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Commencing in colonial times, this book explores and interprets the historical processes through which the perception of the Muslim individual and the community of Islam has been reconfigured over time. *Self and Sovereignty* examines the relationship between Islam and nationalism and the individual, regional, class and cultural differences that have shaped the discourse and politics of Muslim identity. As well as fascinating discussion of political and religious movements, culture and art, this book includes analysis of:

- \* press, poetry and politics in late nineteenth century India
- \* the politics of language and identity - Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi
- \* Muslim identity, cultural difference and nationalism
- \* the Punjab and the politics of Union and Disunion
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