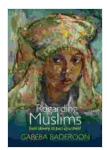
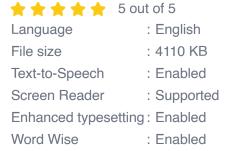
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This book explores the history of Muslims in South Africa, from their arrival as slaves in the 17th century to their role in the struggle against apartheid. It is a fascinating and important story that sheds light on the complex relationship between religion, race, and politics in South Africa.

Slavery and the Cape Colony

The first Muslims arrived in South Africa as slaves in the 17th century. They were brought to the Cape Colony by the Dutch East India Company, which was looking for cheap labor to work on its farms and plantations. The slaves came from a variety of different countries, including Indonesia, Malaysia, India, and Mozambique. They were forced to convert to Christianity, but many of them continued to practice their own religion in secret.

The conditions of slavery in the Cape Colony were harsh. The slaves were overworked and underpaid, and they were often subjected to physical and sexual abuse. Many of them died from disease or malnutrition.

Resistance and Emancipation

Despite the harsh conditions, the slaves in the Cape Colony resisted their enslavement in a variety of ways. They ran away, they refused to work, and they organized revolts. In 1808, the British government abolished the slave trade in the Cape Colony, and in 1834, it abolished slavery itself.

After emancipation, the Muslims in the Cape Colony faced a new set of challenges. They were discriminated against by the white settlers, and they were often denied access to education and employment. However, they also began to build their own communities and institutions. They established mosques, schools, and businesses, and they played an important role in the development of South African society.

The Struggle Against Apartheid

In the early 20th century, the South African government began to implement a system of racial segregation known as apartheid. Apartheid laws restricted the movement of black people, and they denied them access to education, healthcare, and other basic services. Muslims were classified as "colored" under apartheid, and they were subjected to the same discrimination as other non-white South Africans.

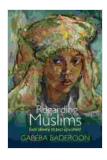
The Muslims in South Africa played an important role in the struggle against apartheid. They participated in protests and demonstrations, and they were involved in the formation of the African National Congress (ANC), which was the leading anti-apartheid organization. After the ANC

was banned in 1960, the Muslims continued to work for change through other organizations, such as the United Democratic Front (UDF).

Post-Apartheid South Africa

Apartheid ended in 1994, and South Africa became a democracy. The Muslims in South Africa have played an important role in the building of a new, non-racial society. They have been involved in politics, business, and education, and they have made significant contributions to South African culture and society.

The history of Muslims in South Africa is a complex and fascinating one. It is a story of slavery, resistance, and triumph. The Muslims in South Africa have played an important role in the shaping of South African society, and they continue to make significant contributions to the country's development.



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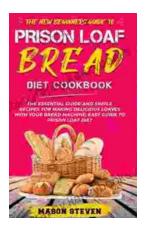


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