

Malay court religion, culture and language: interpreting the Qur'an in 17th century Aceh

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Abstrak

In Malay Court Religion, Culture and Language: Interpreting the Quran in 17th Century Aceh Peter G. Riddell undertakes a detailed study of the two earliest works of Quranic exegesis from the Malay-Indonesian world. Riddell explores the 17th century context in the Sultanate of Aceh that produced the two works, and the history of both texts. He argues that political, social and religious factors provide important windows into the content and approaches of both Quranic commentaries. He also provides a transliteration of the Jawi Malay text of both commentaries on sura 18 of the Quran (al-Kahf), as well as an annotated translation into English. This work represents an important contribution to the search for greater understanding of the early Islamic history of the Malay-Indonesian world.