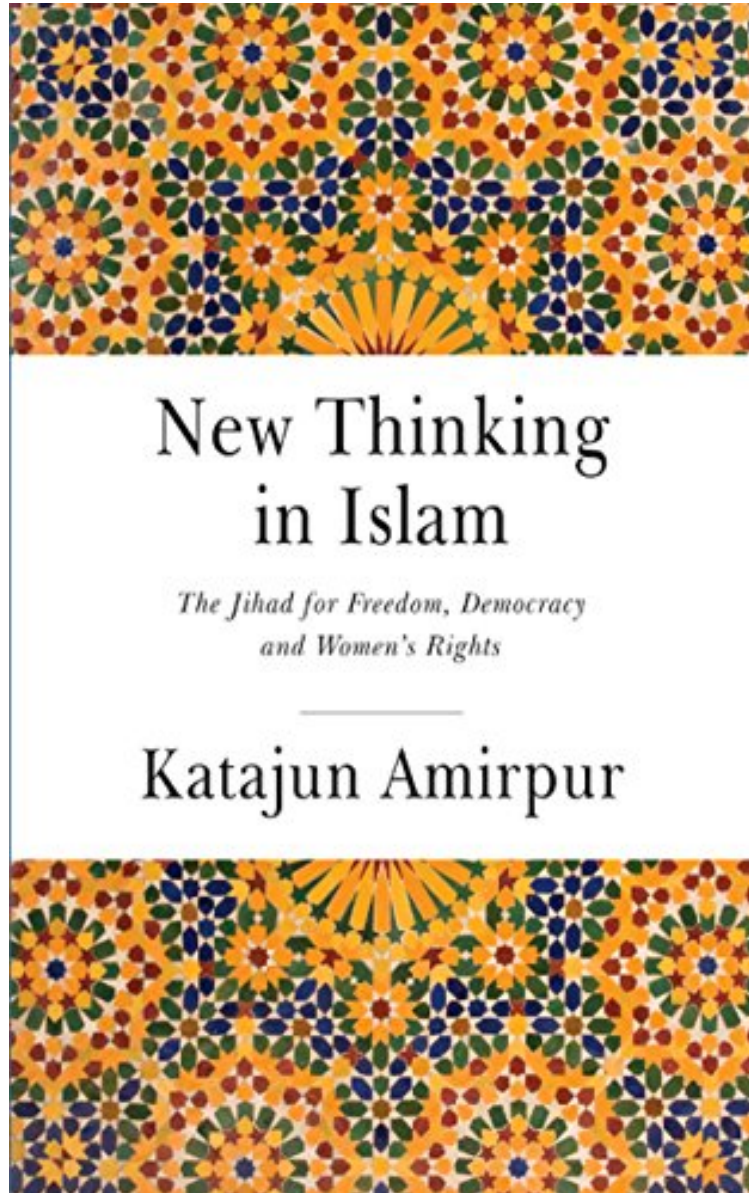


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A LITMUS TEST WORK OF SCHOLARSHIP OFFERING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING IN 21st CENTURY ATTITUDES TOWARDS WOMEN ACROSS THE CULTURES Von Phillip Taylor MBE A LITMUS TEST WORK OF SCHOLARSHIP OFFERING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING IN 21st CENTURY ATTITUDES TOWARDS WOMEN ACROSS THE CULTURES An appreciation by Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor of Richmond Green Chambers Professor Amirpur is to be congratulated for her courage in researching these fundamental and pressing issues in Islam for a western audience. There has never been a more important time when such issues could be researched without the threat of serious intellectual difficulty arising because the subject matter remains off limits for many for many different reasons although the debate has rumbled along for many years. Whether those reading New Thinking in Islam feel this work is merely a smokescreen which continues to cover up dictatorial practices against women or to justify such practices internationally may be in for a bit of a surprise: it isn't. In essence, the only way to attempt to understand what the words freedom, democracy and womens rights actual mean today to some cultures is to review the interpretation of these words from their own standpoint if that is possible in view of the sorts of practice conducted against women in some countries in 2016. Therefore, an open mind is essential but the book more than makes up for any misgivings one might have with its very high scholastic quality and content. So what has Amirpur actually achieved here with her thesis? The general statements explaining the purpose of the book argue, she says, that the Wests impression of Islam as a backward-looking faith, resistant to post-Enlightenment thinking, is misleading and due to its effects on political discourses damaging. In eight chapters, the author introduces us to the key thinkers and activists: commentators like Abu Zaid, a free-thinking Egyptian Quran scholar; Abdolkarim Soroush, an academic and former member of Khomeinis Cultural Revolution Committee; and Amina Wadud, an American feminist who was the first woman to lead the faithful in Friday Prayer. Amirpur authoritatively describes a powerful yet lesser-known tradition of inquiry and dissent within Islam, one that is committed to democracy and human rights and may well be the forerunner for change. By examining these and many other similar figures ideas, the Professor reveals the many ways they reject fundamentalist assertions and instead call for a diversity of opinion, greater freedom, and equality of the sexes. We are, in some peoples eyes, on very dangerous ground here, of course, where freedom of expression is limited. In her Foreword, Amirpur says that no book about reform in Islam can do without womens voices; it must pose the question about women. She then goes on to quote Abu Zaid who once called it the litmus test for Islam in the modern world citing this view from Asghar Ali Engineer: Muslim intellectuals, activists and academics today have to recognize that they bear a heavy moral responsibility. They must play an active role in defending the rights of Muslims collectively. For that reason, the real test is always how these intellectuals pose the question of women. As long as they do not regard it as an important matter- perhaps the most important of all they cannot be called engaged intellectuals. And so it may come to pass that the day will arrive soon when some decisions liberating women will, rather than might, happen: the righting of a fundamental wrong. Our conclusion is that books like New Thinking in Islam and other works act as an acceleration for intellectual notice to be taken in this area of much needed reform and change will come this century. Thank you Professor Amirpur.

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