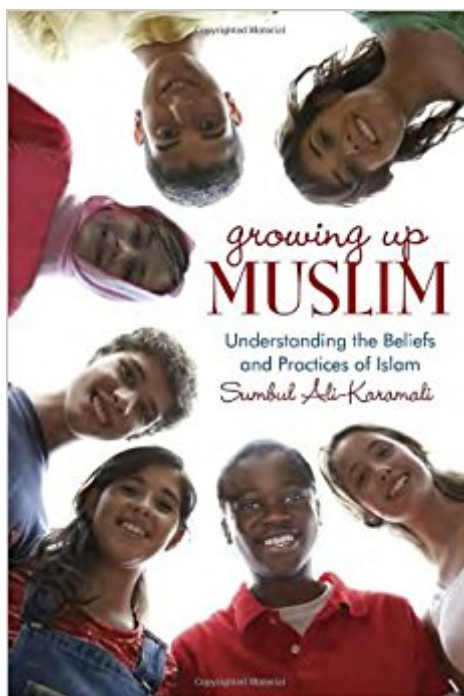


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# Growing Up Muslim: Understanding The Beliefs And Practices Of Islam



## Synopsis

Author Sumbul Ali-Karamali offers her personal account, discussing the many and varied questions she fielded from curious friends and schoolmates while growing up in Southern Californiaâfrom diet, to dress, to prayer and holidays and everything in between. She also provides an academically reliable introduction to Islam, addressing its inception, development and current demographics. Through this engaging work, readers will gain a better understanding of the everyday aspects of Muslim American life, to dispel many of the misconceptions that still remain and open a dialogue for tolerance and acceptance.

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Gr 6 Up-Ali-Karamali's primer offers an informal, highly personal introduction to Islam. Chronicling her experience growing up Muslim in California, she comfortably discusses major aspects of the faith such as prayer, fasting, and theology as well as food, fashion, and relationships, while connecting these topics to her daily life. The relaxed presentation makes the information more interesting and accessible to readers who would otherwise find it difficult to follow. The writing flows smoothly as if in conversation, making it understandable and appealing. However, the informality does not detract from the accuracy. A few diagrams and a select, scholarly list for further reading are included. This unique introduction is a good choice for dispelling misconceptions and prejudice about this faith, and will appeal to readers of human-interest stories.-Justin Parrott, Columbus Metropolitan Library, OH (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable

edition of this title.

The American author, born to parents who had emigrated from India, discusses in broad outline some facts and facets of Islam and looks at Muslim identity in contemporary Western society. Ali-Karamali's conversational writing style relies heavily on her own experiences and interests; for instance, food is a repeated motif here, even beyond the first chapter, which is about Muslim eating rules. The book supplies historic context for some Islamic prohibitions, differentiates between religious context and other cultural influences, and keeps the narrative moving quickly. For kids without much knowledge of Islam, this short book can be a starting point, perhaps of most value to students who lack any direct knowledge of Muslim peers and/or have research needs to satisfy. It also will bring up more focused questions that readers can explore elsewhere. Grades 5-8.

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Sumbul Ali-Karmali, with *Growing Up Muslim*, has provided young readers with an easy to read, concise explanation of all things Muslim, from what Muslims eat and wear to the history of this peaceful religion. I had hoped, when I chose the book, that it would cover more of how Muslim children deal with and encounter things in school, and the book touches on that, but not in the detail I wanted. But it has a lot of answers to questions young readers might have about this religion that has been reviled by so many because people who are quick to equate all of Islam with a small group of radical terrorists. Islam itself is a peaceful religion and is based on the idea of doing good deeds. And it is an extension of Judaism and Christianity, not a completely different religion. In fact, the Allah that Muslims worship is the same God of Judeo-Christian tradition. The word Allah is the Arabic word for God, and even Christians in Arabic-speaking countries call God *Allah*. So the world is not so huge after all, and this book proves it to kids who need to know this.

An excellent read. Very informative and useful for young Muslims and their non-Muslim friends.

GREAT BOOK

This was a great book. It provided great insight into the Islamic faith. The book had a very nice balance of personal stories and experiences of the author, facts on Islam and the Quran, and the differing opinions by Muslims all around the world on various practices and everyday life. I would

recommend this book to basically anyone who is looking to widen their knowledge of Islam!

This book, meant for a general audience, is a great primer on Islam. It's a good book for older children who might want to know about people from different cultures.

The story is very inspiring. thank you for the good directions and the advices. I absolutely recommend this book to all Muslim parents.

I think this is a must read in our increasingly small world. It will educate you on several misconceptions that people have about the religion and correct all the "hear-say" and gossip that people spread.

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