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An exploration of early modern encounters between Christian Europe and the (Islamic) East from the perspective of performance studies and performativity theories, this collection offers new perspectives on how these cultural contacts were acted out on the real and metaphorical stages of theatre, literature, music, diplomacy and travel.
