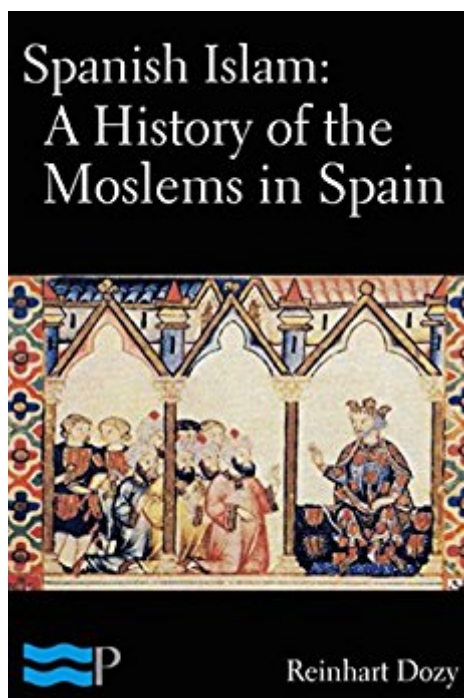


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Almohads, which were just another austere Berber tribe among many, and the later stages of the Reconquista. In the book, Dozy focuses heavily on two of history's greatest figures, Abd-er-Rahman III, and Almanzor, the latter of whom was a cross between Metternich, Bismarck, and Machiavelli. (This work was written in an era when historians were not under the restrictions of political correctness, which make some newer works published today practically worthless.) There are three things to be aware of. The author has a very strong bias against Catholicism, which at times skews his presentation, but this is to be expected, as Dozy is descended from Protestant French Huguenots. Second, the translation from the original French seems to be from the same era as the original. The book is chock full of English words you have never seen, and won't ever again see. Third, the scanning was sloppily done, so patience is an absolute prerequisite. (And at only \$0.99 hardly worth complaining about.) Still, even with the above mentioned flaws, I still give it five stars for its importance to this subject cannot be overestimated. It is a must-read for anyone interested in delving deeply into Islamic Spain. **WARNING:** This book is definitely not for neophytes, those with only a passing interest, or those with a short attention span.

A "heavy" book. And difficult. Not in meanings, but because of countless dates and places and names. However is worth reading it, because is history.

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Great read!

I love it

excellent presentation; very informative; clear reference to primary sources.

Much too much data not related to Iberia.

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