

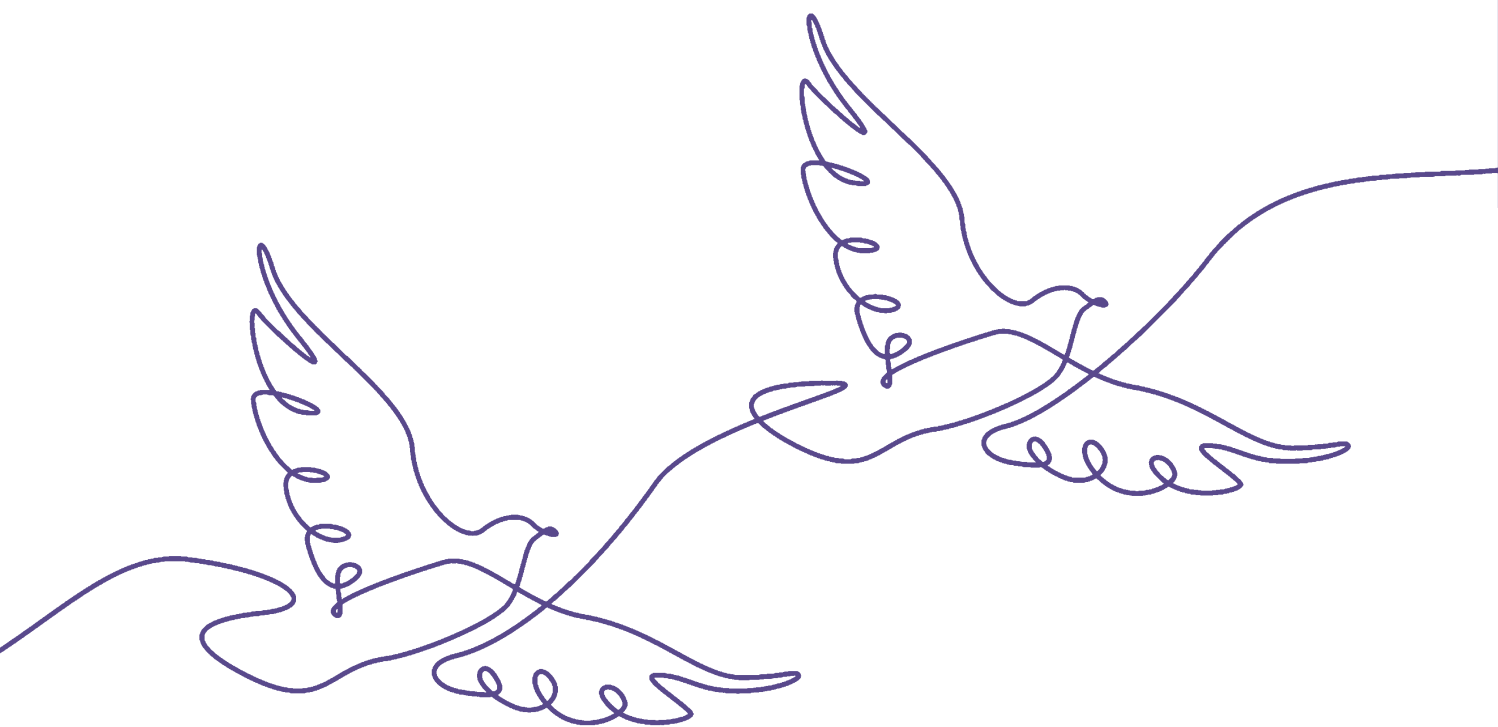
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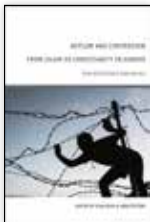
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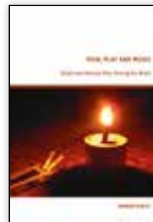
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Edited by Lena Rose, University of Konstanz, Germany. & Ebru Öztürk, Mid Sweden University, Sweden

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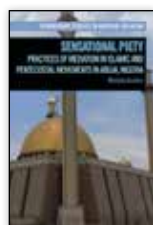
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Murtala Ibrahim, Utrecht University, the Netherlands

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*Edited by Lukas K. Pokorny, University of Vienna, Austria & Franz Winter, University of Graz, Austria*

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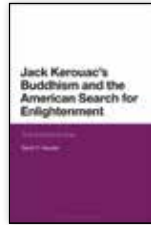
## Spirituality and Alternativity in Contemporary Japan

Beyond Religion?

*Ioannis Gaitanidis, Chiba University, Japan*

This book critically analyses the creation and effects of spirituality as both discourse and practice in Japan. It shows how the value of spirituality has been sustained by "spiritual therapists" who have sought to eke out a livelihood in an increasingly professionalized and regulated therapeutic field; as well as by the cruel optimism of an increasingly precarious workforce, placing its hopes in the imagined alternative that the *supirichuaru* represents.

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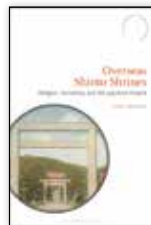
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The Diamond Vow

*Sarah F. Haynes, Western Illinois University, USA*

Sarah Haynes provides a detailed analysis of Jack Kerouac's unpublished diaries and Buddhist writing alongside the Buddhism presented in his published works. Kerouac's involvement with Buddhism is traditionally accepted to have occurred between 1953 and 1958. However, his unpublished diaries reveal that he continued to write about Buddhism until at least 1967. The book is structured chronologically, exploring Kerouac's pre-enlightenment years (pre-1953); his Buddhist period (1953-1958); and his post-Buddhist period (1958-1969). It provides a rich discussion of the significance, impact and legacy of Kerouac's religious vision on the development of Buddhism in America.

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*Edited by Sandra Fancello, National Center for Scientific Research, France & Alessandro Gusman, University of Turin, Italy*

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Abdul-Azim Ahmed, Cardiff University, UK

Details the establishment of early mosques in Britain during the era of Empire, and the more rapid growth in the years following the Second World War. Abdul-Azim Ahmed answers the question of what a mosque does, and what role it has for Muslims and the wider society. The case of the Muslim congregation, a poorly understood and often overlooked dimension of religion in Britain, is detailed, and through the congregation, issues of diversity, denomination, sacredness, and society are explored. Repositioning mosques as social, cultural and political spaces, this volume provides new insights on key contemporary debates.

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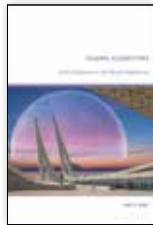
## Muslims Making British Media

Popular Culture, Performance and Public Religion

Carl Morris, UCLAN, UK

Drawing on original fieldwork to examine Muslim cultural production in Britain, this book focuses on the performance-based entertainment industries: music, comedy, film, television and theatre. It is a seminal study that charts the growing agency and involvement of British Muslims in cultural production over the last two decades. Morris sets this discussion within the context of wider religious, social and cultural change, with important insights concerning the sociological profile, religious lives and public visibility of Muslims in contemporary Britain.

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## Islamic Algorithms

Online Influence in the Muslim Metaverse

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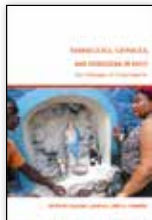
Twins and Twinship in Religion and Mythology

Edited by Kimberley C. Patton, Harvard Divinity School, USA

This multi-disciplinary work explores the imaginative sacred history of twinship, and examines the multiple ways in which the 'doubling' of a human being may be religiously and culturally expressed. Encompassing twins in the ancient Near East and Mediterranean worlds, Native American spirituality, mythology and folklore and South Asian spirituality, the book offers a variety of perspectives on this fascinating topic.

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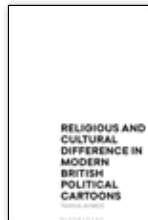
## Evangelicals, Catholics, and Vodouyan in Haiti

The Challenges to Live Together

Edited by *Celucien L. Joseph, Indian River State College, USA* & *Lewis A. Clorméus, Université d'État d'Haïti, Haiti*

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Restoring a Genocide

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*Tomáš Glomb, Masaryk University, Czech Republic*

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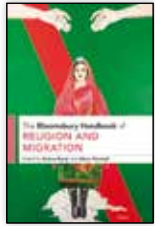
## Rethinking Christian Martyrdom

The Blood or the Seed?

*Matthew Recla, Boise State University, USA*

Argues that we have been mistaken about the fundamental assumption that Christianity is the key to understanding the "Christian" martyr. Examining martyrdom in early Christian history, Matt Recla argues that the violent deaths of martyrs, real and imagined, were appropriated for Christian institutional life. In challenging long-held beliefs about the praiseworthiness of martyrdom, this book is of value to scholars of religion as well as those concerned about the relationship between religion and violence.

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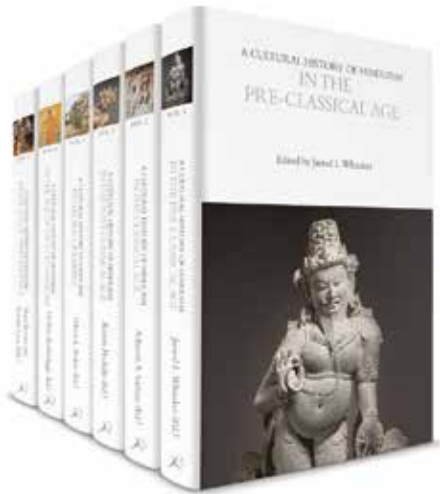


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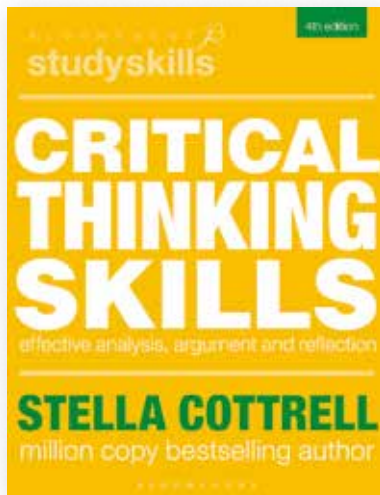
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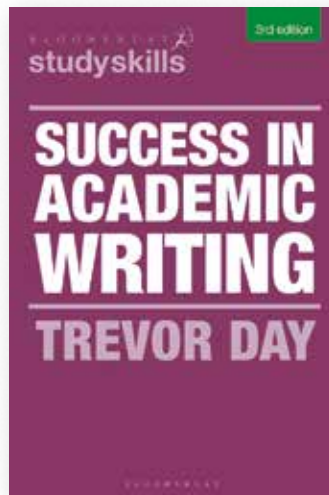


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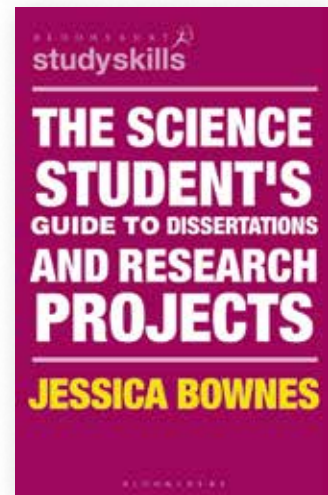
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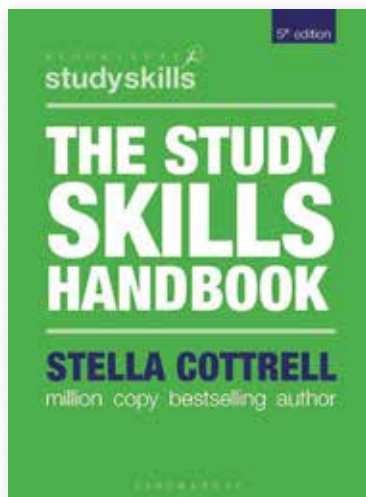


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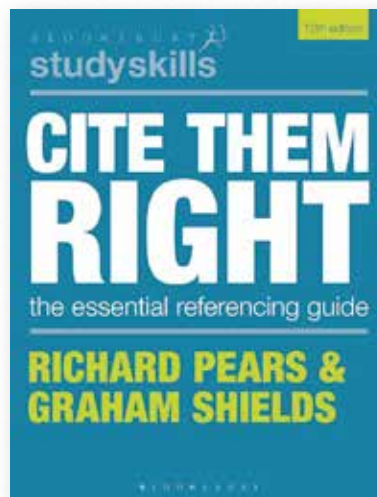


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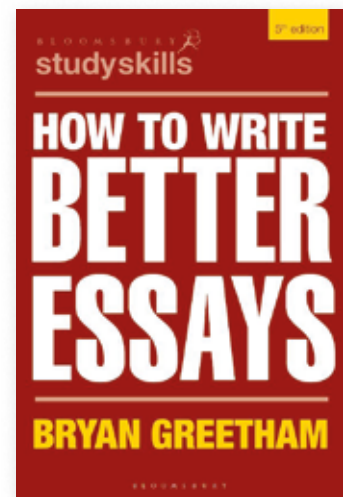
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