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Catlos, Brian A. **Muslims of medieval Latin Christendom, c. 1050-1614.** Cambridge, 2014. 628p bibl index ISBN 9780521889391, \$99.00.

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A book providing a detailed, nuanced history of medieval/early-modern Muslims living under Christian rule might seem to preclude generalizations and readability. That this is not the case is a tribute to both the author's organization and erudition. The initial chapters provide a diachronic history of the Mudejar communities living in Christian regions (Iberian and Italian peninsulas, Sicily, North Africa, the Levant, and eastern Europe). The later chapters discuss the ideological-religious, administrative, quotidian aspects of the interaction between (and within) members of the different religious groups (including the Jews). Markedly erudite is the author's extensive knowledge (and synthesis) of the secondary literature, as well as his command of the textual and nontextual primary sources (with special emphasis on their strengths and limitations). Catlos (religion, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder) begins each chapter with an analysis of the available sources, and chapter subdivisions start with a textual source pertinent to the subject under discussion. A glossary of important terms found at the end of the book is extremely useful, and clearly indicates that the author's intended audience is upper-level undergraduates and professionals. This book will quickly become (and long remain) a vade mecum for students interested in the topic.

--R. T. Ingoglia, *Caldwell University*

Summing Up: Essential. Upper-division undergraduates and above.