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Howe, Marvin. **Al-Andalus rediscovered: Iberia's new Muslims.** Columbia, 2012. 289p. bibl. index. ufp. ISBN 9780231170274-1. \$25.00

Independent scholar and former *New York Times* correspondent, Howe draws upon a number of periodical and organizational sources as well as myriad personal interviews with Muslim leaders and community members in both Spain and Portugal to chronicle their recent immigration and mostly successful attempt to integrate themselves. The successful experiences of the Portuguese Revolution and Spanish transition to democracy in the 1970s can explain why the Spaniards and Portuguese have generally tolerated Muslims in Iberia and, indeed, why Iberian grassroots nongovernmental organizations have formed to champion and assist with Muslim integration. These have synchronized Muslims' and Iberians' desire for social justice and enshrined the latter's admiration and moral support for the North African Arab revolutions, as well as condemnation of the dictatorships in Syria and Libya: before Qaddafi's fall. Howe is authoritative and evenhanded by also revisiting the activities of the Muslim terrorist fringe behind the March 11, 2004, Madrid Atocha train station bombing, but she demonstrates that, for the most part, Iberian Muslims rejected said fringe, who failed to win the majority of the Iberian population against their new Muslim neighbors. **Summing Up, Recommended.** *All Levels/Libraries.* -- *E. A. Sabahria, University of New Mexico*