

The Ummah Readers Challenge

Secondary Reading List



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Quranic Tarbiyah does not necessarily agree with or endorse all of the content found in these books. We strongly encourage parents, school librarians, and teachers to read the books themselves and determine whether they are suitable for their children and students. We also encourage adults to discuss the books with children and help nurture a **dīn-based critical lens**, enabling them to engage thoughtfully with what they read and develop a Qur'anic worldview.

Each year features six recommended books. These are intended as a helpful starting point for those who may not be able to purchase all the books, providing a selection that may be a good choice. Educators are also welcome to select six books of their own and do not need to follow these recommendations.

The recommended age is a guide only and can vary depending on the child's reading level and maturity.

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Featured titles are highlighted.

YEAR SEVEN

AGE 11-12

- Escape From Aleppo by N.H. Senzai
- Boy, Everywhere by A.M. Dassu
- Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year by Nina Hamza
- Aisha: Mother of the Believers by Fatima Barkatulla
- A Little Piece of Ground by Elizabeth Laird with Sonia Nimr
- Once Upon an Eid by S. K. Ali and Aisha Saeed
- A Galaxy of Sea Stars by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo
- Letters from a Prophet by Zimarina Sarwar
- Dear Moon by Zaynab Haleem
- Yusuf Azeem is Not A Hero by Reem Faruqi
- Yes, I'm Hot in This! by Huda Fahmy
- The Bowing of the Stars by Mehded Maryam Sinclair
- The Day of the Pelican by Katherine Paterson

YEAR NINE

AGE 13-14

- Companions of the Prophet (Book 1) by AbdulWahid Hamid
- In Search of a Holy Land by Lauren Booth
- Vultures in the House of Silence by A.R. Latif
- That Can Be Arranged by Huda Fahmy
- Elsewhere Home by Leila Aboulela
- Builders of a Nation by Dr Haifaa Younis
- The 100th Murder by Asim Qureshi
- Diary From Gaza by Mohammed Hussein
- The Other Side: Barzakh and Beyond by Shaykh Omar Suleiman
- Huda F Wants to Know? by Huda Fahmy
- Baddawi by Leila Abdelrazaq
- Encounters with Muslim Nomads by Luqman Nagy
- Boy vs Girl by Na'ima B Robert
- The War Within Our Hearts by Habeeb Quadri and Sa'ad Quadri

YEAR EIGHT

AGE 12-13

- Huda F Are You? by Huda Fahmy
- When Wings Expand by Mehded Sinclair
- Judgement Day by Shaykh Omar Suleiman
- Nowhere Boy by Katherine Marsh
- An Andalus Adventure by S.N Jalali
- The Four Great Imams by Zimarina Sarwar
- Where the Streets Had a Name by Randa AbdelFattah
- Meeting Muhammad by Shaykh Omar Suleiman
- Huda F Cares? by Huda Fahmy
- Hamra and the Jungle of Memories by Hanna Alkaf
- Betty Before X by Ilyasah Shabazz with Renee Watson
- From Somalia, with Love by Na'ima B Robert

YEAR TEN

AGE 14-15

- Guantanamo Voices: True Accounts from the World's Most Infamous Prison by Sarah Mirk
- Pieces by Afshan Malik
- Welcome to Islam by Lucy Bushill-Matthews
- The Thread That Connects Us by Ayaan Mohamud
- A Beautiful Patience by Samaiya Mushtaq
- Companions of the Prophet (Book 2) by AbdulWahid Hamid
- Muslim Girl by Umm Zakiyyah
- Rising Soul: A Guide to Personal Development by Dr Muhammad Manusr
- Lyrics Alley by Leila Aboulela
- Odd Girl Out by Tasneem Abdur-Rashid
- She Wore Red Trainers by Na'ima B Robert
- A Second Look by Hannah Matus
- Echoes by Jamilah Kolocotronis

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YEAR ELEVEN

AGE 15–16

- In The Early Hours: Reflections on Spiritual and Self Development by Khurram Murad
- You Think You Know Me by Ayaan Mohamud
- The Translator by Leila Aboulela
- Enemy Combatant: A British Muslim's Journey to Guantanamo and Back by Moazzam Begg
- Zaid Karim, Private Investigator by Wael AbdulGawad
- Hidden Fires by Sairish Hussain
- Lost Islamic History by Firas AlKhateeb
- Hearts We Lost by Umm Zakiyyah
- Minaret by Leila Aboulela
- My Guantanamo Diary: The Detainees and the Stories They Told Me by Mahvish Khan
- Imam Al-Ghazali: A Concise Life by Edoardo Albert
- The Power of Du'a by Aaliyah Umm Raiyaan
- An Acquaintance by Saba Syed

YEAR TWELVE

AGE 16–17

- The Kindness of Enemies by Leila Aboulela
- Mornings in Jenin by Susan AbulHawa
- The Slightest Green by Sahar Mustafa
- A Temporary Gift by Asmaa Hussein
- 10 Things You Should Know About Marriage by Ajmal Masroor
- Pieces of a Dream by Wael AbdulGawad
- Don't Forget Us Here: Lost and Found at Guantanamo by Mansoor Adayfi
- Reclaim Your Heart by Yasmin Mogahed
- First Things First: For Inquiring Minds and Yearning Hearts by Khalid Baig
- Hand Me Down Your Revolution By Muslim Youth (MYM)
- Way to the Qur'an by Khurram Murad
- The Daily Revival by Shaykh Ali Hammuda

YEAR THIRTEEN & ABOVE

AGE 17–18

- Cities of Salt by AbdelRahman Munif
- The Beauty of Your Face by Sahar Mustafa
- The Autobiography of Malcom X as told to Alex Haley
- Reflecting on the Names of Allah by Dr Jinan Yousef
- Easy Good Deeds by Mufti Taqi Uthmani
- Return of the Pharoah by Zainab al-Ghazali
- Before You Tie the Knot by Salma Abugideiri and Imam Mohamed Magid
- A Mouth Full of Salt by Reem Gaafar
- This is Love by Ali Albarghouthi
- The Productive Muslim by Mohammad Faris
- When Only God Can See by Walaa Quisay and Asim Qureshi
- Rekiya and Z by Muti'ah Badruddeen
- Sins: The Poison of the Heart by Dr Haifaa Younis
- Just 5 Minutes: Nine Years in the Prisons of Syria by Heba Dabbagh
- Dear Mother: Letters from the Heart by Suma Din