Middle East Alternative Resource Project

Youth and Young Adult Booklist



Does My Head Look Big in This?

Randa Abdel-Fattah

Amal, a devout Muslim, decides to wear the hijab full time. She faces misconceptions non-Muslims have about her religion and culture and typical teen angst. Young Adult ISBN 13: 978-1-4287-4610-7



Time to Prav

Maha Addasi

Yasmin learns about her religion and finds a way to pray at home even though there are no mosques where she lives. Gr 2-4.

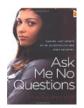
ISBN 13: 978-1-59078-611-6



Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood

Ibtisam Barakat

A moving memoir of a Palestinian woman's childhood experiences from the Six-Day War to being detained by soldiers, along with other selections from her life. Gr 7 and up. ISBN 13: 978-0-374-35733-7



Ask Me No Questions

Marina Budhos

Bangladeshi-born teens are faced with their father's arrest at the Canadian border for having an expired visa. The girls plead their case before a judge. Gr 7-12.

ISBN 13: 978-0-7569-8114-3



Divisions Within Islam

John Calvert

Calvert discusses the diversity of thought and opinion within Islam with special reference to Shiism and its various subdivisions. Gr 6-11. ISBN 13 978-1-4222-0533-4



Extra Credit

Andrew Clements

An American girl and an Afghani boy become pen pals. But a boy and a girl cannot correspond with one another, so he must pretend he is her sister. They become friends. Gr 3-7. ISBN 13: 978-1-4169-4929-9



Parvana's Journey

Deborah Ellis

Thirteen-year-old Parvana searches through war-torn Afghanistan looking for her mother and siblings. An unforgettable read about the will to survive. Gr 5-7.

ISBN 13: 978-0-7569-2926-8



Nadia's Hands

Karen English

A glimpse into a Pakistani-American girl's culture and how the differentness" is dealt with in American society. Gr K-2. ISBN 13: 978-1-56397-667-4



Whoever You Are

Mem Fox

Beautiful illustrations accompany this story that we are all the same. Dedicated to Hanan Ashwari. ISBN 13: 978-0-15-216406-5



Ramadan

Suhaib Hamid Ghazi

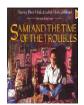
Hakeem and his family share elements of the Ramadan celebration and help de-mystify the celebration for non-Muslims. Gr K-3.

ISBN 13: 978-0-8234-1254-9



The American Muslim Teenager's Handbook

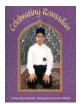
Dilara Hafiz, Imran Hafiz and Yasmine Hafiz Quotes from teens tell what it's like to be Muslim in America. Authors address dating, dancing, drinking, and drugs. Gr 7-1 ISBN 13: 978-1-4169-8578-5



Sami and the Time of Troubles

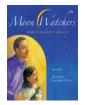
Florence Parry Heide

A boy longs for peace in his war-torn Beirut; the reader will be brought into the experience with the illustrations providing a sense of hope. Gr K-3 ISBN 13: 978-0-395-55964-2



Celebrating Ramadan

Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith & Lawrence Migdale A basic introduction to Islam and the holy month of Ramadan. Appealing and accessible. Gr 4-6. ISBN 13 · 978-0-8234-1581-6



Moon Watchers: Shirin's Ramadan Miracle Reza Jalali

A celebration at the close of Ramadan brings a miracle to Shirin and her Persian-American family. Gr 2-7. ISBN 13: 978-0-88448-321-2



Islamic Festivals and Celebrations

Dorothy Kavanaugh

Kavanaugh describes how Muslims live and worship, major festivals, important religious events like Ramadan and Hajj, and daily prayers and such celebrations as weddings. Gr 6-10. ISBN 13: 978-1-4222-0534-1



Night of the Moon: A Muslim Holiday Story

Hena Khan

A seven-year-old Pakistani-American girl learns about the Islamic calendar and celebrates the "Night of the Moon." PS-Gr 3.

ISBN 13: 978-0-8118-6062-8



Mosque

David Macaulay

Macaulay uses clear words and exemplary drawings to explore a majestic structure's design and construction, revealing the history and culture of its time. Gr 5 and up.

ISBN 13: 978-0-618-24034-0



Tunjur! Tunjur! A Palestinian Folktale

Margaret Read MacDonald Beautifully told folktale of love with a universal theme.

> Gr 3-7. ISBN 13:978-0-7614-5225-6



Islam in America

Anna Melman

Melman gives a comprehensive overview of Muslim life in the US, and explores such topics as Muslim attitudes toward America and Americans' attitudes toward American Muslims. Gr 6-10. ISBN 13: 978-1-4222-0535-8



Habibi

Naomi Shihab Nye

An Arab-American family moves to Jerusalem from St. Louis. Fourteen-year-old Liyana is swept up in her family's struggles and the conflict that will soon engulf her life. Gr 5-9. ISBN 13 · 978-0-689-82523-1



Sitti's Secrets

Naomi Shihab Nye

A Palestinian-American girl visits her father's homeland and forms a bond with her grandmother. She returns to the US to share her desire for peace in Palestine. K-Gr 3. ISBN 13: 978-0-7807-7500-8



Ramadan Moon

Na'ima Robert

The language in this Ramadan story is poetic, and the art shows the moon's waxing and waning phases as the family worships and rejoices. K-Gr 2.

ISBN 13: 978-84507-922-2



The History of Islam

Barry Rubin

Rubin describes the development of Islam during the seventh century, and discusses the ways it spread., examines Islam and the issues facing Muslims today. Gr 6-10.

IŠBN 13: 1-4222-0531-0



Palestine

Joe Sacco

Sacco's award-winning 9-issue comics series combined into a single volume captures the essence of life for Palestinians under the Israeli occupation. Gr 7-12.

ISBN 13: 978-0-613-50981-7



Under the Ramadan Moon

Sylvia Whitman

How a modern Islamic family celebrates the holy month of Ramadan. PS-Gr 2.

ISBN 13: 978-0-8075-8304-3



The Librarian of Basra

Jeanette Winter

The author tells a compelling story of war and consequences without being frightening. Humanity and universal love of books shine through in this tale. Gr 2-4.

ISBN 13: 978-0-15-205445-8