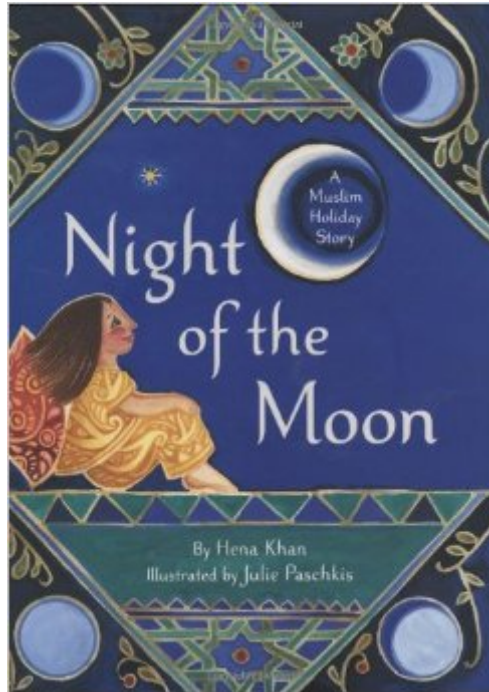


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Night Of The Moon: A Muslim Holiday Story



Synopsis

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.

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Customer Reviews

"Night of the Moon" is a delightful story about how a Pakistani-American girl celebrates Ramadan and Eid with her family and community. I bought the book to help teach my children about the holidays of another religion (we are Jewish). The book gave my children and me a much better understanding of how Ramadan and Eid are celebrated and what the holidays mean to people. The book portrays the holidays in such a warm and caring way that when we finished reading my four year old wanted to celebrate it too. At one point, the story describes how the family eats their favorite foods when breaking the fast. Hearing that, my son said "I REALLY like Ramadan." I told him that we could each pick a favorite food to break the fast on Yom Kippur, which we did, so the book inspired a new family tradition in our house. My children also enjoyed how the book describes the changing stages of the moon over the month of Ramadan. At the end, the book says the moon looked like it was drawn in the sky with chalk. My son was very interested in this imagery and asked

if he could ever see the moon when it looked that way. The pictures in the book are bright and colorful and very appealing to a child's eye. I highly recommend this book for children of all faiths who are interested in learning more about Ramadan and Eid.

I highly recommend this book for children, parents, and teachers. It is gorgeously illustrated and beautifully written. Any child living in the US can identify with the two Muslim kids in the book, Yasmeen and Bilal. They attend a multi-ethnic school, their mother does not wear a hijab (although she is still a devout Muslim), and they even eat chocolate fudge cake and cupcakes! You will wish to have pictures from the book framed for your wall, but will have to settle for searching for the moon on a nightly basis instead.

This book is a welcome addition to my children's library. We are Jewish, but my kids--twins in kindergarten--love learning about all cultures. The book explains the holidays of Ramadan and Eid and depicts a family's celebration of these holidays. It's well-written and fun. The illustrations are striking and gorgeous, with saturated colors. My kids love this book.

I purchased this book to read to my 1st grade students during our Holidays Around the World segment. We had several Muslim children in our grade, so we wanted to make sure to include their culture in our studies since the other students were constantly asking questions. This book is beautifully written, and illustrated. Each page is covered with rich, inviting color. The story was easy for every student to understand, and they really enjoyed learning about how other people in the world live and celebrate. I would recommend this book for any curious child, regardless of race or religion.

The phrase "Night of the Moon" has more to do with a uniquely south asian tradition on the last night of Ramadan, which is the application of henna and purchase of girls' glass bangles for the next day's Eid celebrations. However, this book does an excellent job of describing the entire month of Ramadan's events leading up to the last "Night of the Moon". It is a clear introduction to Ramadan and a family's way of life during that period. Unfortunately it does not help the non-muslim reader distinguish clearly the differences between a "cultural" tradition (the Night of the Moon) - which Muslims may or may not observe depending on the region they are from - and a "religious" tradition (e.g. the Night of Power - an Islamic holy night - and the Eid day which all Muslims observe). The story progresses smoothly. The artwork is unique. The book is a definite

collectible. Reading level: grades 1-4

I have been reading this book to my son since he was 2. He always liked it but now that he is 5 and understands things in more depth, he absolutely loves this. It is a beautiful tale of sighting the Ramadan moon, the holy month of Ramadan and the festival of Eid. I read this to my almost 2 year old daughter, and she identified herself with the main character in the book, even though she doesn't fully grasp the idea of Ramadan yet. I am so happy to have books like this to share with my kids. Hena Khan is one of my favorite authors - she does a great job lightly presenting these topics to young readers.

My 3 daughters, ages 2,5 and 7 love this book. It is beautifully written and illustrated, and focuses on those aspects of the holiday that children relate to the best. It also uses clear, simple language without speaking down to children. We are an interfaith Jewish/Christian family, and after we read this book my 5 year old asked if we could get more books about "religions that are not in our family". She is fascinated by religion and religious customs and really enjoys reading this book.

This is a charming story about the celebrations of Ramadan and brings into focus the universality of all faith traditions. We read it aloud to our young people during church service to increase their understandings of Islam, an often misunderstood faith. This wonderful story should be a part of any library for those who want their children to understand and respect the spiritual pathways of others, as well as those who are Muslim.

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