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I did not realize until I read this book how limited my perspectives were on women in the Muslim world, even as someone who pursues feminism in an academic setting. This book really does an excellent job of shattering the stereotypes that Western people, liberal or not, have about women in Muslim communities and under Islam. By using essays that speak from a variety of voices, it's able to show a plurality of experiences of women in Muslim communities, different ways of interacting with womanhood and feminism.

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