



## The Crisis of Islamic Masculinities

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Bloomsbury Academic. Paperback. Condition: New. 248 pages. Dimensions: 9.2in. x 6.3in. x 0.6in. Discussions and debates surrounding Islamic masculinities are quickly finding their place in the study of Islam and Muslims. Now available in paperback, *The Crisis of Islamic Masculinities* makes a vital contribution to this emerging field. Rigid notions of masculinity are causing crisis in the global Islamic community. These are articulated from the Quran, its commentary, historical precedents and societal, religious and familial obligations. Some Muslims who don't agree with narrow constructs of manliness feel forced to consider themselves secular and therefore outside the religious community. In order to evaluate whether there really is only one valid, ideal Islamic masculinity, *The Crisis of Islamic Masculinities* explores key figures of the Quran and Indian-Pakistani Islamic history, and exposes the precariousness of tight constraints on Islamic manhood. By examining Quranic arguments and the strict social responsibilities advocated along with narrow Islamic masculinities, Amanullah De Sondy shows that God and women (to whom Muslim men relate but are different from) often act as foils for the construction of masculinity. He argues the constrainers of masculinity have used God and women to think with and to dominate through and that rigid gender roles...



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