



The Cross and the Crescent: The Dramatic Story of the Earliest Encounters Between Christians and Muslims (Paperback)

By Richard Fletcher

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