Islam in the Middle East: A Living Tradition
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DESCRIPTION

This concise book offers a nuanced introduction to Islam in the Middle East. It presents Islam as both a unified tradition of theological dogma and practices that transcends cultural differences and as a dynamic tradition that is historically informed, locally shaped, and continually reinterpreted.

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