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Muhammad and the Supernatural: Medieval Arab Views examines the element of the supernatural (or miracle stories) in the life of the Prophet Muhammad as depicted in two genres: prophetic biography (sira) and Quran exegesis (tafsir).

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