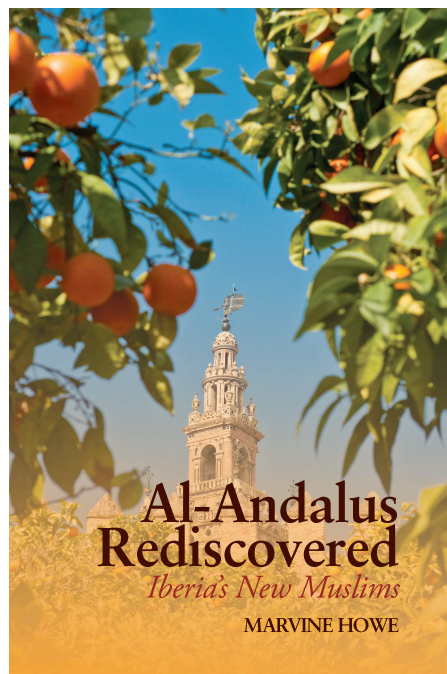


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AL-ANDALUS REDISCOVERED *IBERIA'S NEW MUSLIMS AND OTHER MINORITIES*

Marvine Howe

'An important addition to contemporary studies of Portugal and Spain. The noted *New York Times* correspondent writes evocatively on an oddly neglected but increasingly vital, topic: roles of Muslims in Iberia in history and today, following recent migrations. The range of her sources is impressive: personal interviews with leaders, the media, diverse publications and the author's travels and observations of fifty years. This is the new 'culture history' at its best.' — **Douglas L. Wheeler, Professor of History Emeritus, University of New Hampshire, and author of *Republican Portugal and Historical Dictionary of Portugal***

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central to our age.' — **Milton Viorst, author of *Storm from the East: the Struggle Between the Arab World and the Christian West***

'Unlike most European countries, Spain and Portugal are enriched by architectural wonders built many centuries ago by an advanced Islamic civilisation, and an influx of Muslim immigrants has prompted a revival of interest, sometimes conflicted, in that distant past. Marvine Howe, a writer rooted in both Iberian and North African cultures, explores the connections, looking at Muslim integration and Islam's place in Europe from an entirely new perspective in this very timely book.' — **Barbara Crossette, former *New York Times* foreign correspondent**

Iberia is a special place of colliding myths over its Islamic past and the Christian reconquista, the Inquisition and massive expulsion of Muslims and Jews some five centuries ago. Long a land of emigrants and explorers, it has now become home to Europe's latest, rapidly growing Muslim communities.

Al-Andalus Rediscovered focuses on Iberia's new Muslims, and their lives in a largely Roman Catholic region. Also featured are the Spanish and Portuguese officials, academics, NGOs and ordinary citizens who are trying to find better ways to integrate Muslims and other immigrants, despite domestic and European pressures for tougher counter-measures.

This book seeks to answer the basic questions: whether an Iberian model of a humane immigration policy is possible in 'fortress' Europe and whether the partisans of the Andalusian spirit of tolerance and diversity can prevail at this time of economic hardship and heightened radicalism in both the Islamic World and the West.

Marvine Howe is a former correspondent for *The New York Times* in Africa, Latin America, Europe and the Middle East. Her latest books are *Turkey: A Nation Divided over Islam's Revival* and *Morocco: The Islamist Awakening and Other Challenges* (OUP).

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