



UNDERSTANDING ISLAM ...

**.... FICTION & NONFICTION FROM & ABOUT
THE MUSLIM WORLD.**

MINARET

by Leila Aboulela

Wealthy Najwa flees Sudan after a coup, only to encounter the harsh realities of immigrant life in London.

THE YEAR OF THE ELEPHANT

by Layla Abu Zayd

Zahra, a Moroccan woman, seeks to merge her Islamic faith with a quest for independence.

COME BACK TO AFGHANISTAN : A CALIFORNIA TEENAGER'S STORY

by Said Hyder Akbar

Seventeen-year-old Said returns to Afghanistan with his politically well-connected father after the overthrow of the Taliban.

THE MEANING OF THE HOLY QUR'AN

by Abdullah Yusuf Ali

Recommended by the Islamic Society of Boston as the best English translation of Islam's Holy Book.

BRICK LANE

by Monica Ali

An arranged marriage between a Bangladeshi woman and her older husband undergoes cultural conflict in London.

THE BOOK OF SALADIN

by Tariq Ali

A novel of the Crusades from the Muslim point of view.

BAB EL-OUED

by Merzak Allouache

Stories about everyday life in a poor neighborhood in Algiers.

NINE PARTS OF DESIRE : THE HIDDEN WORLD OF ISLAMIC WOMEN

by Geraldine Brooks

A well-crafted, absorbing account of Islamic women's lives as seen through the eyes of a secular-minded, Australian-born war correspondent and journalist.

DINARZAD'S CHILDREN : AN ANTHOLOGY OF CONTEMPORARY ARAB-AMERICAN FICTION

A timely and moving collection of stories by 19 American authors of Lebanese, Syrian, Egyptian, Palestinian and Libyan descent.

ON THE HILLS OF GOD

by Ibrahim Fawal

Palestinian Yousif Safi, 17, plans to graduate from high school and marry his sweetheart until he has to face the realities of the 1948 expulsion.

UNDERSTANDING ISLAM AND MUSLIM TRADITIONS

by Tanya Gulevich

A clear and concise introduction to Islamic religious practices and observances, holidays, and customs.

THE SECRET LIFE OF SAEED THE PESSOPTIMIST

by Imil Habibi

Saeed remains in Israel after the Palestinian expulsion in 1948 and attempts to assimilate.

WEST OF THE JORDAN

by Laila Halaby

Four cousins on the cusp of adulthood struggle with issues of identity in Palestine and immigrant America.

THE KITE RUNNER

by Khaled Hosseini

A friendship between a rich boy and a servant's son suffers betrayal and redemption in modern Afghanistan

A SKY SO CLOSE

by Batul Khudayri

A girl, her Iraqi father and English mother move from the country to Baghdad at the onset of the Iran-Iraq war.

PALACE WALK

by Naguib Mahfouz

A patriarch indulges himself at night in Cairo, while ruling his family by the Qur'an at home. (vol. 1 of Nobel laureate Mahfouz's *Cairo Trilogy*)

READING LOLITA IN TEHRAN : A MEMOIR IN BOOKS

by Azar Nafisi

Chronicles the personal and intellectual unfolding of a private, all-female literature class taught by a former University of Tehran professor.

DISTANT VIEW OF A MINARET AND OTHER STORIES

by Alifa Rifaat

Understated short stories that capture the flavor of life for women in traditional Muslim society.

THE MOOR'S LAST SIGH

by Salman Rushdie

Narrator, Moraes Zogoiby, tells the story of four generations of a spice-trading family of which he is the last member.

ALI AND NINO

by Kurban Said

Ali, an Azerbaijani Muslim, marries Nino, a Christian Georgian, on the eve of the Russian Revolution.

PERSEPOLIS

by Marjane Satrapi

Autobiographical account, in graphic novel form, of a young girl's life during and after Iran's Islamic Revolution.

DAMASCUS NIGHTS

by Rafi Schami

Seven friends gather in an attempt to break a spell afflicting the most famous storyteller in Damascus.

KARTOGRAPHY

by Kamela Shamsie

The dangers of Karachi compel Karim's parents to move to London which separates him from his best friend, Raheen.

