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Nota di contenuto	A survey of Islamic history -- Why an introduction to Islam specifically for Jews? -- Arabs and Israelites -- Pre-Islamic origins -- The emergence of Islam -- Muhammad and the Jews of Medina -- The death of the prophet and the expansion of the community -- The conquests -- The caliphal dynasties -- The decline of the Muslim world -- God, the Qur'an, and Islamic law -- God -- The five doctrines or "pillars of faith" -- The evolution of a formal theology -- The Qur'an -- The interpretive tradition -- The prophetic record -- Islamic law -- The workings of shari'a -- The umma: Islam in practice -- The umma and the caliphate -- The five pillars of Islam -- A sixth pillar? Jihad -- The range of practice among Muslims -- Sufism -- The shi'a -- Mosque and clergy -- The calendar -- The Muslim life-cycle -- Personal observance.
Sommario/riassunto	Muslim-Jewish relations in the United States, Israel, and Europe are tenuous. Jews and Muslims struggle to understand one another and know little about each other's traditions and beliefs. Firestone explains the remarkable similarities and profound differences between Judaism and Islam, the complex history of Jihad, the legal and religious positions of Jews in the world of Islam, how various expressions of Islam (Sunni, Shi`a, Sufi, Salafi, etc.) regard Jews, the range of Muslim

views about Israel, and much more. He addresses these issues and others with candor and integrity, and he writes
