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EWIC Staff Report: **SUGGESTED READING LIST: CHILDREN AND TEEN**

This list of authors and books below focuses on Middle Eastern, Arab, Arab-American, Muslim and Muslim-American narratives. It is intended to serve as reading guide for parents of young children and teens. The majority of the themes in these works focus on cross-cultural understanding and religious acceptance. The authors listed below constitute a mix of backgrounds, but as noted the underlying theme in this list is one of cultural openness and acceptance. This list made an explicit effort to stay away from works that serve in any way to further U.S. incursion in to the Middle East or to disparage Islam or the Middle East in any manner.

- ❖ [Alexis York Lumbard](#)
Lumbard, A. Y., Demi, & 'Attār, F. -D. (2012). The conference of the birds. Bloomington, Ind: Wisdom Tales.
- ❖ [Ann P. El-Moslimany](#)
El-Moslimany, A. P., & Butler, E. L. (1994). Zaki's Ramadhan fast. Seattle, WA: Amica Pub. House.
- ❖ [Asma Mobin-Uddin](#)
Mobin-Uddin, A., & Jacobsen, L. (2009). A party in Ramadan. Honesdale, Pa: Boyds Mills Press.
- ❖ [Barbara Walker](#)
Walker, B. K., & Berson, H. (1967). Watermelons, walnuts, and the wisdom of Allah: And other tales of the Hoca. New York: Parents' Magazine Press.
- ❖ [Demi](#)
Demi,. (2003). Muhammad. New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books.
Demi,. (2004). The hungry coat: A tale from Turkey. New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books.
- ❖ [Denys Johnson-Davies](#)
Johnson-Davies, D., Ahmed, H. E. S., & Fattouh, H. M. (2005). Goha, the wise fool.
- ❖ [Elizabeth Alalou and Ali Alalou](#)
Alalou, E., Alalou, A., & Essakalli, J. K. (2008). The butter man. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge.
- ❖ [Elizabeth Laird](#)
Laird, E., & Nimr, S. (2006). A little piece of ground. Chicago, IL: Haymarket Books.
- ❖ [Elsa Marston](#)
Marston, E. (2001). Muhammad of Mecca: Prophet of Islam. New York: Franklin Watts.

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- ❖ Eric A. Kimmel
Kimmel, E. A., & Rayyan, O. (2010). *Joha makes a wish: A Middle Eastern tale*. Tarrytown, N.Y: Marshall Cavendish Children.
- ❖ Florence Parry Heide and Judith Heide Gilliland
Heide, F. P., Gilliland, J. H., & Lewin, T. (1992). *Sami and the time of the troubles*. New York: Clarion Books.
- ❖ H.U. Hutchinson
Invincible Abdullah Series:
Hutchinson, H. U. (1992). *Invincible Abdullah: Vol. 3*. Indianapolis, IN: American Trust Publications.
- ❖ Hena Khan
Khan, H., & Amini, M. (2012). *Golden domes and silver lanterns: A Muslim book of colors*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books.
- ❖ Ibtisam Barakat
Barakat, I. (2007). *Tasting the sky: A Palestinian childhood*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux.
- ❖ J.J. L. Simpson
Simpson, J. J. L., & Sakkal, M. (1990). *The jinn in the clock*. Indianapolis, Ind: American Trust Publications.
- ❖ James Rumford
Rumford, J. (2001). *Traveling man: The journey of Ibn Battuta, 1325-1354*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin.
- ❖ Karen English
English, K., & Weiner, J. (1999). *Nadia's hands*. Honesdale, PA: Boyds Mills Press.
- ❖ Karen Gray Ruelle
Ruelle, K. G., & DeSaix, D. D. (2009). *The grand mosque of Paris: A story of how Muslims rescued Jews during the Holocaust*. New York: Holiday House.
- ❖ Kerena Marchant
Marchant, K., & Barber, T. (2001). *Muslim festival tales: [stories, poems, plays, songs]*. London: Hodder Wayland.
- ❖ Khephra Burns
Burns, K., Dillon, L., & Dillon, D. (2001). *Mansa Musa: The lion of Mali*. San Diego: Harcourt Brace & Co.
- ❖ Kyuchukov, Hristo
Kiuchukov, K., & Eitzen, A. (2004). *My name was Hussein*. Honesdale, Pa: Boyds Mills Press.
- ❖ Ludmila Zeman
Zeman, L. (1999). *Sindbad: From the tales of The thousand and one nights*. Toronto: Tundra Books.
- ❖ Luqman Nagy
Nagy, L. (2003). *Tell me about Islamic history: Pages from Islamic history*. New Delhi: Goodword Books.
- ❖ Maha Addasi
Addasi, M., Gannon, N., & Albitar, N. (2010). *Time to pray*. Honesdale, PA: Boyds Mills Press.
- ❖ Marger Read MacDonald, Ibrahim Muhawi, Sharīf Kanā'nah; Alik Arzoumanian
MacDonald, M. R., Muhawi, I., Kanā'nah, S., & Arzoumanian, A. (2006). *Tunjur! Tunjur! Tunjur!: A Palestinian folktale*. Tarrytown, NY: Marshall Cavendish Children.

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- ❖ [Marina Budhos](#)
Budhos, M. T. (2006). Ask me no questions. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers.
- ❖ [Na'ima B. Robert](#)
Robert, N. . (2008). From Somalia with love. London: Frances Lincoln Children's.
- ❖ [Naomi Shihab Nye](#)
Nye, N. S. (2002). The flag of childhood: Poems and paintings from the Middle East. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks.
- ❖ [Natalie Maydell, Sep Riahi](#)
Maydell, N., Riahi, S., & Amin, H. (2008). Extraordinary women from the Muslim world. Lancaster PA: Global Content Ventures.
- ❖ [Noorah Al-Gailani](#)
Al-Gailani, N., & Smith, C. (2002). The Islamic year: Surahs, stories and celebrations. Stroud, Gloucestershire, UK: Hawthorn Press.
- ❖ [Randa Abdel-Fattah](#)
Abdel-Fattah, R. (2007). Does my head look big in this?. New York: Orchard Books. (Australia)
- ❖ [Robert Munsch and Askar Saoussan](#)
Munsch, R. N., Martchenko, M., & Askar, S. (1995). From far away. Toronto: Annick Press.
- ❖ [Rukhsana Khan](#)
Khan, R., & Blackall, S. (2010). Big red lollipop. New York: Viking.
- ❖ [Sally Bahous Allen](#)
Bahous, S., & Malick, N. (1993). Sitti and the cats: A tale of friendship. Niwot, Colo: Roberts Rinehart.
- ❖ [Sarah Conover and Freda Crane](#)
Conover, S., Crane, F., & Wahl, V. (2004). Ayat jamilah =: Beautiful signs : a treasury of Islamic wisdom for children and parents. Spokane, Wash: Eastern Washington University Press.
- ❖ [Sylvia Whitman](#)
Whitman, S., & Williams, S. (2008). Under the Ramadan moon. Morton Grove, Ill: A. Whitman & Co.
- ❖ [Wafa' Tarnowska](#)
Tarnowska, W., & Henaff, C. (2010). The Arabian nights. Cambridge, MA: Barefoot Books.
- ❖ [Yvonne Wakim Dennis and Maha Addasi](#)
Dennis, Y. W., & Addasi, M. (2013). A kid's guide to Arab American history: More than 50 activities. Chicago, Ill: Chicago Review Press.