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Abstract:

This book aims to be a fairly comprehensive description of Sufism in Egypt today and its relationship to its own classical heritage as well as to other spiritual currents in modern Egyptian society, including Islamic fundamentalism, modernism, and Coptic Christianity. The core of the book is based on data collected during fieldwork in Egypt from October 1987 through April 1989. During her years in Egypt, the author became a quasi-disciple of a Sufi master, and she penetrated the hidden, often secret world of the Sufis. She deals with the role of the Prophet Muhammad and his family in Egyptian Sufism, sainthood and shrines, the Sufi Orders, the foundations of the Sufi path, mystical concepts and practices in Egyptian Sufism, women and sexuality in Sufi life and thought, the life and influence of Shaykh Muhammad Uthmān al-Burhānī, and Coptic Christianity and popular Islam in Egypt.

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