connected to ideas about Muhammad's body.

A Song of Muhammad

As the founder of Islam Muhammad is one of the most influential figures in history. The furor surrounding the Satanic Verses and the Danish cartoon crisis reminded the world of the tremendous importance of the prophet of Islam, Muhammad. Learning about his life and understanding its importance, however, has always proven difficult. Our knowledge of Muhammad comes from the biography of him written by his followers, but Western historians have questioned the reliability of this story in their quest to uncover the 'historical Muhammad'. As modern controversies have shown, whatever the truth about Muhammad's life, his persona has taken on numerous shapes and played a crucial role in Muslim life and civilization. This Very Short Introduction provides an introduction to the major aspects of Muhammad's life and its importance, providing both the Muslim and Western historical perspectives. It also explains the prominent roles that Muhammad's persona has played in the Islamic world, from the medieval to the modern period. ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

The Leadership of Muhammad

The first English-language biography of Muhammad (571-632 A.D.), depicting the great prophet and founder of Islam, his life and achievements, and his enormous influence on the modern world.

Muhammad, the World-Changer

The book reveals the fulfilled prophecies the Prophet made with amazing accuracy during his lifetime and after his passing -- even the ones that are still being fulfilled now, or will be fulfilled in the future. The book also reveals the signs of the \"Hour,\" or the era leading to the end of time. Furthermore, it uncovers the Prophet's eye-witnessed prophecies describing Paradise and Hell Fire. The book not only reveals the signs of the \"Hour\" or the leading era to the end of time, but also the prophet's eye-witnessed prophecies describing the Hereafter as well. You will not be able to put it down racing to know what will happen in the world next! \"What this book shows, without doubt, is evidence that would blow the mind of the reader, Muslim or non-Muslim, as to how much proof there is of God's existence, and that Muhammad is His last prophet. The biggest difficulty I faced was trying to limit the book to 350 pages, while the amount of the prophet's fulfilled prophecies, and miracles, physical and scientific was just astounding,\" said author Moustafa Zayed.

Muhammad's Body

Muslims all over the world see Muhammad as God's last messenger to mankind. Through his actions, he

showed the way to live a life that provides for all the needs of body, mind, and soul, and elevates man's aspirations towards a sublime ideal in a very simple, direct, and truthful manner. He built a state that was dedicated to truth and justice and to the liberation of man throughout the world. He wrote to emperors, kings, and rulers, calling on them to believe in God and to follow His message, yet, at the same time, he lived a life of poverty, leaving aside the riches that were offered to him. At a time when the Prophet is much maligned by writers, cartoonists, and various other detractors, this book aims to show Muhammad's true character in detail, both in its most everyday and most extraordinary moments. Adil Salahi's writings include the acclaimed *Muhammad: Man and Prophet* and *Pioneers of Islamic Scholarship*, and the English translation of the eighteen-volume *In the Shade of the Qur'an*. His main career has been in radio and print journalism, and for over thirty years he was editor of *"Islam in Perspective,"* a twice-weekly full-page column in the *Arab News*, a Saudi daily newspaper.

Muhammad: A Very Short Introduction

In the midst of the dramatic seventh-century war between two empires, Muhammad was a spiritual seeker in search of community and sanctuary. Many observers stereotype Islam and its scripture as inherently extreme or violent—a narrative that has overshadowed the truth of its roots. In this masterfully told account, preeminent Middle East expert Juan Cole takes us back to Islam's—and the Prophet Muhammad's—origin story. Cole shows how Muhammad came of age in an era of unparalleled violence. The eastern Roman Empire and the Sasanian Empire of Iran fought savagely throughout the Near East and Asia Minor. Muhammad's profound distress at the carnage of his times led him to envision an alternative movement, one firmly grounded in peace. The religion Muhammad founded, Islam, spread widely during his lifetime, relying on soft power instead of military might, and sought armistices even when militarily attacked. Cole sheds light on this forgotten history, reminding us that in the Qur'an, the legacy of that spiritual message endures. A vibrant history that brings to life the fascinating and complex world of the Prophet, Muhammad is the story of how peace is the rule and not the exception for one of the world's most practiced religions.

The Life and Times of Muhammad

Sultan of Hearts: Prophet Muhammad details the exemplary life of Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him. Available as a set of two volumes, the book is not simply a chronological look into the life of the Prophet but rather an exclusive look into his character, attributes, and qualities through the eyes of his companions and family most close to him. Brimming with passion and emotion, *Sultan of Hearts: Prophet Muhammad* transports the readers to the Arabian peninsula centuries ago, as if lifting the constraints of time and space, allows them to discover and explore with freedom the Age of Happiness.

The Prophecies of Muhammad

An inquiry into the religious environment of the person Muslims hail as the *"Envoy of God"* and an attempt to trace his progress along the path from paganism to that distinctive form of monotheism called Islam.

Muhammad: His Character and Conduct

In a comprehensive study of early Islamic history, Wilferd Madelung examines the conflict which developed after Muhammad's death for the leadership of the Muslim community. He pursues the history of this conflict through the reign of the four 'Rightly Guided' caliphs to its climax in the first inter-Muslim war. The outcome of the war, which marked the demise of the reign of the Early Companions, resulted in the lasting schism between Sunnite and Shi'ite Islam. Contrary to recent scholarly trends, the author brings out Ali's early claim to legitimate succession, which gained support from the Shi'a, and offers a convincing reinterpretation of early Islamic history. This book will make a major contribution to the debate over succession. Wilferd Madelung's book *The Succession to Muhammad* has been awarded the Best Book of the Year prize by the Islamic Republic of Iran for the year 1997.

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Classic Marxist account of the life of Mohammad and the development of Islam A classic account of the life and thought of the Prophet Mohammad and the development of early Islam from one of the most historians of the twentieth century. Rodinson's lucid and engaging study situates the prophet in his social context, opening the world of the early seventh-century Middle East. The development of Islam helped to knit together the most antagonistic tribes and peoples under a common purpose, transforming Arabia from a nomadic to a settled society. In the book, Rodinson studies the development of Mohammad's thought, the role of ideology in the development of Islam, and the economic and social context in which it developed.

Sultan of Hearts

Muhammad and the Origins of Islam

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