

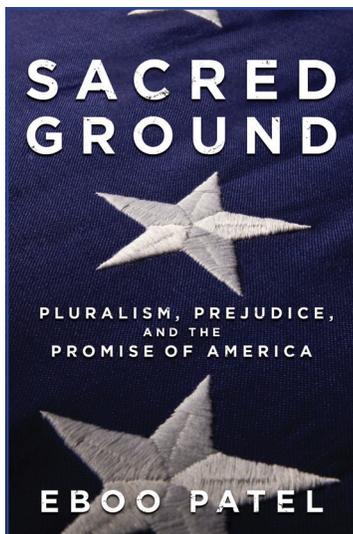
EBOO PATEL

Sacred Ground: Pluralism, Prejudice, and the Promise of America



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More than a decade after the attacks of 9/11, suspicion and animosity toward American Muslims have still not subsided. In *Sacred Ground*, author and renowned interfaith leader Eboo Patel argues that such prejudice represents not just a problem for Muslims, but a challenge to the very idea of America. Patel illustrates how the forces of pluralism in America have time and again defeated the forces of prejudice. He then asks us to share in his vision of a better America—a robustly pluralistic country in which our commonalities are more important than our differences, and in which difference enriches, rather than threatens, our religious traditions.



Named by *US News & World Report* as one of America's Best Leaders of 2009, Eboo Patel is the Founder and President of Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), a Chicago-based organization building the interfaith movement on college campuses. Author of *Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation*, which won the Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion, and more recently *Sacred Ground: Pluralism, Prejudice, and the Promise of America*, Eboo is also a regular contributor to the *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, Huffington Post, NPR, and CNN. He served on President Obama's inaugural Advisory Council of the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships and holds a doctorate in the sociology of religion from Oxford University, where he studied on a Rhodes scholarship.

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