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The Arts of Intimacy: Christians, Jews, and Muslims in the Making of Castilian Culture by Maria Rosa Menocal, Sterling Professor of Humanities; Jerrilyn D. Dodds; and Abigail Krasner Balbale '03
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In a beautifully illustrated history, the authors tell how, following the capture of Muslim-dominated Toledo in the eleventh century, the three often-antagonistic groups in the area managed to do something remarkable: peacefully forge a new culture rooted in confrontation, interaction, and union.