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Filled with fascinating details and counterintuitive conclusions, *A WORLD WITHOUT ISLAM* is certain to inspire debate and reshape the way we think about Islam's relationship with the West.

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