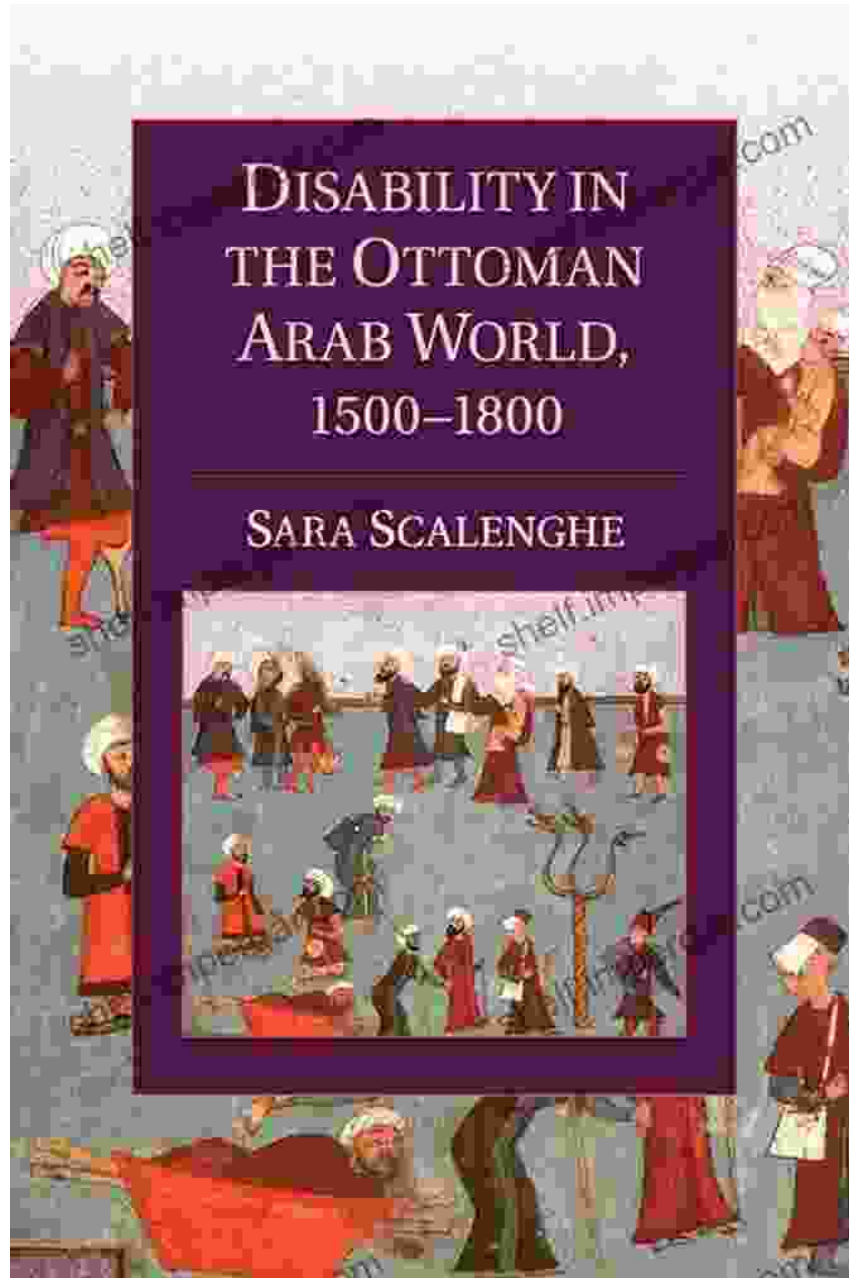
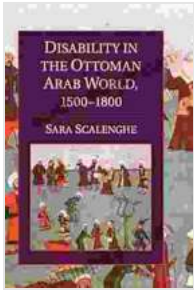


Disability in the Ottoman Arab World, 1500-1800: Exploring Hidden Histories



Prepare to embark on an extraordinary journey into a realm of history often hidden from view. The groundbreaking book, "Disability in the Ottoman Arab World, 1500-1800," invites you to delve into the untold stories of

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A Window into Forgotten Lives

For centuries, the experiences of people with disabilities in the Ottoman Arab world remained shrouded in obscurity. This comprehensive study shatters these barriers, uncovering a rich tapestry of lives that have long been overlooked. Through meticulous research and analysis, the book provides a nuanced understanding of the social, cultural, and religious contexts that shaped the lives of individuals with disabilities.

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Contrary to common assumptions, the book reveals that individuals with disabilities in the Ottoman Arab world were not merely objects of pity or exclusion. They were active participants in society, contributing in various ways to their communities. The study uncovers a world where individuals with disabilities found ways to navigate societal barriers, pursuing education, engaging in economic activities, and participating in social and cultural life.

Legal Protections and Social Support

Remarkably, the book highlights the existence of legal and social frameworks that provided protection and support to individuals with disabilities in the Ottoman Arab world. Islamic law, with its emphasis on compassion and social justice, played a significant role in shaping attitudes towards disability. The study reveals a rich tradition of charitable institutions, such as hospitals and soup kitchens, that catered to the needs of individuals with disabilities.

Medical Knowledge and Treatment

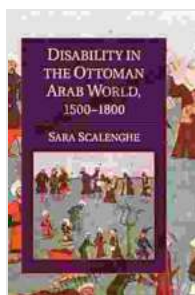
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A Catalyst for Change

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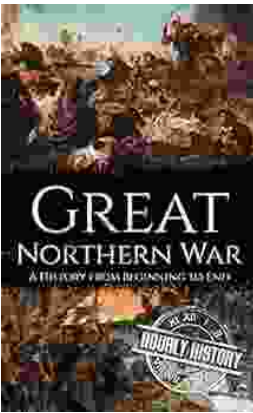
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