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For my mother Fatima Batha

*Jannah lies beneath the feet of mothers*

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## Publishers Preface

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, most merciful and compassionate. Praise belongs to Allah, Lord of the worlds, and His blessings be upon His Messenger (Allah bless him and give him peace), the seal of prophethood, and his family and his companions and all those who follow him.

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The author was an expert on chains of transmission and this forms the initial part of the study of each hadith. Then he moves on to examine the various narrations and supporting narrations, and fiqh rulings, supplementary material from the Companions, the Followers and the Followers of the Followers, and the ṣāliḥūn and ‘ulamā’ up until his own day. As is the case with most of the works of major scholars, Ibn Rajab quotes from great ‘ulamā’ of all the madhhabs.

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