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2025 Ramadan & Eid Book List For Classrooms and Libraries

Kindergarten - 3rd Grade Books for Ramadan and Eid

***Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book of Colors* by Hena Khan**

This is a beautifully illustrated book about colors, but it's told through a Muslim cultural lens.

***It's Ramadan, Curious George!* by: H.A. Rey and Hena Khan**

Follow George as he celebrates Ramadan and Eid with his friend Kareem and his family.

***Lailah's Lunchbox* by Reem Faruqi**

Lailah's family moves to the US from Abu Dhabi. When Ramadan begins, she is excited to participate in fasting for the first time but worried that her classmates won't understand why she isn't eating lunch with them. A great book to explain why Muslim students fast during Ramadan, particularly if this is a new experience for some of the classmates.

***Ilyas and Duck, Ramadan Joy* by Omar S. Khawaja**

Ilyas shows his friend Duck the blessings and joys of fasting in Ramadan. The book is set in rhymes and includes a page at the end with informational facts about Ramadan.

***Ilyas and Duck, Fantastic Festival of Eid* by Omar S. Khawaja**

Ilyas & his friend Duck explore the fun and excitement of Eid while learning about the charitable nature of it all. The book is set in rhymes and includes a page at the end with informational facts about Eid.

***Ramadan Moon* by Na'ima B Robert**

The message of kindness from this book resonates across all faiths.

***The Ramadan Drummer* by Fawzia Gilani Williams**

Ibn Serene is a Ramadan Drummer who wakes up people for sahoor. One day a rich man comes into town and wants to sleep, so he tempts him to stop with riches. A story about resisting and doing the right thing.

***Under the Ramadan Moon* by Sylvia Whitman**

A primary book introducing the rituals of Ramadan.

Hannah and the Ramadan Gift by Qasim Rashid

The debut picture book by human rights activist and attorney Qasim Rashid tells a timely story full of warmth and heart about the observance of Ramadan and the power of good deeds.

Ali the Great and the Eid Party Surprise by Saadia Faruqi [\(local Houston author\)](#)

Second grader Ali Tahir is excited for the festival of Eid, and looking forward to the family party, but first he has to watch his cranky little brother who keeps throwing tantrums!

Amira's Picture Day by Reem Faruqi

Amira's excited because tomorrow is Eid with special clothes, treats, gifts, and a morning party at her masjid, but then she realizes that she's going to miss class picture day at school. Now she has to figure out a way to be in two places at once.

Sadiq and the Ramadan Gift by Siman Nuurali

As Ramadan nears, Sadiq and his friends form the Money Makers Club to plan a community fundraiser, but when Zaza stops participating Sadiq gets upset with him.

Rashad's Ramadan and Eid-Al-Fitr by Lisa Bullard

This book is for slightly younger students, but upper elementary ELL (English language learner) students find the language easier to understand. Kids of all backgrounds can relate to trying to be good all month (For ex: Christian students trying to be good for Santa).

Night of the Moon by Hena Khan

This is a story about an Afghani girl and her family's traditions during Ramadan and Eid. As with all Hena Khan books - it is informative and visually beautiful.

A Party in Ramadan by Asma Modin-Uddin

A story about a girl trying out her very first fast.

The Night Before Eid by Aya Khalil

A family story of three generations of Egyptian Americans sharing special memories and a precious recipe in preparation for Eid al-Fitr, the celebration that marks the end of Ramadan.

The Blessed Pomegranates: A Ramadan Story About Giving by A. Helwa

Two kids pick pomegranates from their grandma's tree and set off to share their blessings with family and friends, helping them discover the giving spirit of the holiest month of the year.

Bashirah and The Amazing Bean Pie: A Celebration of African-American Muslim Culture by Ameenah Muhammed-Diggins

A multi-generational African American Muslim Family celebrate Eid with faith, food and family.

Peg + Cat: The Eid al-Adha Adventure by Jennifer Oxley

While visiting their friends Yasmina and Amir, Peg and Cat learn about Eid al-Adha where families celebrate with presents and food and by giving to others.

4th-8th Grade Books for Ramadan and Eid

***Moon Watchers: Shirin's Ramadan Miracle* by Reza Jalali**

Shirin follows the stages of the moon throughout Ramadan. She wants to fast like the rest of her Persian American family, including her older brother and is thrilled when she is finally allowed to do so for half a day. When she discovers her brother secretly eating, she decides not to expose him but help him instead, acting in the true spirit of Ramadan.

***The Best Eid Ever* by Asma Modin-Uddin**

This beautifully composed story straddles two worlds: America and Islamic Indo-Pakistani culture. Aneesa and her grandmother come up with a plan to help two girls who are refugees celebrate Eid in America.

***The Gift of Ramadan* by Rabiah York Lumbard**

Sophia wants to fast for Ramadan, but she just can't help herself when she smells cookies and ends up breaking her fast. This one is very relatable for students!

***Zahra's Blessing: A Ramadan Story* by Shirin Shamsi**

Zahra wants a baby sister and feels lonely and sad. As she volunteers with her mother during Ramadan, she makes a new friend who teaches her gratitude and companionship, right before she receives an unexpected Ramadan blessing.

***The Last Night of Ramadan* by Maissa Hamed**

A young Muslim boy experiences the Holy Month of Ramadan and all the traditions associated with it. This is a good book for learning about the different traditions.

9th-12th Books for Ramadan and Eid

***Once Upon an Eid* by S.K. Ali and Aisha Saeed**

A collection of short stories that showcases 15 brilliant Muslim authors and shares their perspective on the most joyful Muslim holiday of the year: Eid!

***The Garden of My Imaan* by Farhana Zia**

The arrival of a new 6th grade student who is a strict Muslim, helps Aliya come to terms with her own lukewarm practice of the faith and her embarrassment over others' reactions to their beliefs.

***Feast: Food of the Islamic World* by Anissa Helou**

A recipe book containing cultural Muslim recipes allowing for cross-cultural connection with what foods Muslims use during their celebrations.

This book list was compiled in February 2025 by a certified teacher and one of the founding members of MPTO. The list includes books which are also endorsed by the Islamic League of America (ISLA), staff-recommended booklists from The Chicago Public Library, New York Public Library and Madison Public Library, and have received excellent reviews on GoodReads. To have your book reviewed by the MPTO Board and included on this list in future editions, please reach out to mptotx@gmail.com.