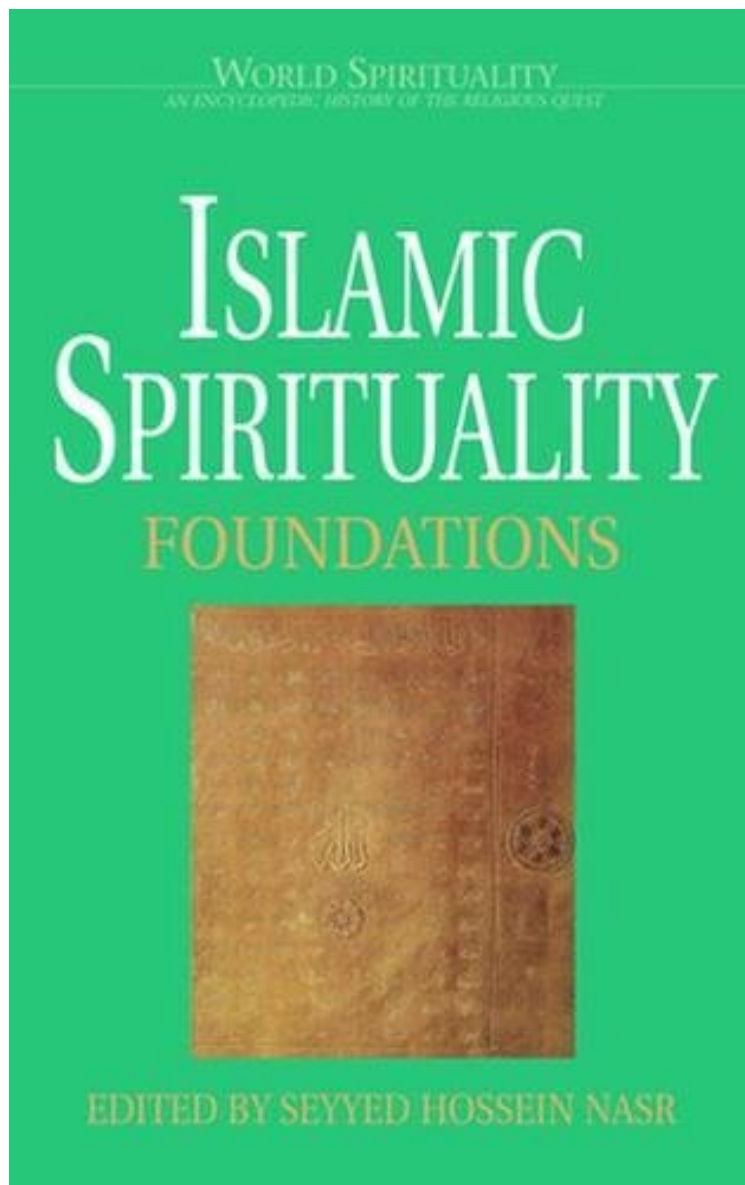


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From The Crossroad Publishing Company : Islamic Spirituality: Foundations (World Spirituality) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Islamic Spirituality: Foundations (World Spirituality):

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Excellent introduction to the various dimensions of Islam from within By TrekOnAZ To my knowledge this is one of the first (if not the first) attempt of its kind in the English

language -- an attempt to present a clear and detailed view of the various dimensions of Islam from within (i.e. from the perspective of those who believe and live by it). The various contributors are experts in their respective areas and have treated their respective subject matter with the loving care that is the hallmark of those who write from the heart. 11 of 23 people found the following review helpful. Lots of Sufism, modernism -- traditionalism By Wyote If you don't know much about Islam, this isn't the place to start. The authors and perspectives are overwhelmingly Sufi, and strain to present mystical Islam in Christian terms. They generally also represent modernist Islam, assimilated to Western ideas. So this isn't mainstream Islam. But if that's what you're interested in, this is a great book. Of course some essays are better than others, but overall it's a good read. I learned a lot. Edit - here we are, about 6 years later, and I understand what this book is. Nasr is not a normal Muslim, nor are any of the contributors to this "study." They are "Traditionalists," followers of Rene Guenon. You can read about traditionalism in Sedgwick's "Against the Modern World." What this means is that this is a great book if you want to study "Traditionalist Spirituality," but not if you want to study Islam. Let me recommend Reza Aslan's "No God but God" if you haven't studied Islam much and are just curious. If you want a better introduction to Sufism, consider books by Henri Corbin (also a traditionalist, but more faithful to his declared subjects). There are lots of others of course.

A broad-ranging, illustrated, scholarly treatment of core topics in Islamic spirituality. This book discusses the foundations of Sufism, including the Quran, the Hadith, pilgrimage, and prayer, as well as a study of the rise of Islam. The companion book *Islamic Spirituality: Manifestations* delves more deeply into the different ways that Sufism is lived out around the world, with attention to the various sects and their writings.

.com Sufi authors have written some of the most moving spiritual literature in the world, but getting a handle on it all can be a chore. Where were they coming from? What were their issues? What was their impact? Seventeen scholars have come together to answer these and other questions in *Islamic Spirituality: Foundations*. Of course, the seeds of Sufism are to be found in the core of Islam--the Quran, the Hadith, pilgrimage, prayer, and such. In *Islamic Spirituality: Foundations*, the development of these as aspects of an inner tradition are explored in depth as a jumping-off point for talking about the history, practices, and beliefs of the Sufi tradition itself. The assumption is that there is a spiritual side to Islam and that it is most fully developed in Sufi orders and writings. After an extensive treatment of the spirituality inherent in Islam, the authors give an overview of the rise of Sufism. Details of the various sects and literature of Sufism are left for the companion volume, *Islamic Spirituality: Manifestations*. While the academic language of these scholars can cause mental roadblocks at times, the extra effort is balanced by the wealth of knowledge that they offer. --Brian Bruya