Where and How Are Christians Persecuted? 
Spotlight on Egypt and the Middle East

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Based on dozens of interviews with Christians and Muslims who have been directly involved in Egypt’s dramatic political upheavals over the past three years, Mariz Tadros provides a firsthand account of Coptic contributions to civil and religious freedom in the largest and most influential Arab country. For more than 1,000 years, the Copts have contributed to Egypt’s political thought, enriched its culture, and strengthened its economy. Copts played a pioneering role in developing indigenous secular thinking, and participated en masse in emancipatory revolutions from 1919 to the present day. However, between January 2011, with the onset of the revolutionary protests against Mubarak, and today, in the aftermath of the ouster of President Morsi, Egypt has witnessed the worst anti-Coptic backlash in modern history. At the same time, it has also experienced some of the highest levels of interreligious solidarity. Tadros marshals original qualitative and quantitative research to clarify the rising challenges Copts have faced, as well as how they are likely to shape Egypt’s future.