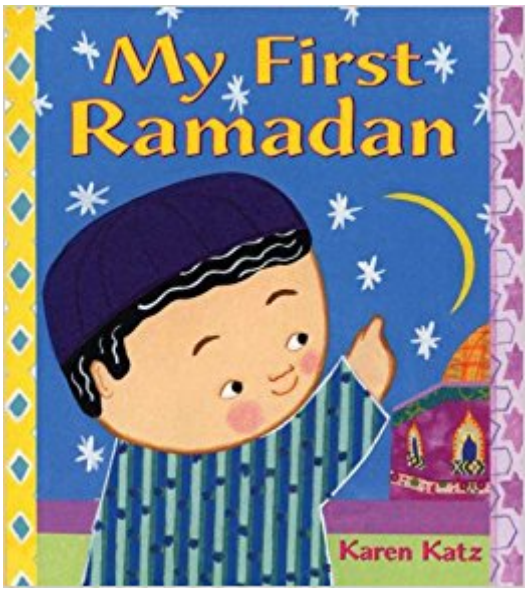
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Synopsis

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.

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Customer Reviews

As in My First Kwanzaa (2003), Katz uses a small child’s viewpoint to explain the essentials of a traditional holiday. With his father, a young boy reads in the Qur’an about Ramadan, the most sacred time of year for Muslims all over the world. He learns about the prophet Muhammad and what he taught his followers. Clear words and simple, colorful collage illustrations show the family together as the boy learns the meaning of Muslim customs, prayers, and practices. He decides that he is old enough to fast every day of the holy month, so after a big breakfast, he does not eat again until it is time for iftar, the evening meal; then the family goes to the mosque to pray. Children will appreciate the warm, personal narrative, as well as the connections with Muslims all over the world. Rochman, Hazel

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warm, personal narrative, as well as the connections with Muslims all over the world.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â ¢BooklistÃ¢â ¬Å“In this simple explanation of Ramadan, a little boy explains that he will be fasting for the first time. . . . The richly patterned collage and mixed-media pictures will appeal to young children. A double-paged spread with many races and national groups illustrates the diversity of the Muslim world.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â ¢Kirkus ReviewsÃ¢â ¬Å“Upbeat and informative . . . With her signature mixed-media and collage artwork depicting people with large, open, friendly faces, Katz accents a solid and inviting introduction to these holidays.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â ¢Publishers Weekly --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Very cute illustrations. Very clear explanation of Ramadan. The main family is illustrated as a vaguely Indo-Pak-Iranian-Arab family, and the Eid celebration section illustrates Muslims of many creeds. Easy to read and entertains my 4 and 2 year old children. Was a nice book this Ramadan, and I will bring it back in circulation before next Ramadan.

This book is perfect for little ones. I was trying to find a book to explain to my 3 year old about Ramadan and Eid. This book lays everything out in simple terms that my son understood. After reading it, he knew what to expect during Ramadan and looked forward to Suhoor and Iftar every day :)Also, love that this book is written so that anyone can get a basic understand of the culture because Katz uses arabic terms and breaks them down phonetically and makes it easy to follow.Overall great book!

such a cute book and perfect for the beginning years. I got this for my 2 year old and he stayed fairly engaged in the pictures and colors.

The recipient loves to be read to and his father tells me he wants to re-read this book over and over... colorful pictures are excellent...

Firstly, I want to rectify what another reviewer had claimed - that there was an image of the Prophet Muhammad in this book. There is not. The page she is referring to shows Arabs from the time of Muhammad, all holding dates and one has a cup of water. However they are all looking in the same direction, off page, presumably toward the Prophet (who is not pictured). If this was a cause of concern for you, then you should know there’s nothing to be worried about.As for the book, it is a good general intro to Ramadan. The family is great because it could be any ethnicity, and there are

no real cultural signifiers present, so if you wanted to present it to your kid as a model of your own family, it would be easy to adapt it.The only issue I have is that it presents traditional gender roles, which may be the case for most Muslims, in most countries, but that I and many other Western Muslims hope will change. For example the mom is the one who makes a big breakfast; and mom and sister pray in a separate room than the men. But my answer to this is that I'm going to white them out and just change the text. For now I just read the book differently.Still a great general Ramadan book, and the pictures are cute.

I was so psyched when I found out that one of my kid's favorite authors had done a book on Ramadan. (Thank you Karen Katz!) I was even more excited when I received the book. The illustrations are wonderful and whimsical. Ms. Katz has done an excellent job portraying life for a typical Muslim child. I especially enjoyed how she represented how multicultural a typical mosque in the US is. That's one of the wonderful things about being Muslim in the US--you are reminded every day that Muslims are not just of Arab origin. :) I know this will become a family favorite. Too bad it isn't on sturdy board stock like our other favorite Katz books. :)

illustration is very good. my son loves it as his bedtime book. points out at stars moon,Masjid and what not. since he's a toddler and cannot read yet he enjoys the pictures while i read out to him. esp we bought in Ramadan so we have ramadan related books, def worth buying!

Perfect book for young ones! My daughter wants to read this all the time.The pictures are very well done. Wish the book was a bit more sturdy though as one of the pages ripped a few times after she read it.

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