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In acknowledging their appreciation for the contributions of each other in producing this book, the editors also want to explain how this book came about and what each of them did in producing it. Years ago, Juergensmeyer was one of Kitts's graduate advisers when she did her doctoral work at Berkeley. When Juergensmeyer was approached about doing a book of readings in religion and violence, he realized that the volume would be greatly enhanced by a coeditor who knew well the literary and anthropological material on the subject and he turned to Kitts. Happily, she agreed to collaborate on the project. The book was conceptualized through vast amounts of email between Honolulu and Santa Barbara, and at a crucial meeting in a coffeehouse in Berkeley. The introductory essay of the volume was written together. Juergensmeyer wrote a draft of the introduction to section I and wrote drafts of the paragraphs introducing each of the selections in this section; Kitts drafted the introduction to section II and its selections; and Juergensmeyer drafted the concluding comments. Then they edited and rewrote each other's essays and argued about the whole thing. Surprisingly, they are still friends.

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