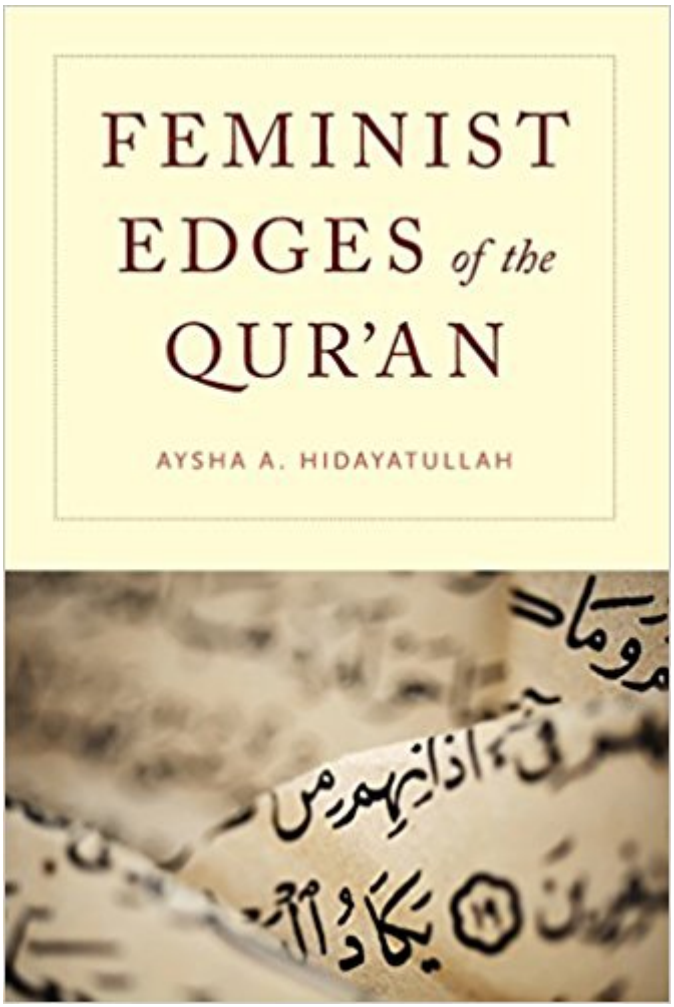
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I would recommend this book for people of strong aqeedah willing to look at other opinions religiously. The author doesn’t seem to push one idea over the other usually but rather she asks us what we value as believers in Islam? Are we trying to put gender equality in places it isn’t? Are we overlooking areas that were assumed to be sexist, but really aren’t?’Feminist Edges of the Quran’ helped me understand other opinions on translations, tafsir, etc. that are not as mainstream. Literally taking a look at the "edges" of Islamic thought and discerning different ideas. It’s also generally well-written.

I found the book to be a very helpful overview and consideration of Islamic feminist writings. The

author is bold and considerate in her approach. The only shortcoming for me lay in the final section where she expands on her own thesis - the chapters seem somewhat condensed. The work might have benefited, I think, if more space was devoted to the argument to acknowledge and recognize Quranic references to gender differences - and being able to move forward despite such an acknowledgement. It would have been interesting to hear some of the possibilities/hypotheses the author has in mind regarding this way forward. A more detailed explanation of the relevance of Ibn Arabl's rhetoric might also have been illuminating.

Wonderful, educational information on the Qur'an

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