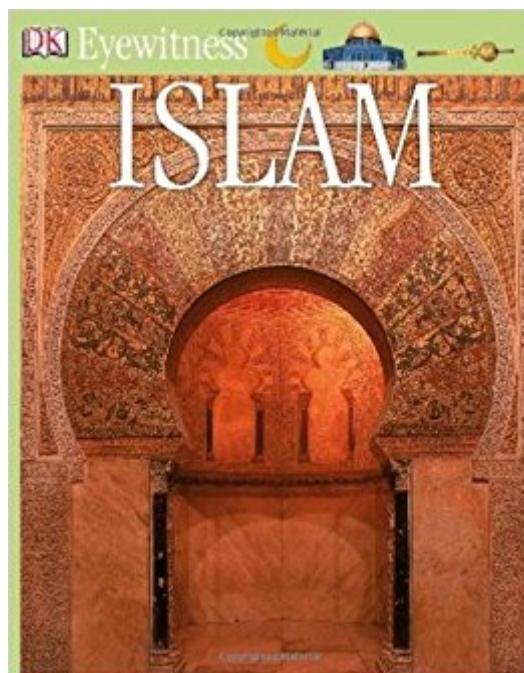


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Customer Reviews

Effectively, this book through clear and concise text and some very colourful pictures manages to elegantly convey the history of Islam. It takes a simple approach in describing events and facts that shaped Islam as a religion and a way of life for over one and half billion people on this planet with a neutral "Eye Witness" tone all through. I quite enjoyed reading it and my kids would definitely find it a useful book on the history and traditions of their heritage as Moslems. The book manages to touch on some of the sensitive issues such as the division that exists among Moslem sects without taking sides. It shows the Islamic world's contributions to the Sciences and Literature and other aspects of life in a beautiful approach accompanied with pictures of manuscripts, building and people. Islamic

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Love the book, learn about Islam my son liked it too.

Prepare to be amazed by the amount of concise information and beautiful pictures jammed into this small book. A definite keeper!

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Not much content in the book. Just a child's picture book. I was looking for something with great photography and content to use in a class. This is not the book to use.

If you want your child to read a first book about Islam, "DK Eyewitness Islam" is a perfect place to begin. The book is positive, educational, beautifully illustrated, packed with tidbits of information. Another reviewer, probably Muslim, suggested an Arabic store would have better books. If you live in a large city and have access to an Arabic store, he is probably right. However, if you want to have a speaking knowledge of Islam and the Islamic world, then look no further. "DK Eyewitness Islam" takes the reader logically through Early Arabia, the Prophet Muhammad, the

Qur'an, and other Islam-related topics. Closely aligned with Islam is its spread--through teaching, writing, and conquests. Culture, cities, trade, the Crusades--all are important in the spread of Islam. The second half of the book is devoted to specific countries or regions where Islam took root: Spain, Africa, Mongolia, the Ottoman Empire, India, Iran, China, Southeast Asia and their food, festivals, dress, and the Islamic society that developed there. All in all, this is one of the better Eyewitness books with a broad overview of the subject: Islam.

This book in my opinion is a very good book about Islam (The faith with over a billion followers worldwide), I have read this book several times and it explains the differences and similarities that Muslims share with each other, especially the two dominant groups in Islam: The Sunnites and the Shiites, and that nearly 85% of the worlds Muslims are Sunni, and only 15% are Shiite who make up the vast majority of the population in Iran 89%, Iraq 62-64%, Azerbaijan 75%, and Bahrain 70%. And also in Islam, Sunni and Shiite Muslims are divided into different groups such as the Druze, and the Alawite who are the largest religious minority in Syria.

One of my Core Knowledge units that I use with my fourth graders is a unit on Islam. This book is very comprehensive and has great images. The kids like reading this book and it teaches them more than the boring textbook. Definitely worth every penny!

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