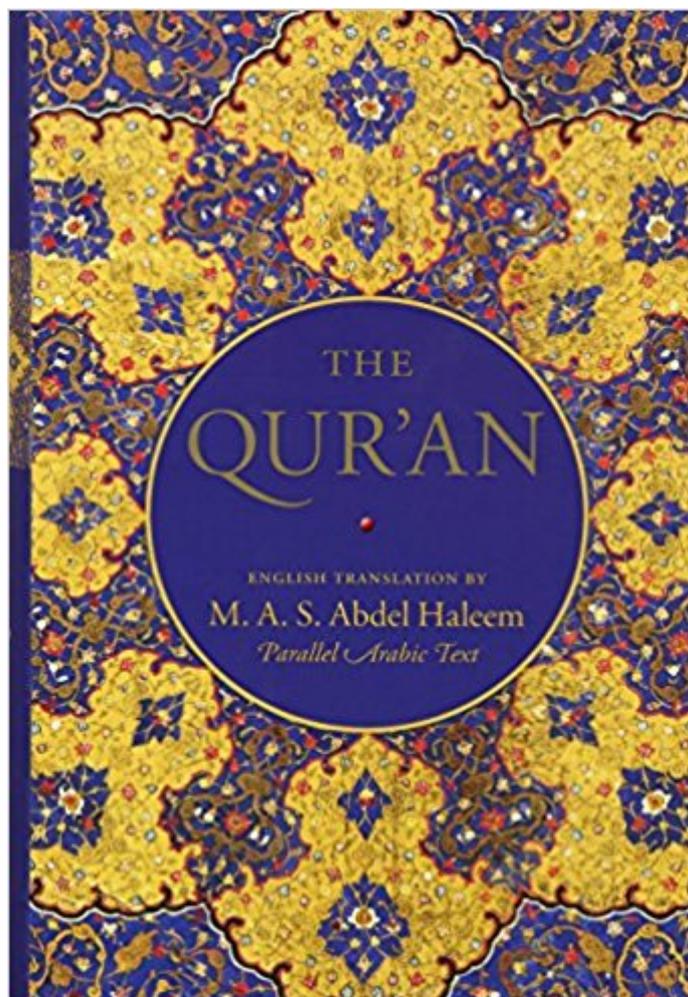


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I have many translations of the Holy Qur'an. If what you want is to actually read this great book, there's no doubt in my mind that Haleem's is your best way in, hands down. Other translations might be more faithful--I honestly could not say. But Question #1 is: Will you read them, or get bogged down by archaic language? This one reads like English. Although there are cheaper editions available from Oxford, reviewers are complaining about type size and so on. This edition is a well-made book, with a binding sewn in signatures and a ribbon marker. At last, a Holy Qur'an, rendered into English, worthy to hold, and inviting to read.

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big pages but a lot of pages are wasted due to usage of small font while rest of page is blank. The translation is fine but other than the half page wastage its fine.

This edition of the Qur'an is absolutely fantastic. The book contains a copy of the original script in Arabic and an incredibly accurate translation in English. This would be a great buy for anybody looking to study Islam or anybody just trying to develop themselves spiritually. A very nice product, aesthetically pleasing, and very highly recommended.

This version of the Qur'an does a wonderful job of presenting the text along with clarification on its meaning for the English-speaking reader. If you want to know more about Islam this is a good place to start.

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