

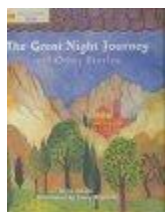
Celebrating Religious Diversity: Islam

Introduction

These books have been specially selected for families to share with young children to develop an appreciation of the religious diversity in our community. This booklist was developed in cooperation with Surrey's Neighbouring Faiths Program. To learn more about SNFP and the 9 affiliated faith groups, please visit <http://www.snfp.ca>

The great night journey : and other stories **By Anita Ganeri, illustrated by Jenny Reynish**

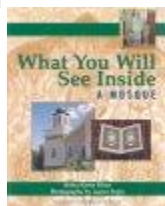
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Gives young children a first introduction to classic stories from the Muslim faith. Four beautifully illustrated tales introduce key beliefs and festivals, while commentaries for parents and teachers explain the content and meaning of each story.

What you will see inside a mosque **By Aisha Karen Khan, photographs by Aaron Pepis**

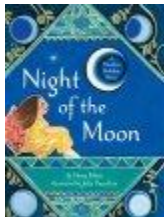
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Visual and informative, *What You Will See Inside a Mosque* features full-page pictures and concise descriptions of what is happening, the objects used, the spiritual leaders and laypeople who have specific roles, and the spiritual intent of the believers. Ideal for children as well as teachers, parents, and clergy who want to demystify the celebrations and ceremonies of Islam throughout the year, as well as encourage understanding and tolerance among different faith traditions.

The Night of the Moon : a Muslim holiday story
By Hena Khan, illustrated by Julie Paschkis

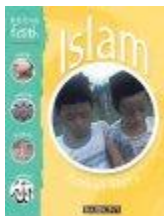
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Yasmeen, a seven-year-old Pakistani-American girl, celebrates the Muslim holidays of Ramadan, "The Night of the Moon" (Chaand Raat), and Eid. With lush illustrations that evoke Islamic art, this beautiful story offers a window into modern Muslim culture—and into the ancient roots from within its traditions have grown.

Islam
By Holly Wallace

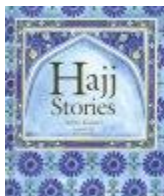
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Find out all about the faith of Islam through the eyes of Budi, a young Muslim from Indonesia. In his own words, Budi talks about his beliefs, his family, his everyday life, the rituals and traditions that are important to him, and about the festivals and special days that are celebrated by Muslims around the world.

Hajj stories
By Anita Ganeri, illustrated by Tracy Fennell

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Two traditional stories associated with the Muslim Hajj pilgrimage are beautifully told and richly illustrated in *Hajj Stories*. The book also includes additional information about the Hajj pilgrimage and an Id prayer, as well as instructions on how to make and Id candy box.

My name is Bilal
By Asma Mobin-Uddin, illustrated by Barbara Kiwak

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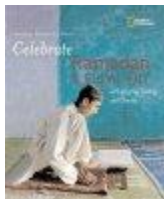


When Bilal and his sister transfer to a school where they are the only Muslims, they must learn how to fit in while staying true to their beliefs and heritage.

Celebrate Ramadan & Eid al-fitr

By Deborah Heiligman, consultant, Nequin Yavari

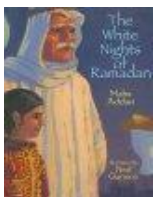
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Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting, and Eid Al-Fitr, which marks the fast's end, are sacred times for millions throughout the world. *Celebrate Ramadan and Eid Al-Fitr* examines the reasons for the month-long dawn-to-dusk fast and observes some of the wide variety of celebrations at the end of the fast worldwide. Beautiful photographs complement Deborah Heiligman's text which examines the historical, religious, and cultural aspect of this Muslim holiday.

The white nights of Ramadan

By Maha Addasi, illustrated by Ned Gannon



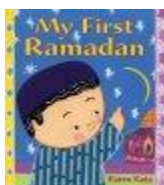
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Looking forward to the festival known as Girgian that comes in the middle of the holy month of Ramadan, Noor and her brothers prepare by decorating bags they'll carry to collect candies, while learning about the true meaning of Ramadan.

My first Ramadan

By Karen Katz

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Look! There is the new moon in the sky.

It's time for Ramadan to begin. Follow along with one young boy as he observes the Muslim holy month with his family. This year, the narrator is finally old enough to fast, and readers of all ages will be interested as he shares his experiences of this special holiday.

Quran Stories for Little Hearts series

By Saniyasnain Khan

The *Quran Stories for Little Hearts* series is specially designed to provide an easy way to help children understand more about the stories of the Quran by enjoying them and learning from them in a natural way. A wonderful way to explain the greatest stories of the Quran to children with simple text and wonderful color illustrations. Some titles in the series:

The Pious Man and His Sons

Tale of a Fish

The Old Man's Prayer

The Prophet Yusuf and the King's Dream

Ramadhan and Eid-ul-Fitr

By Azra Jessa

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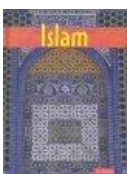


Twelve-year-old Azra Jessa wrote and illustrated this sweetly simple picture book when she was only eight years old, because she wanted to share her favorite holidays — Ramadhan and Eid-ul-Fitr — with her classmates. Children read about how the beginning and end of Ramadhan is based on the lunar calendar. They learn what it is like to fast for 30 days, along with the meaning behind and the motivation for the fast. Lastly, she explains what a typical Eid-ul-Fitr, the day after the month of Ramadhan, is like in her family. Charming computer illustrations complement this candid glimpse into a child's spiritual life.

Islam

By Sue Penney

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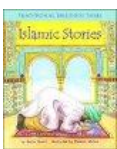


Islam explores typical places of worship for Muslims, as well as major sites and places of pilgrimage around the world. There are clear explanations of Islam's holy books, symbols, teachings and forms of worship, and how these affect moral and social issues. The significance of major festivals and life's rites of passage is also covered, backed up with personal accounts from young people from all over the world.

Islamic stories : Islamic Stories

By Anita Ganeri, illustrated by Rebecca Wallis

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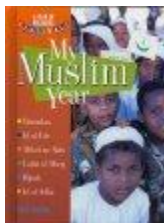


Presents stories from the teachings of Islam involving such prophets as Muhammad, Musa, and Hajar.

My Muslim year

By Cath Senker

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This book moves chronologically through the calendar year and looks at the typical events, customs, and celebrations celebrated by Muslim children. Festivals such as Ashura and Lailat ul-Miraj, and personal customs such as Ramadan are explored through the use of religious articles, books, buildings, symbols, and food. Look inside nine-year-old Nayaab's diary to read what it's like to be at each event.
