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In this volume Peter Riddell evaluates the development of Islamic religious thought in the Malay-Indonesian world from the earliest times to the present. By focusing on a selection of writings drawn from diverse Islamic viewpoints, he argues that Islam in the region grew and was consolidated in the early period within a primarily mystical framework. This led to polemical engagement between adherents of theosophical Sufism and a reformist approach to mystical thought, termed neo-Sufism by many scholars. The colonial period witnessed a gradual transformation of Islamic thinking in the region, with Malay-Indonesian Muslims seeking new answers to the challenges posed by colonial domination. The 20th century has witnessed a further surge in reformism, though in this case Sufism is no longer the dominant framework, but rather modernist thinking influenced by developments elsewhere in the Muslim world has come to the fore.

Riddell also assesses theological trends in other parts of the Muslim world as they relate to developments in Muslim Southeast Asia. In this way, he argues for a process of both transmission and response, with Southeast Asian Muslim scholars drawing inspiration from fellow Muslims in other regions, but at the same time responding in dynamic and innovative ways, thus ensuring a powerful Malay-Indonesian contribution to world Islam.

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