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Women and Slavery: Africa, the Indian Ocean world, and the medieval north Atlantic Gwyn Campbell,Suzanne Miers,Joseph Calder Miller,2007 The particular experience of enslaved women across different cultures and many different eras is the focus of this work

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legacies of Islamic orthopraxis The book will appeal to anyone interested in Sufism and Sufi history as well as to those wishing to delve into the understudied topic of Muslim women s spirituality **Inscribing South Asian Muslim Women**
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