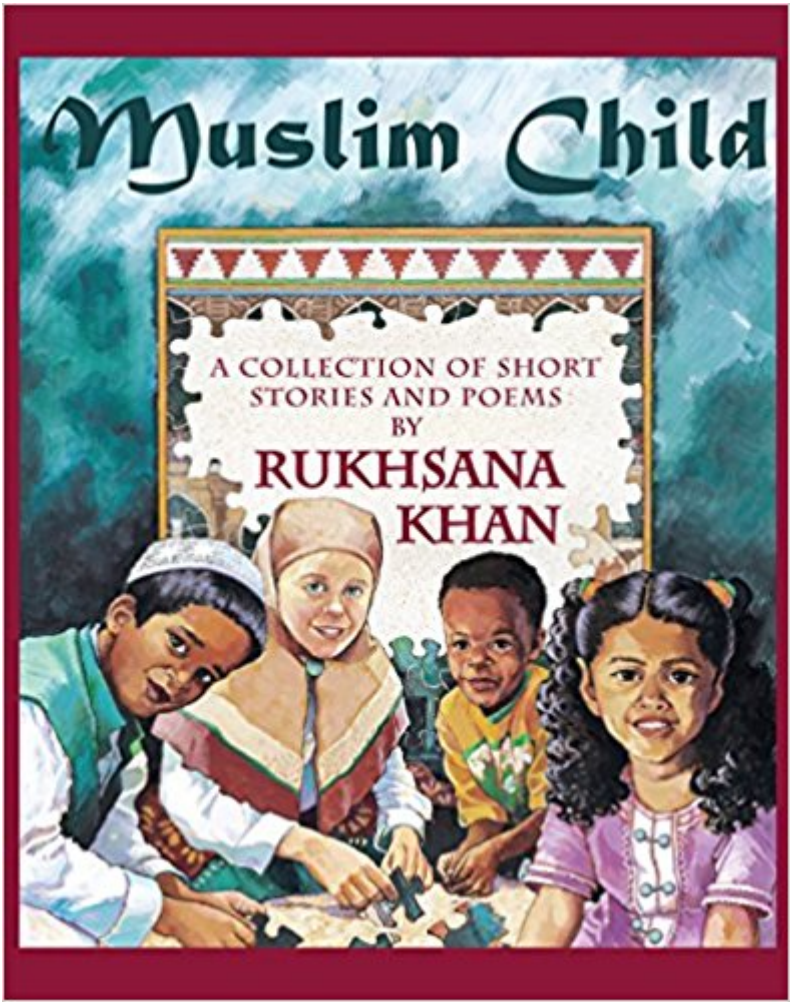
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Synopsis

Muslim Child is a collection of short stories, poems and prose that examines the world through the eyes of Muslim children. Each story represents a tenet of Islam in a way which is both entertaining and enlightening. Non-fiction sidebars help to explain and amplify the Islamic references. Some stories are centred around the major Muslim celebrations such as Eid and Ramadan, clarifying the customs and traditions. Another story is about a child getting separated from his parents while on the Hajj, the annual pilgrimage to Mecca. Others show Muslim children in non-Muslim societies struggling with the beliefs or practices of their religion such as the dietary restrictions or the early morning prayer. Some of the stories are funny, some are touching, but all are compelling tales of children learning and growing within their culture. With this collection, author Rukhsana Khan provides insight for children into everyday Muslim life.

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years
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Customer Reviews

Grades 2-4--Avowedly didactic, as its subtitle indicates, Muslim Child presents aspects of the daily lives of Muslim youngsters in various locales, including Canada, the U.S., Nigeria, and Pakistan. The child's-eye view substantially increases the likelihood that non-Muslim readers will be able to internalize and understand what the protagonists are feeling and thinking, even if the religious basis

of those thoughts and emotions is unfamiliar. In one story, a young American Muslim grumbles about having to wake before dawn for morning prayer and then spends a good deal of his energy during the prayer trying to suppress a fart, which will render the prayer ritually unclean. In another tale, a Canadian boy is embarrassed to have his school friends see his mother in her full-body dress, with head and face coverings. The resolutions of these and the other stories are always positive and reinforce the beliefs that the children may have earlier questioned. For this reason, the text has a thematic similarity to fiction written for evangelical Christian audiences, an overlap that parents and religion teachers may choose to emphasize. Sidebars explain Arabic terms and aspects of Muslim belief and practice referred to in the stories. Devotional poems, selections from the Quran, and activities appear throughout. Soft, full-page pencil illustrations accompany the tales, and smaller illustrations are worked into the sidebars and stories. Though Khan's express purpose is to explain Islam to non-Muslim children, the most avid audience for this book may be American Muslim children excited finally to find stories with characters to whom they can relate.Coop Renner, Moreno Elementary School, El Paso, TXCopyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gr. 4-6. Fictional scenarios stretched thinly over heavy morals introduce the challenges and blessings of being a Muslim child today. In the opening story, a young boy begins his predawn prayers only to fart, a ritual impurity that requires him to begin again. Instead, he goes back to bed--until his conscience propels him to do the right thing. Unfortunately, the lesson may be lost in the snickers, a problem with many of the scenarios here. Readers won't find out much about the everyday life of Muslim children either; Celebrating Ramadan (2000), by Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith, does a much better job of describing that. But with adult help, they'll learn a number of terms and discover tidbits about Islamic scriptures and history, mostly from the many sidebars that accompany the stories. In a time when non-Muslim children are likely to be asking questions about Islam, this book does have some answers, and its scenarios can serve as springboards for discussion about Islam and religious tolerance. John GreenCopyright Ã Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I am really excited to be reading this book with six year old son right now, and someday with my daughter too, because I want both of them to have understanding about the other people and faiths in the world around them. I want my my children to think about how other people think, in order to better form their own opinions and beliefs. I also want them to have kindness and understanding for

their neighbors, and an appreciation for morality in every culture.I thought that for your average American I knew a decent amount about the Muslim religion but three chapters into "Muslim Child: Understanding Islam Through Stories and Poems" by Rukhsana Khan I am realizing how ignorant I am. For example, I knew that prayer was one of the five pillars of Islam but I did not know that the first prayer, or Fajr, had to be done before sunrise. So at certain points in the year this can mean waking your whole family up at 4:30 AM, washing, praying, and then going back to bed. That really teaches kids about discipline and commitment! Another story we read was about a girl who was grown up enough to try fasting for Ramadan for the first time. It really made my six year old son and I both think about growing up, taking on new responsibility, and perseverance.

This is a good book in many ways .this helps child understand the basic things of Islam.writer has displayed meaning of almost every special Islamic word.i recommend it to every Muslim child because such books can create their Islamic world around them so they can accept their attachment with it.

Excellent book for both Muslims and nonmuslims.

Amazing book!! Child friendly.

This is a great book that has stories that are relevant to todays world.

I purchased this as a gift, so I haven’t read it yet. I examined it and was very pleased with theconstruction of the boook, the art-work is colorful, and quite distinct.

it was great stories for my children. it was a great read altogether. even easy enough for my readers to read on their own

I ordered this book for my 9yr old niece but I actually enjoy the stories. The stories are entertaining while at the same time informative. I definitely recommend this for families.

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