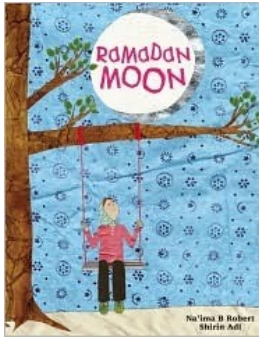


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Ramadan Moon

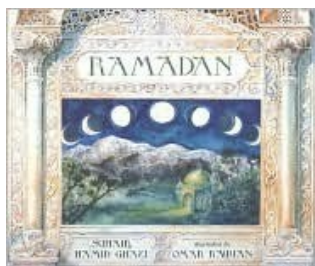
by Na'ima B. Robert
Illustrated by Shirin Adl

ISBN 1845079221
Frances Lincoln Children's Books

From Goodreads.com:

Ramadan, the month of fasting, Doesn't begin all at once. It begins with a whisper And a prayer And a wish. Muslims all over the world celebrate Ramadan and the joyful days of Eid-ul-Fitr at the end of the month of fasting as the most special time of year. This lyrical and inspiring picture book captures the wonder and joy of this great annual event, from the perspective of a child. Accompanied by Iranian inspired illustrations,

the story follows the waxing of the moon from the first new crescent to full moon and waning until Eid is heralded by the first sighting of the second new moon. Written and illustrated by Muslims, this is a book for all children who celebrate Ramadan and those in the wider communities who want to understand why this is such a special experience for Muslims. **Ages 4-9**



Ramadan

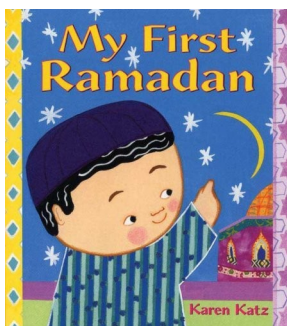
by Suhaib Hamid Ghazi
Illustrated by Omar Rayyan

ISBN 0823412547
Holiday House

From Goodreads.com:

Every year, Muslims all over the world celebrate the coming of Ramadan, the holiest month of the Islamic calendar. It was during that month, 14 centuries ago,

that Allah first began revealing the holy book of Islam, the Quran, to Muhammed. Ghazi's clear and informative description of one boy's celebration of Ramadan is skillfully brought to life by Omar Rayyan's warm and joyful illustration. **Ages 4-9**



My First Ramadan

by Karen Katz

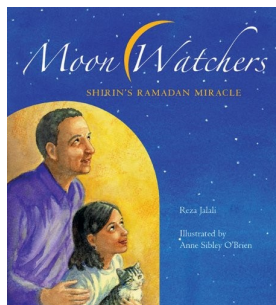
ISBN 0805078940
Henry Holt and Co.

From Goodreads.com:

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. **Ages 4-8**

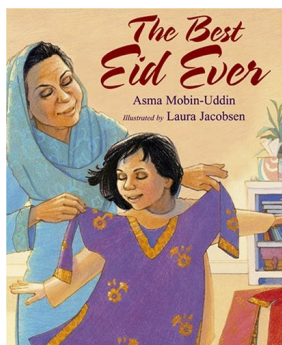


Moon Watchers
by Reza Jalali
Illustrated by Anne Sibley O'Brien

ISBN 0884483215
Tilbury House Publishers

From Goodreads.com:

Looking through the tall trees in their backyard in Maine, Shirin and her dad search for a glimpse of the new moon, the sign that the month of Ramadan has begun. Ramadan is a time when Muslims around the world pray, fast, and pay special attention to doing good deeds. Shirin is nine and thinks she should be able to fast like her older brother Ali, but her parents feel she is still too young to go without food and water all day. When Shirin catches Ali sneaking food after school, she wonders: Should she tattletale or is this an opportunity for a good deed? Shirin feels left out when the others break their fasts to have their own meals after dark and in the early morning, before it is light again. But then her grandmother tells a story that shows her a way she can feel more a part of Ramadan and the traditions and closeness her family enjoys during this special month of the year. Her good deeds result in a surprise for everyone! **Ages 4-8**

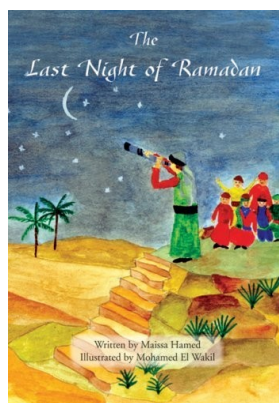


The Best Eid Ever
by Asma Mobin-Uddin
Illustrated by Laura Jacobsen

ISBN 1590784316
Boyd's Mills Press

From Goodreads.com:

It's Eid, and Aneesa should be happy. But her parents are thousands of miles away in Saudi Arabia for the Hajj pilgrimage. To cheer her up, her grandmother gives her a gift of beautiful clothes from Pakistan, one outfit for each of the three days of Eid. She even prepares lamb korma, Aneesa's favourite dinner, which they will enjoy when they return from prayers. At the prayer hall, Aneesa meets two sisters who are not dressed in new clothes for the holiday. Aneesa discovers that the girls are refugees. With their father, they have fled from their war-torn country. Aneesa can't stop thinking about the girls and what Eid must be like for them. That's when Aneesa comes up with a plan to help the girls celebrate Eid and make it the best Eid holiday ever. **Ages 4-8**



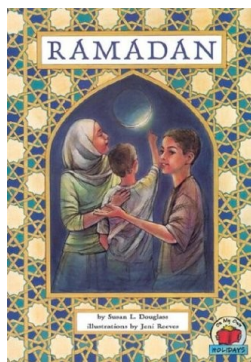
The Last Night of Ramadan
by Maissa Hamed
Illustrated by Mohamed El Wakil

ISBN 0880105860
Bell Pond Books

From Goodreads.com:

The Last Night of Ramadan is the first of the "Enjoy Islam" book series, dedicated to produce creative literary works for children and their families who wish to understand and learn about Islam and the Muslim culture through Islamic celebrations throughout the year. This book focuses on the Holy Month of Ramadan and the traditions associated with it. Children's imaginative powers are enriched as events unfold through the beautiful medium of a puppet show, which parents can enjoy creating with their children at home, and primary school teachers can use in the classroom.

Ages 4-8



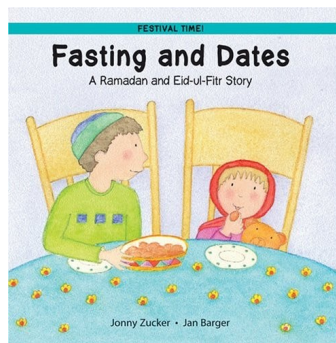
Ramadan

by Susan L. Douglass
Illustrated by Jeni Reeves

ISBN 1575055848
Carolrhoda Books

From School Library Journal:

Grade 1-4—After presenting the most basic facts about Islam, Douglass focuses on the celebration, beginning with the new moon of the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and continuing through the ensuing feast of Eid al-Fitr. Reeves's abundant, framed illustrations in pastel colors provide detailed windows on the observance and show adults and children in traditional and Western dress, in various settings. An easy-to-read, well-organized introduction. **Ages 4-8**



Fasting and Dates

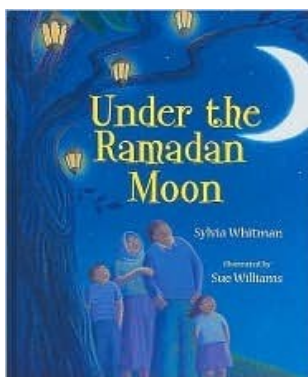
by Jonny Zucker
Illustrated by Jan Barger

ISBN 0764126717
Barron's Educational Series

From Amazon.com

Books in the *Festival Time* series describe the activities of typical families as parents and children celebrate some of their culture's major holidays. Attractive color illustrations on every page will appeal to younger children. The simply yet delightfully told stories describe the festivities while giving children background information about holidays in many different cultures. A two-page spread at the

back of each book contains information for parents, and includes suggestions on ways to communicate the holiday's meaning to kids. A typical Muslim family celebrates the holy month of Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. It is the time of year for parents and older children to fast, give special praise to God, and be charitable to the poor and needy. The festival of Eid-ul-Fitr occurs on the day following the last day of Ramadan. Families welcome this festival with an elaborate meal attended by extended family and friends. Traditional foods are eaten, including dates and pomegranates. **Ages 4-8**



Under the Ramadan Moon

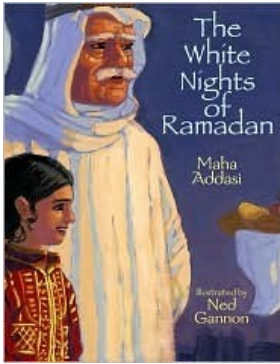
by Sylvia Whitman
Illustrated by Sue Williams

ISBN 0807583049
Albert Whitman & Company

From School Library Journal:

Grade 2-4—This delightful picture book describes the monthlong Muslim observance of Ramadan by a modern family. It begins, "We wait for the moon./We watch for the moon./We watch for the Ramadan moon." The images of the waxing, full, and waning moon progress along with the spare, lyrical text. Practices such as fasting, speaking kind words, giving to the poor, decorating with bright lights, and praying all take place, "under the moon, under the Ramadan moon." Williams uses soft,

luminous pastels in richly textured, detailed spreads. People have warm, generous smiles, and women in hijab give tender hugs and talk on a cell phone. Moonlight and firelight add to the congeniality. The repetitive line "under the moon..." also makes this an excellent resource for teachers and librarians for choral reading and discussion.—*Fawzia Gilani*- **Ages 4-8**



The White Nights of Ramadan

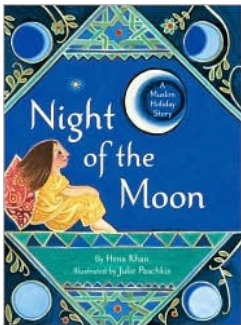
by Maha Addasi
Illustrated by Ned Gannon

ISBN 1590785231
Boyd's Mills Press

From Goodreads.com:

Noor lives in a country near the Persian Gulf. She's looking forward to the festival known as Girgian that comes in the middle of the holy month of Ramadan. These middle days are known as 'the three whites', because they include the day of the full moon and day before and after. It's when children, dressed in traditional clothes, go from house to house collecting treats from their neighbors. From the moment that Noor sees the full moon rising, signalling the coming of Girgian, she and her brothers,

Dan and Sam, prepare for the fun. Dan swings his special Ramadan lantern, singing, 'Girgian! O Girgian! Candy! O Candy!' Sam bangs on his drum. Noor tries on her fancy dress. Together, Noor and her brothers decorate the bags they will carry to collect the candies. But along with the fun, Noor remembers the true meaning of Ramadan: spending time with family and sharing with those less fortunate. Maha Addasi's bright and happy story, richly illustrated by Ned Gannon, captures the merriment of a festive holiday and the greatest joy of all - the joy of giving. **Ages 4-8**



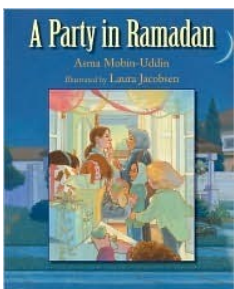
Night of the Moon: A Muslim Holiday Story

by Hena Khan
Illustrated by Julie Paschke

ISBN 0811860620
Chronicle Books

From Goodreads.com:

Yasmeen, a seven-year-old Pakistani-American girl, celebrates the Muslim holidays of Ramadan, 'The Night of the Moon' (Chaand Raat), and Eid. With lush illustrations that evoke Islamic art, this beautiful story offers a window into modern Muslim culture —and into the ancient roots from within its traditions have grown. **Ages 4-8**



A Party in Ramadan

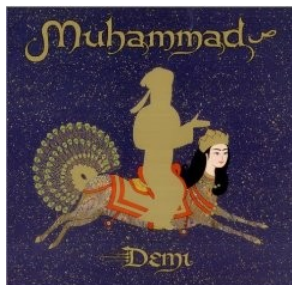
by Asma Mobin-Uddin
Illustrated by Laura Jacobsen

ISBN 1590786041
Boyd's Mills Press

From Goodreads.com:

This is a charming story of a young Muslim girl determined to do the right thing. Leena is excited because this is the first year she will fast for Ramadan, Muslim religious festival. Leena is too young to fast each day of the festival, so she decides to fast each Friday

instead. However Leena receives an invitation to a party on a Friday. She decides to go but avoid eating, however will she succumb to the lemonade and cakes that her friends are enjoying? **Ages 4-8**



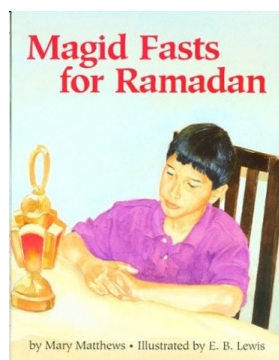
Muhammad

by Demi

ISBN 0-689-85264-9
Margaret K. McElderry

From the jacket flap:

Through a clear text and stunning illustrations based upon those of traditional Islamic expression, the award-winning artist Demi here introduces the remarkable life of the Prophet Muhammad for young readers. (In keeping with Islamic tradition, the Prophet Muhammad and his family have not been depicted in this book.) **Ages 8 – 12**



Magid Fasts for Ramadad

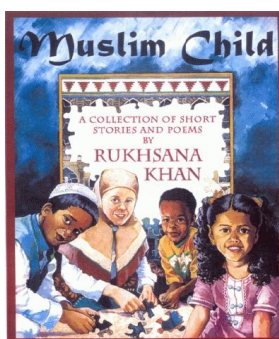
by Mary Matthews

ISBN 0618040358
Sandpiper

From Goodreads.com:

Magid, an eight-year-old Muslim boy who lives in Cairo, is determined to celebrate Ramadan by fasting even though his family feels that he is not yet old enough to fast. "The book is heavily illustrated with very nice watercolor art that expands the text. A brief introduction to Islam and a glossary are appended." -- Booklist

Ages 9 – 12



Muslim Child: Understanding Islam through Stories and Poems

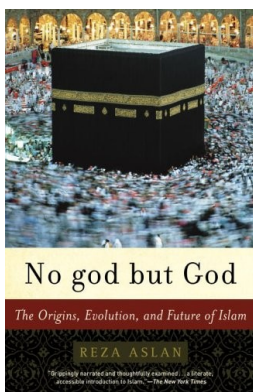
by Rukhsana Khan

Illustrated by Patty Gallinger

ISBN 0807553077
Albert Whitman & Company

From Goodreads.com:

A collection of short stories, poems and prose that examines the world through the eyes of Muslim children. Written especially for North American children, both Muslim and non-Muslim, each story represents a tenet of Islam in a way that is both entertaining and enlightening. Non-fiction sidebars help to explain and amplify the Islamic references. Some of the stories are humorous, others are touching, but all are compelling stories of children learning and growing with their culture. **Ages 9 – 12**



No god but God: The Origins, Evolution, and Future of Islam

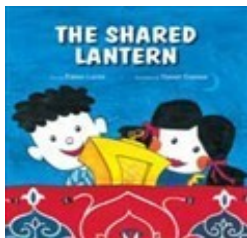
by Reza Aslan

ISBN 0385739753
Delacorte Books for Young Readers

From Amazon.com:

In this invaluable introduction to a faith that for much of the West remains shrouded in ignorance and fear, Reza Aslan, an internationally acclaimed scholar of comparative religion, examines Islam: its rituals and traditions, the revelation of Muhammad as Prophet and the subsequent uprising against him, and the emergence of his successors. Aslan's comprehensive text explores the complex history of the fastest-growing religion in the world. *No god but God* is an engaging, accessible, and thought-provoking book for young people that is sure to stimulate discussion and encourage understanding of the Islamic faith and the people who follow it. **Young Adult**

Available at bookstores in Cairo



The Shared Lantern

by Eileen Lucas

Illustrated by Yasser Gaessa

ISBN 9776218857

Dar el Shorouk

From the backcover:

"Ramadan Karim! Ramadan is Generous!"

This happy phrase is the traditional greeting which people call out in the first days of Ramadan. The story of *The Shared Lantern* was written in the true spirit of this month of generosity, giving, compassion, and sharing.

It all started when 5-Year old Mohamed was inspired by the *Belia* books he had read, so he decided to write a story of his own! When the author visited Mohamed's school, she was touched by his story and turned it into this wonderful book about sharing." **Ages 4 - 8**