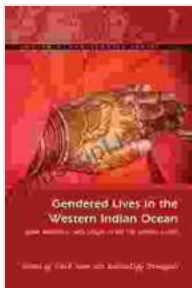


# Islam, Marriage, and Sexuality on the Swahili Coast: A Journey into Cultural Encounters and Religious Expressions

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The Swahili Coast, a vibrant and historically rich region stretching along the eastern shores of Africa, has long been a hub of cultural and religious diversity. Islam, introduced to the region in the 7th century, became a central force in shaping social and cultural norms, including marriage and sexuality.



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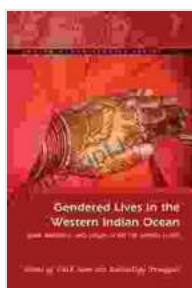
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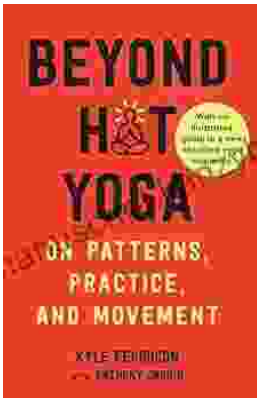
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