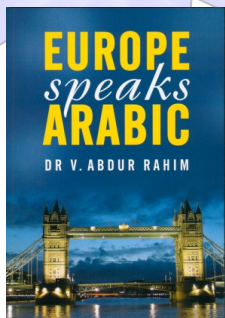


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## Europe Speaks Arabic

*Our Shaykh* Dr. V. Abdur Rahim

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'The impact of Arabic on European languages had been so vast, so wide-ranging and so enduring and yet subjected to such indifference and had been taken for granted so frustratingly that it needed a scholar of titanic proportions like Dr. V. Abdur Rahim to make the present-day Europeans realize how much they should be indebted to Arabic...'

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'The quotations are given in their original spelling without modernising them.'

'The vast erudition of the author is reflected in them [*the copious quotes given from English literary works*]. Their appropriateness is a matter of marvel...'

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'...book is spiced with pun, witticism, and a sense of humour.'

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'The book is monumental.'

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