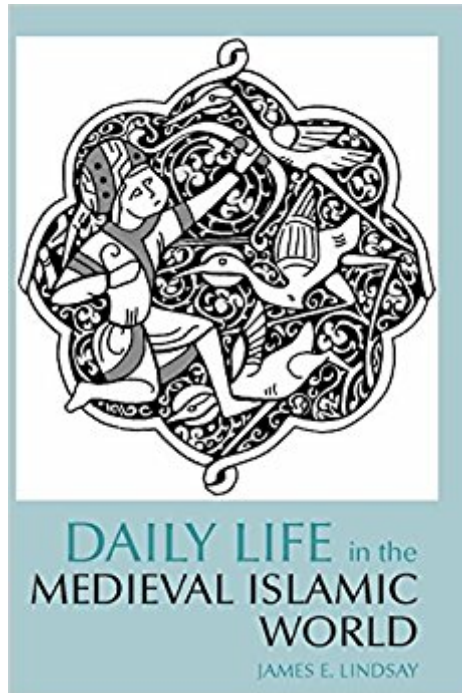




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So informative...I was wanting to understand...from the beginning.Great service

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Condition was as expected with a used copy. The book itself was much more interesting than I thought. I had 4 books of similar quality of writing for this class, but this book was definitely the most digestible.

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