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# EDUCATOR'S RESOURCE GUIDE

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Edition

**Discover  
the World  
Of Islam  
and Muslims!**

Pre-K through Adult  
Literature and Study Aids

# Why Learn About Islam?

We live in a diverse and multicultural society. People from every corner of the globe bring with them a myriad of religions, customs and values and they are now our children's classmates, friends and eventually neighbors. Though there has been a tremendous effort in bridging the gaps between more familiar cultural and religious groups, Islam and Muslims are the last great frontier.

Currently Muslims, or the followers of the religion of Islam, constitute over one billion people, one sixth of humanity, and are found in every country. Through conversion, immigration and natural increase Islam has also become the fastest growing religion in North America as well as the second largest faith after Christianity.

With global events and an ever increasing awareness of the West's general lack of knowledge of Islam it has taken on a sense of urgency that we in the West learn about the various Muslim cultures and the real values and teachings of their religion.

Informed students and teachers can open the window to this mysterious world and learn how to better interact with their fellow citizens who happen to follow the faith brought by Muhammad in the seventh century. Through literature, primers and real textbooks designed by Muslims the goal of greater knowledge can be achieved.

## About Us

## Amirah Publishing

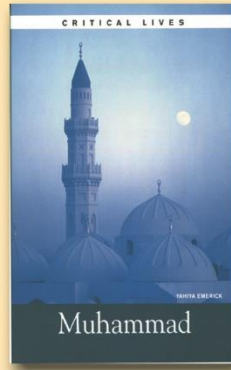
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# ENTER THE FASCINATING

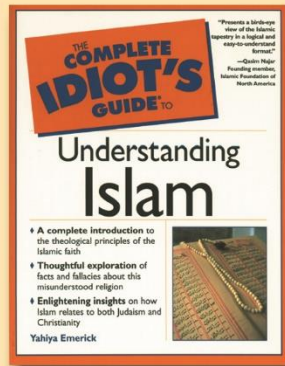
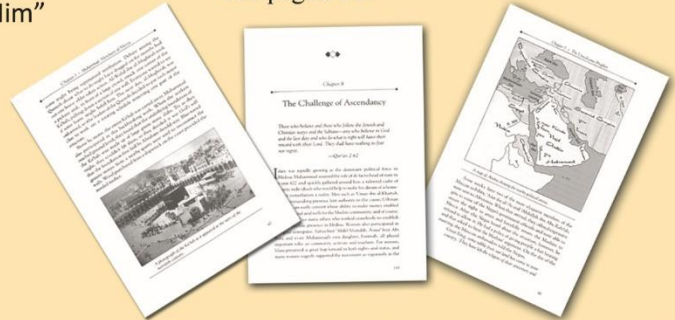


Out-of-Print: Replaced by "Even the Clouds Spread Shade for Him"

## Muhammad

By Yahya Emerick

Who was Muhammad and what did he teach? More than a temporal leader, this seventh century Arabian Prophet brought a message that gave rise to both a religious and temporal empire whose foundation was an unshakable belief in the One True God of Abraham. Learn about his life in this exciting narrative biography which helps the reader understand the rise of Islam from the vantage point of an eye-witness to the events. 330 pages. PB



## The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Islam. 3rd Ed.

By Yahya Emerick

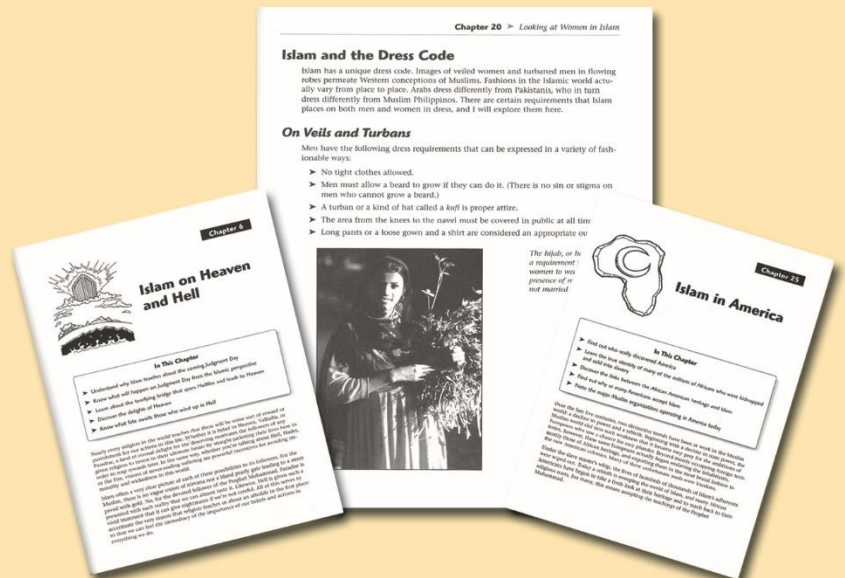
Don't let the whimsical title fool you. This is probably the most comprehensive book explaining the subject of Islam and its values you will ever find. Everything from beliefs and practices to current Muslim perspectives on current events is found right here in one easy-to-read format. Perfect for the person who wants to learn more about Islam but doesn't have the time to read too many books on the subject. 390 pp. PB

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# WORLD OF ISLAM



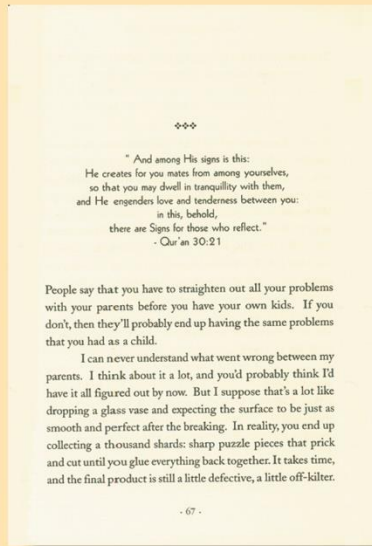
## The Memory of Hands

By Reshma Baig

A thought-provoking collection of short stories centering on the lives of Muslims in urban America as well as on the immigrant Muslim experience. A poetic journey through the Muslim community that holds the prospect for growth and renewal in all of us. For High School to adult level. 228 pp.

Adopted into the curriculum of several American colleges and universities, this book is an excellent introduction for non-Muslim readers into the life and struggles of Muslims in urban America. This book is on the approved list for New York City Public Schools.

Older teenagers and young adults will especially enjoy this collection highlighting the struggles of second generation immigrants.

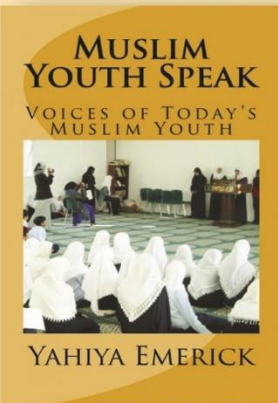


## Muslim Youth Speak Voices of Today's Muslim Youth

By Yahiya Emerick

What do Muslim youth today think about Islam? What are their suggestions for living and promoting it? What are their observations about the state of Islam in America today and how to make it grow?

This book is a compilation of essays, plays, exhortations and other writings by actual Muslim youth. Find out what's going on in the minds of the second generation! For Junior High level. 150 pp.



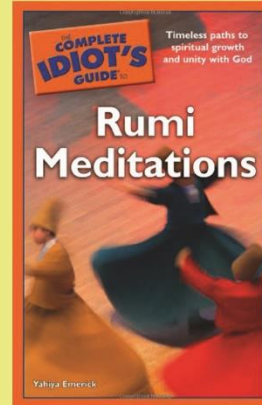
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# Enrichment

## The Complete Idiot's Guide to Rumi Meditations

By Yahiya Emerick

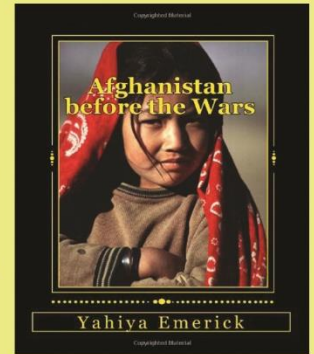


This is a well-researched biography of the famous Anatolian mystic, Jalaluddin Rumi. It also has a generous portion of poems and samples of his writing across many different sources. A fascinating and gripping read.

## Afghanistan Before the Wars

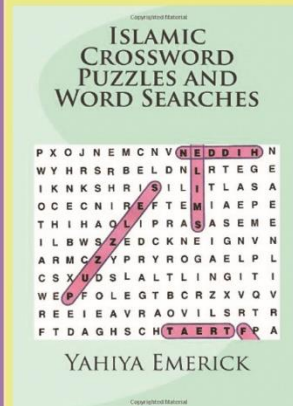
By Yahiya Emerick

In modern times Afghanistan has become synonymous with war and conflict. Before the Soviet invasion and all the wars that followed, however, this nation was a quaint and mysterious place with sleepy villages and welcoming people. This book is a photo album of life there before the 1980s. Beautiful photos capturing a land as it once was.

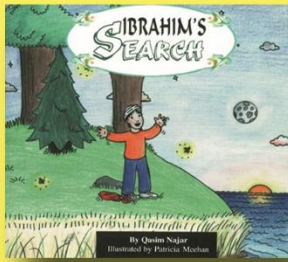


## Islamic Crossword Puzzles and Word Searches

By Yahiya Emerick

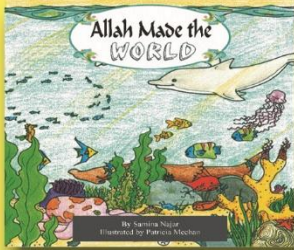


A fun collection of different types of puzzles to test your Islamic knowledge. This is a perfect gift for anyone and helps make learning the faith enjoyable.



## Ibrahim's Search By Qasim Najar

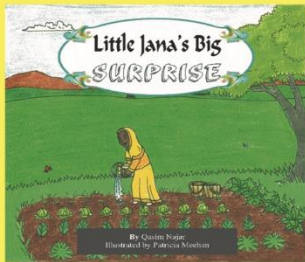
The delightful story of a boy named Ibrahim who wants to find Allah. Follow him on his adventures as he searches for the true meaning of Eman. Full color illustrations. Grades 1-3. 44 pp.



## Allah Made the World

By Samina Najar

Who made the world and all the wonderful plants, animals and people in it? Take a ride on this magical journey told in rhyme as children learn the value of Allah's creation. Full color illustrations. Grades 1-3. 40 pp.

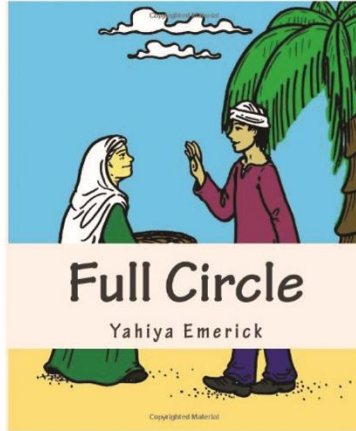


## Little Jana's Big Surprise

By Qasim Najar

Little Jana has seven brothers who don't think she can do all the things they can. Will she make her father proud and what does she learn about herself along the way? Full color illustrations. Grades 1-3. 40 pp.

## Coloring Books



## Full Circle Story and Coloring Book

By Yahya Emerick

A strong moral tale showing children how to continue to do good deeds even when they are worried about keeping other responsibilities. Coloring book and story. Grades 1-3. 24 pp.



## LITTLE JANA'S BIG SURPRISE

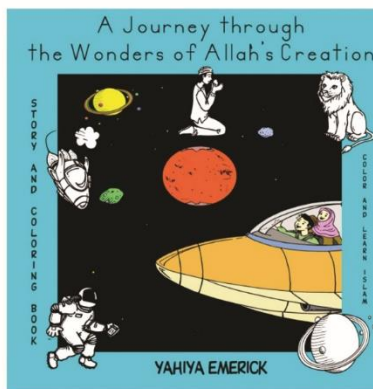
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## Fun for Kids!



By Yahya Emerick

## A Journey through the Wonders of Allah's Creation Story and Coloring Book

Imagine if... This delightful tale takes children on an imaginary journey through the solar system to show them the beauty and perfection of Allah's handiwork.

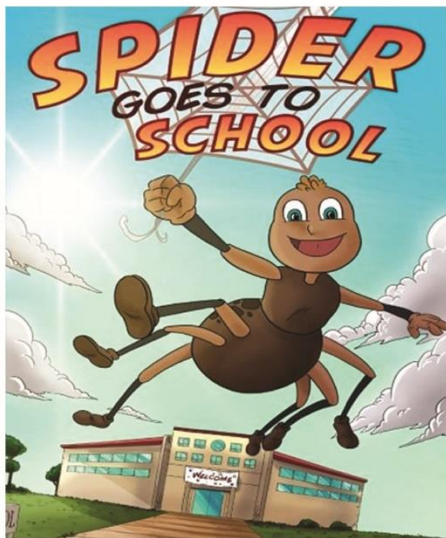
They get to go on this journey with two friends who teach them about Allah's love for us and the ultimate purpose of life. Allah's creation is vast, and its grandeur is proof enough of a Creative Mind behind it all.

The story ends with a rousing call to lead a life of faith and goodness to all things. This will truly be the start of the journey of a lifetime for you and your children. This coloring book and story also makes a great bedtime tale, which your children can color themselves, as well as a great source for talking about the "Big" questions with your inquisitive little ones.



*"...children can learn so much by using these activity books..."*

# Story Books for Pre-K to Grade 2



## Spider Goes to School

By Idris Emerick

Going to school for the first time can be a frightening experience for small children. In this delightful story a cute little spider goes to school for the first time and learns that even if he feels so small and no one seems to notice him, he can empower himself to make his own place in the classroom. For children ages three to six.



## MY FIRST HOLY QUR'AN FOR LITTLE CHILDREN



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## My First Holy Qur'an For Little Children

By Yahya Emerick

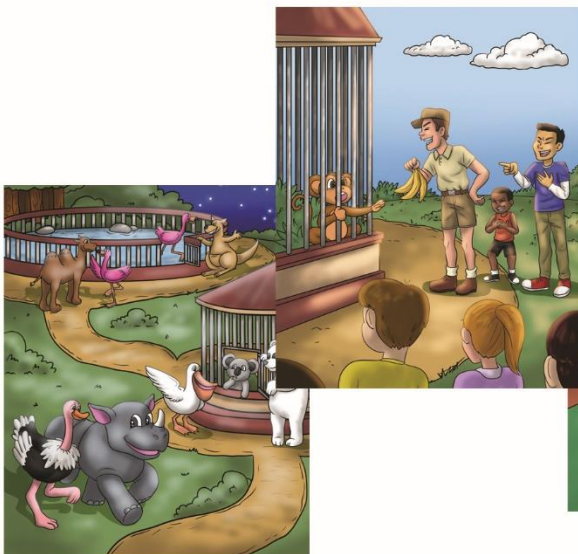
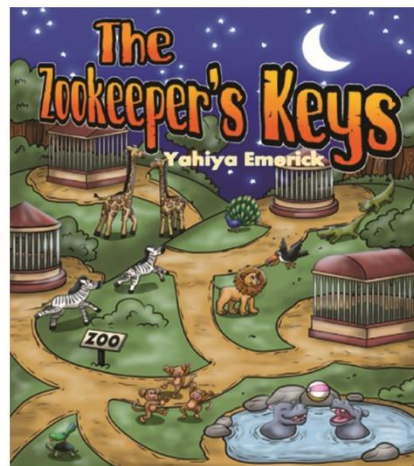
This is a full color presentation of the main themes of the Holy Qur'an designed for little children. It is in rhymed prose and mirrors important teachings of the Qur'an, namely the seven concepts contained in the famous emanul-mufassil teaching formula: Belief in Allah, His Angels, His Books, His Prophets, the Day of Judgment, Allah's foreknowledge, and Life after death (both heaven and hell).

Beautiful illustrations make this an excellent book for teaching these basic concepts. Your children will come to understand the concepts of Islam from an early age with a rendition designed just for them!

## The Zoo Keeper's Keys

By Yahya Emerick

What happens when a mischievous little monkey decides he should have his freedom? A fun and imaginative tale about what really happens in the zoo at night! Full color. 28 pp.



### The Verse of the Throne (From Surah al-Baqarah)

In the Name of Allah, the Caring and the kind

Allah is the only god  
And He gets to live forever

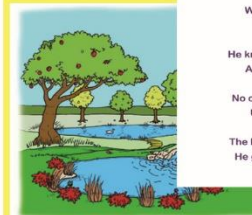
He's never tired and never sleeps  
The worlds are His together

Who can make a move to go  
If He won't let them try?

He knows what's up ahead of them  
And what they did last night

No one knows the things He does  
Unless He lets them know

The heavens and the earth are His  
He guards them from His throne



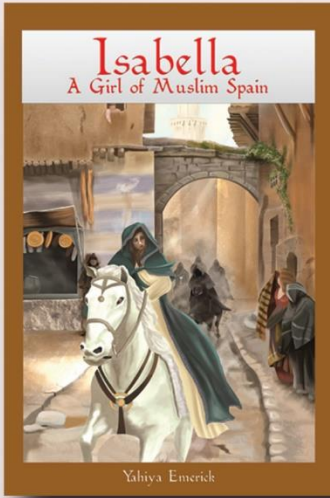
Allah made us a Garden  
The good ones can go in  
They believed in only Allah  
And they never loved to sin



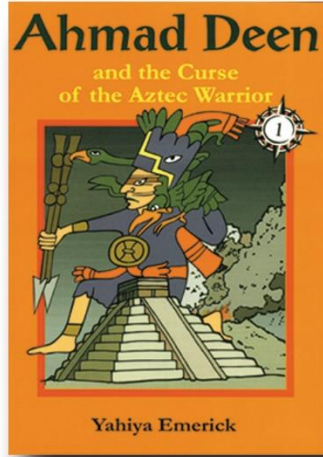
Allah made all the people  
In every land and place  
He wants us to be friends  
And to thank Him for His grace

# Books for Middle/High School

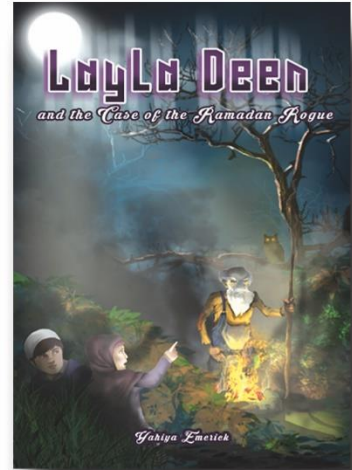
# The Deen Family *Adventures*



A classic tale about a young girl who finds Islam, and danger, amidst the harrowing religious conflicts of medieval Muslim Spain. Experience firsthand what life was like in the splendid Muslim city of Cordoba. See through the eyes of Isabella as she struggles with her father's beliefs and finds that life is not always as easy as people think. Embark on a journey into history, into the heart, as you follow her path from darkness into light. Illustrated. Ages 10-16

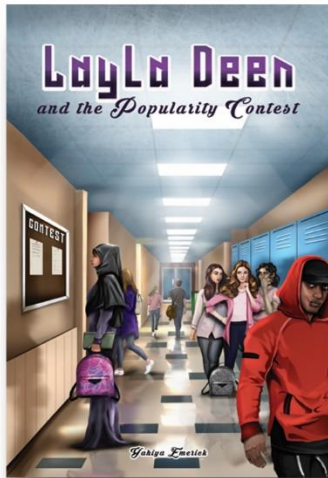


Ahmad and his sister Layla, are in a hair-raising race against time to save their father from becoming the next victim of an ancient Aztec ritual. Action and adventure at every turn! For grades 5-7. 60 pp.

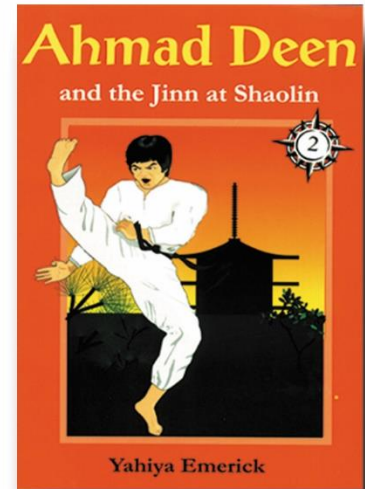


"Someone stole the food for Iftar!"

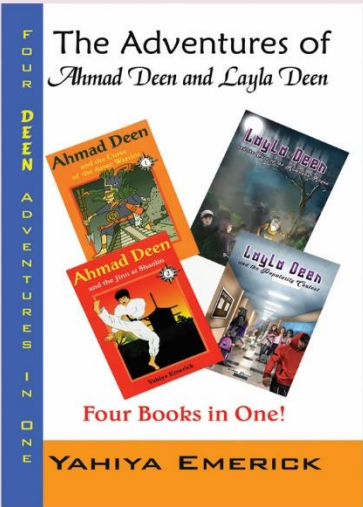
Layla Deen was settling down after a long day's fast when her mother found that someone had broken into their house. Layla knew it was a terrible crime and decided to get to the bottom of this mystery. See what happens! For grades 4-6. 54 pp.



Layla Deen is a quiet, introverted Muslim American teenager trying to negotiate the ups and downs of junior high life. Her world is thrown into turmoil, however, when the school runs a popularity contest - and someone wrote her name on the sign up list! Find out what happens. For grades 5-10.



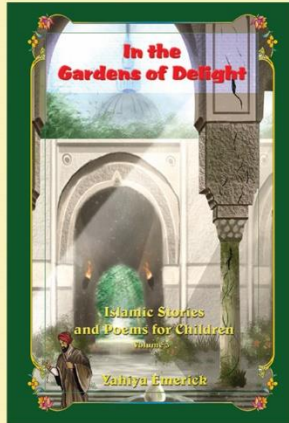
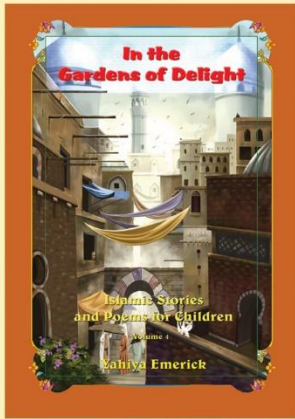
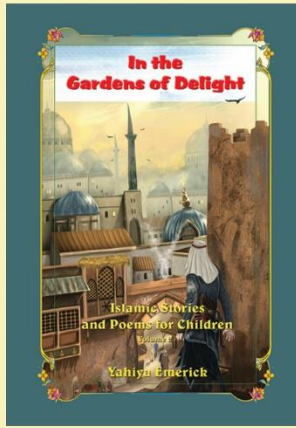
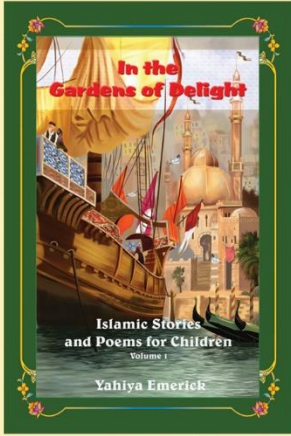
Ahmad Deen is a Muslim-American teen on a class trip to China. But instead of getting a history lesson, he may become a victim of history as he finds himself thrust in the middle of a bizarre web of trouble! Suspense, action-filled adventure. For grades 6-8. 116 pp.



This is an omnibus edition collecting all four of the Deen Family adventure stories into one volume. There are two stories about Layla Deen and two about Ahmad Deen. The adventures chronicle the lives of two Muslim American teenagers as they negotiate the pitfalls of life in the modern world even as they learn a lot about themselves and their place in the world. Fast-paced action and moral lessons throughout. For grades 5-10

# In the Gardens of Delight

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### The Opening Chapter of the Holy Qur'an

The Greatest Book of All!

In the Name of Allah,  
the Compassionate, the Merciful (1)

Praise be to Allah, Lord of All the Worlds; (2)

the Compassionate, the Merciful (3)  
and Master of the Day of Judgment. (4)

To You alone do we offer service  
and to You alone do we look for aid. (5)

Guide us on the straight path: (6)  
not of those who've earned Your anger,  
nor of those who've gone astray. (7)



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"May He bless us all." Layla's mother said back to him. Then she started pushing the cart again. Layla, whose hand was resting on the handle, was nearly pulled off balance by the motion. She was still in shock that her mother would talk to such a person. Silently, she fell into step behind her mother and followed her into the store.

Aisle after aisle, Layla was quiet. Finally, while her mother was picking out some bread in the deli, she blurted out, "Momma, why did you talk to that homeless man outside? He looked scary. He could have been dangerous."

Layla's mother continued looking over the shelves of bread and replied absent-mindedly, "Charity is part of faith."

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## Check for New Volumes \* 500+ Pages each!

This collection of stories, anecdotes, legends, religious writings and poems is a literal smorgasbord of samples from all over the world of Islam, past and present. Readers of all ages will find inspiration, entertainment, humor and more in this delightful garden of spiritually-oriented literature.

Eventually, Allah-willing, we plan to release a total of ten volumes, each over 500 pages and in full color with illustrations. Check our website for the availability of future volumes.

### The Handkerchief

A Legend of West Africa

Zakia was a beautiful and clever girl. She lived alone with her father; her mother having passed away when she was small. She was so clever that her father always asked her advice in every affair of his life. But then there came a day when he did not ask her advice, and Zakia became very, very angry!

This was when the king asked the girl's father to let him marry her. Zakia's father did not tell his daughter about that and said to the king: "Oh, my King, my daughter will be very glad to marry you!" But Zakia was not glad. "No, Father," she said, "no, no! I will not marry and love a man whom I do not know."

"Oh, my dear daughter," said her father. "If you do not marry him, he may be very angry! But you are very good and clever. Oh, please, do as I say!"



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### The Enveloping

Surah 81 of the Qur'an

Translated by Yahya Emerick

In the Name of Allah,  
the Compassionate, the Merciful



When the sun  
is wrapped in darkness, (1)  
when the stars are cast down, (2)  
when the mountains pass away, (3)

When the livestock  
heavy with young  
are abandoned, (4)  
when the wild beasts  
are herded together, (5)  
when the seas rise, (6)



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### My Beloved

RABI'AH AL-ADAWIYAH (c. 801)

My peace,

My brothers and sisters,  
is my solitude,

And my Beloved is with me always.

For His love I can find no substitute.

And His love is the test for me among mortal beings,  
Whenever I contemplate His Beauty.



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### Springtime

Yahya Emerick

As all things end and then begin  
Spring is here when winter ends.

Trees unfold their leaves so tight  
Soaking daylight 'til the night

Life explodes  
from every side  
From winter's cold  
they need not hide

For this is spring  
When life is sprung  
When spiders weave:  
And birds sing songs

Not with a bang  
nor with a cry  
Spring arrives  
when winter dies

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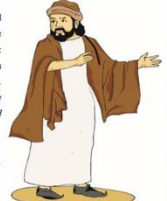
### The Khan and the Dervish

A MIDDLE EASTERN TALE

A certain Khan<sup>1</sup> of Tartary<sup>2</sup> was traveling on a journey with his nobles, when was met by a Dervish on the road, who cried with a loud voice, *whoever will give me a hundred pieces of gold, I will give him a piece of advice.*

The Khan ordered his servant to give the money to the Dervish: upon which the Dervish said, "Begin nothing, unless you have considered the end result."

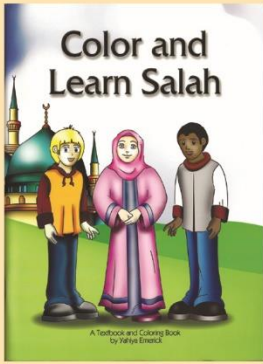
One of the nobles, upon hearing this rather common saying, smiled, and said with a



<sup>1</sup> A type of ruler.  
<sup>2</sup> An old name for any place in Central Asia, where many Muslim countries exist.

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# Textbooks for Elementary Level

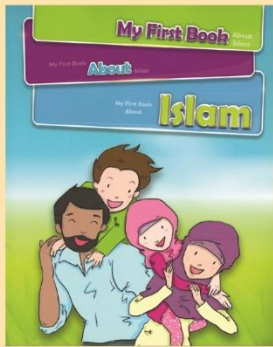


## Color and Learn Salah

By Yahya Emerick

We are pleased to present this creative coloring book that explains the important aspects of the Muslim prayer. It is a text and coloring book for this book is designed to meet the needs of parents, full-time and weekend schools. You will find a complete explanation of the reasons for making Salah, how to perform Wudu (ablution) and Salah, as well as other issues pertaining to the Salah, such as prayer timings and prayer in congregation.

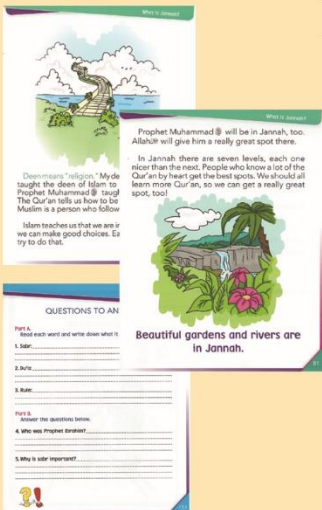
Divided into five separate units with enrichment questions, coloring exercises and the subject which is included are the times of the prayer, Wudu, and direction of the Ka'aba, what we say throughout, the positions of the body, du'a and good general information. This book will be of use to any student in the lower elementary grades. All information is cheerfully delivered with pictures for kids to color and short reviews following each section. A good enrichment book for Islamic schools and homeschoolers. 89 pages. Grades 1 - 2



## My First Book about Islam Textbook and Reader

By Yahya Emerick

This is a textbook and coloring book for grades 1-2. It's an excellent, child-friendly Islamic curriculum in modern, contemporary English. This book is designed to meet the needs of parents, weekend schools and full time schools. You will find a complete explanation of Islamic beliefs, practices and values presented in a simplistic style, age appropriate for the various levels and with charming illustrations and engaging text. This is a complete textbook of Islamic studies geared towards students who are eager to learn and parents and teachers who are equally as eager to teach.



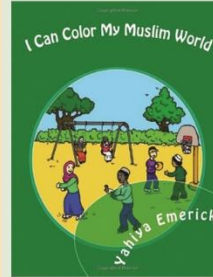
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# Educate for Life

## I Can Color My Muslim World

by Yahya Emerick

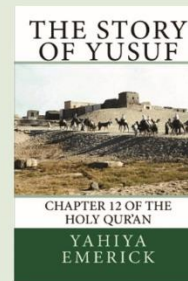
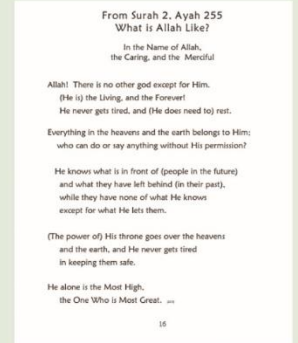
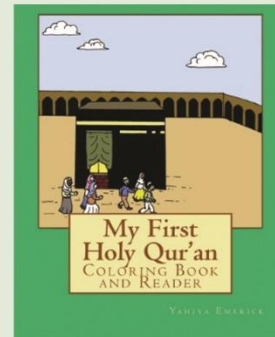


This is a textbook for teaching basic Islamic principles to the PreK level. Each lesson is a coloring page with an important word or phrase that the teacher or parent can use to give more information. Fully illustrated. Ages 4-6.

## My First Holy Qur'an Coloring Book and Reader

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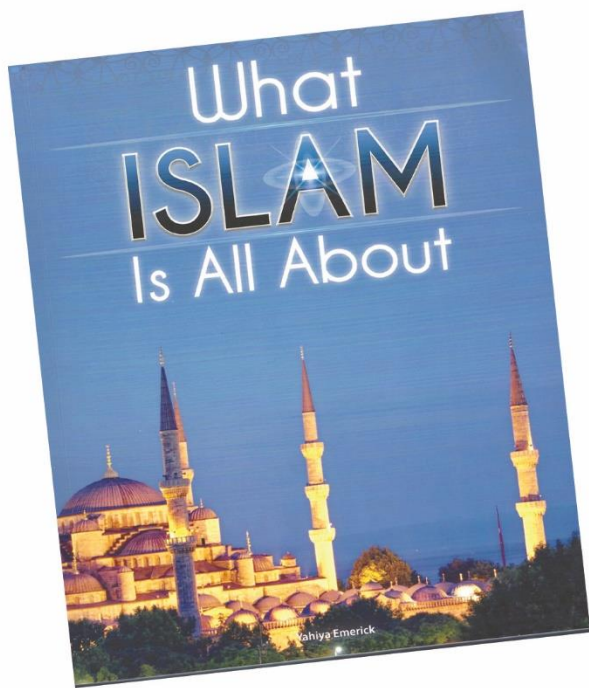


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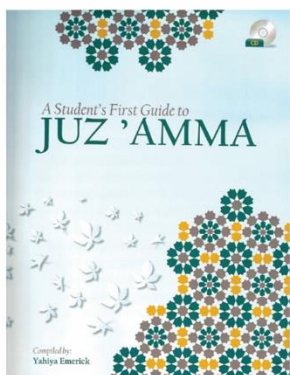
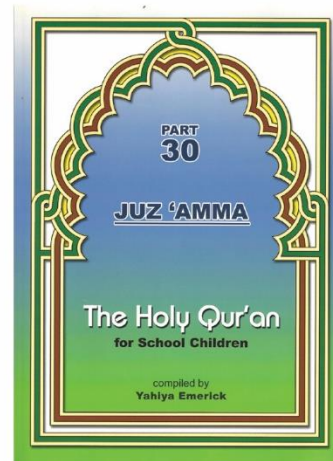
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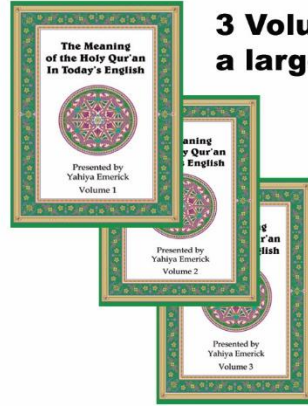
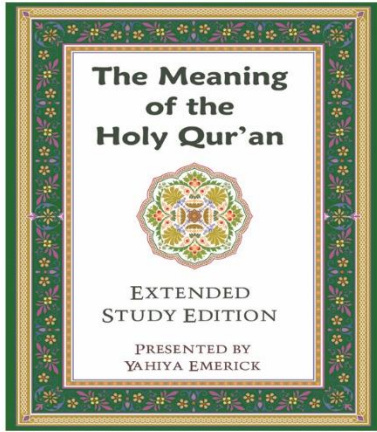
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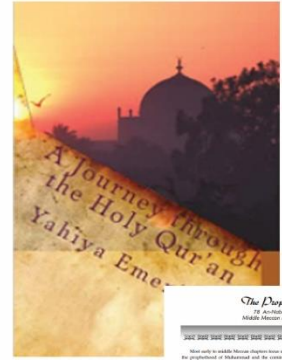
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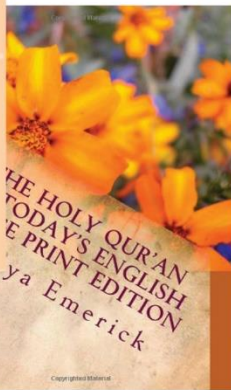
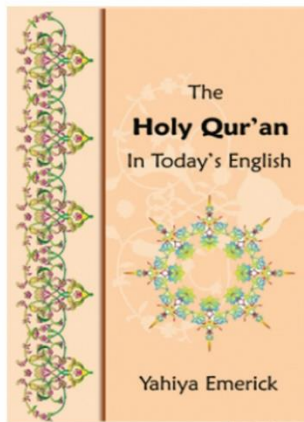


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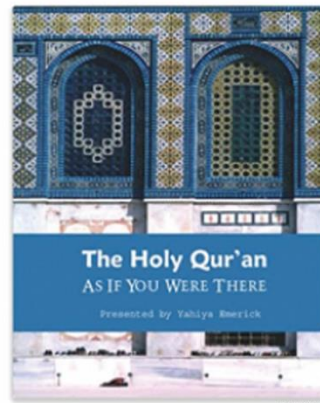
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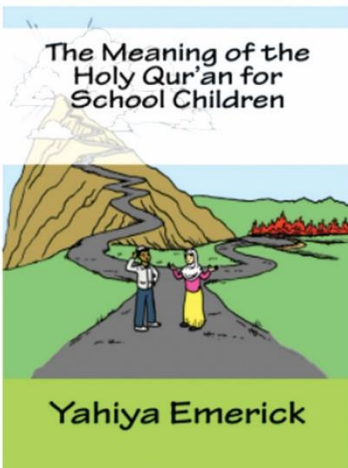


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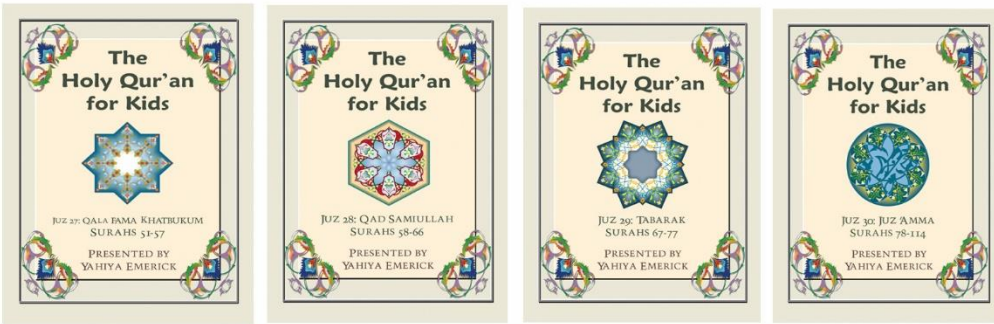
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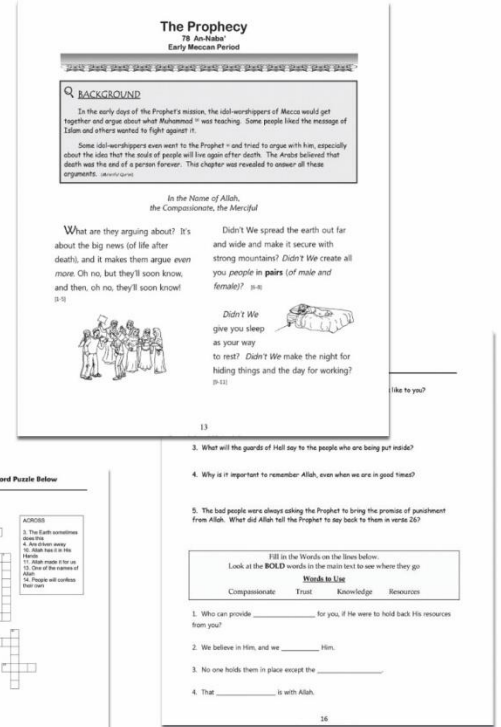
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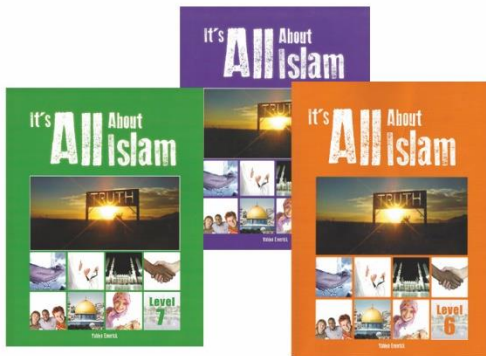
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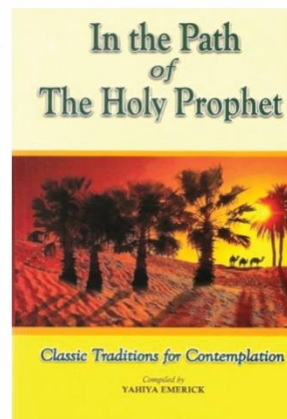
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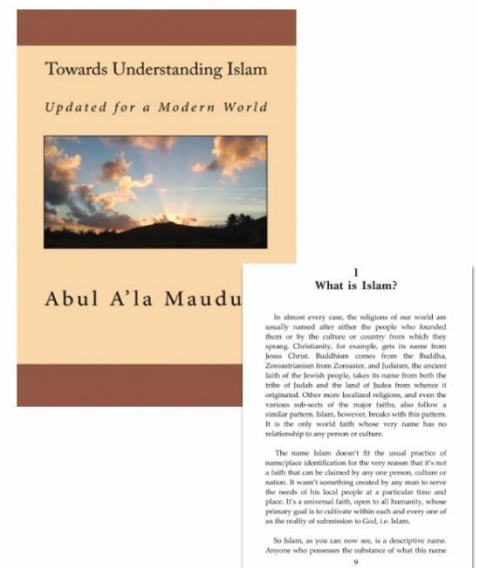
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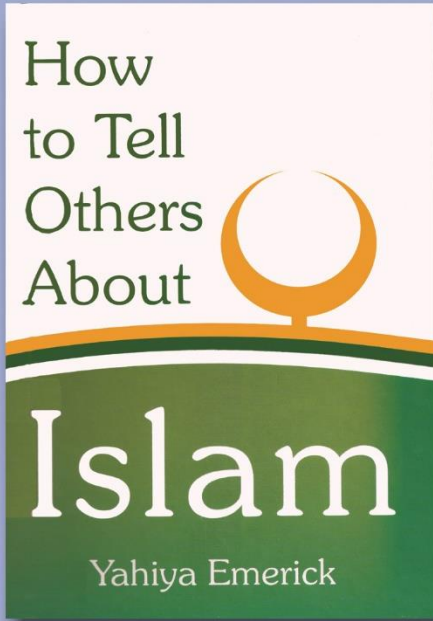
In almost every case, the religions of our world are usually named after either the people who founded them or by the culture or country from which they sprang. Christianity, for example, gets its name from Jesus Christ. Buddhism comes from the Buddha. Zoroastrianism from Zoroaster, and Judaism, the ancient faith of the Jewish people, takes its name from both the tribe of Judah and the land of Judah from whence it originated. Other more localized religions, and even the various sects of the major faiths, also follow a similar pattern. Islam, however, breaks with this pattern. It is the only world faith whose very name has no relationship to any person or culture.

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### Introduction

*La salatu 'Ala Allah, Muhammadan wa'ala 'Ala-hi*

*"There is no god but Allah, And Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah."*

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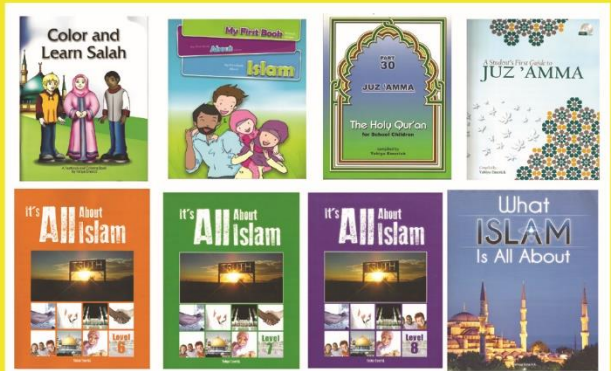
And yet, away from grass-roots movements and campaigns, the true spiritual substance can attain to the highest levels of wisdom and insight, in the contemplation of its mysteries. This declaration of faith, the *Shahadah*, explains the essence of what Islam is all about: peaceful surrender to the will of the Divine.

But Islam is not a new religion that began in the seventh century with a great Prophet. Islam is, rather, the latest installment of a Message brought by all the previous Prophets. The specific circumstances of the age and culture determined the structure of those teachings, but the basic direction was always the same: surrender to the Universal Will and do what is morally right.

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### 1 The Importance of Da'wah

The community that fails to promote its values ceases to exist. That which is universally recognized, and Muslims are no different. But we are not interested in da'wah just because we have a sentimental attachment to Muslim culture.

Our main concern is evidence to the community of Allah and to follow the example of His Messenger. What is the evidence that da'wah is really essential to our faith? We find that Allah has said:

**"This is a reminder for all humanity, for those who desire the straight road."**

-Qur'an 81:27-28

Our lives are filled with choices from the mundane to the profound. Every day we find little challenges and opportunities for personal growth and development. We are given time to be chosen to surrender to our Maker. Can you imagine if it is even a chance for us to deny our Creator? Indeed, many people have sought to forget, so to speak, their dependence on Allah.

They have distractions to work or pleasure and would have others do the same as if they had not set goals, either at missing element in their life, success, faith and responsibility. But it is the plan of Allah (Jah) that His creation should have ample opportunity to remember themselves and their true nature. Those who know and understand have to wake up those who are asleep. That is what da'wah is about.

### Literature

The definition of literature is clear. But what should be remembered is what literature is not. Literature is no substitute for personal human contact. Time and time again, Muslims will pass out reams of literature, only to later complain that their da'wah work is ineffective.

Now, we must be perfectly frank about one important observation: much of the da'wah literature in circulation today is plagued with spelling errors, unimaginative writing, bombast and/or improper use of grammar. How can we expect people to answer the call of Islam when they cannot even read about it clearly?

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### Activities for Youth

- Camping trips, summer schools and day camps.
- Youth-led study circles and halqas.
- Sports activities such as basketball, ping pong, swimming and other tournaments. (Important!)
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- Quiz competitions.<sup>107</sup>
- *Na'wah* (Islamic songs), Qur'ah competitions or chorus type *shah* activities.
- Islamic art exhibitions and poetry reading contests.
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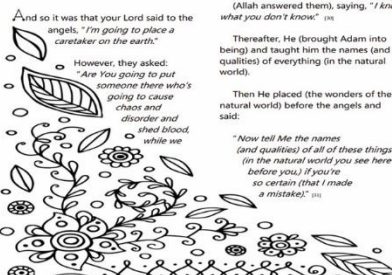
*magnify Your praise and extol Your Holiness!*

(Allah answered them), saying, "I know what you don't know!"

Thereafter, He (brought Adam into being) and taught him the names (and qualities) of everything (in the natural world).

Then He placed the wonders of the natural world) before the angels and said:

"Now tell Me the names (and qualities) of all of these things (in the natural world) you see here before you) if you're so certain (that I made a mistake)." [1]



(contemplate the meaning of) what He revealed to you of the Book and the wisdom (that came along with it), as both of them are for your instruction. Be mindful of Allah, and know that Allah is well aware of everything (you do). [2]

### Don't Prevent former Wives from Remarriage

**Background on verse 232:** The exact reason for the revelation of this verse is as follows: A man named Mu'qil bin Yasar gave his sister in marriage to a man in the community, but the couple soon divorced. After some time passed, however, both the man and the woman began to miss each other, and they both desired to get married again. (The man had never said "divorce" three times, so he was still eligible to remarry her again.) When the man approached Mu'qil and asked to remarry his sister once more, Mu'qil was outraged and said, "You thankless man! I honored you and married her to you, but you divorced her! By Allah! She will never be returned to you!"

This verse was revealed to the Prophet concerning this situation, and when it was recited to Mu'qil, he said, "I hear and obey my Lord!" He then let the man remarry his sister, and he paid the compensation for having to break his vow (Bakhar, Abu Dawud, Tirmidhi, Bayhaqi) So, this verse is a warning for family members who may try to obstruct a divorced couple from reuniting.

When you've divorced women, and they've completed the waiting period, don't prevent them from marrying their former (husbands), if they've agreed with each other in a fair manner.

This instruction is for all those among you who believe in Allah and the Last Day. That's the most wholesome course of action, and Allah knows (what's) best, even if you don't know. [3]

### On Child Care and Maintenance Issues


Mothers should nurse their children for two full years. This (time period) is for the one who can complete this term. (During this time, the father), the one to whom the child was born, must support (the expenses of the child) according to his means, though no one will be forced to do more than he is able.

Neither the mother nor the father should be treated unfairly on account of their child. This also applies to whoever must assume responsibility (in the event of the father's death).

If both (parents) discuss and then agree to wean the child before two years is up), and have consulted upon this, then there is no blame on you for that.

If you wish to hire a wet-nurse for your children, there is no blame on you for that, either, provided that you pay (the wet-nurse) according to the reasonable (amount) that you agree upon.

(Above all), be mindful of Allah, and know that Allah is watching whatever you do. [4]



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By **Yahiya Emerick**

We already have a book called, "The Meaning of the Holy Qur'an for School Children" which has the entire translation of the Holy Qur'an in child-friendly language. It is illustrated in black and white with mostly line drawings. I aim to come out with a full color version, with lavish illustrations. This is a huge project, and is intended to be one volume, about 828 pages. I mostly self-fund my projects from my teacher salary, but outside donations are always welcome (and needed!)



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By **Yahiya Emerick**

The Qur'an in Literature. There is a book I had to take for a college class long ago called "The Bible As/In Literature." It basically showcases literature about the Bible, such as poems, inspirational stories or discourses, examples of classic commentary, and such by theme. I immediately thought of the rich literature in the Muslim world across the centuries and how cool it would be to collect a lot of that together in a similar way in one place by theme.

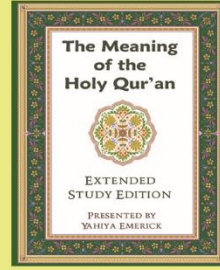


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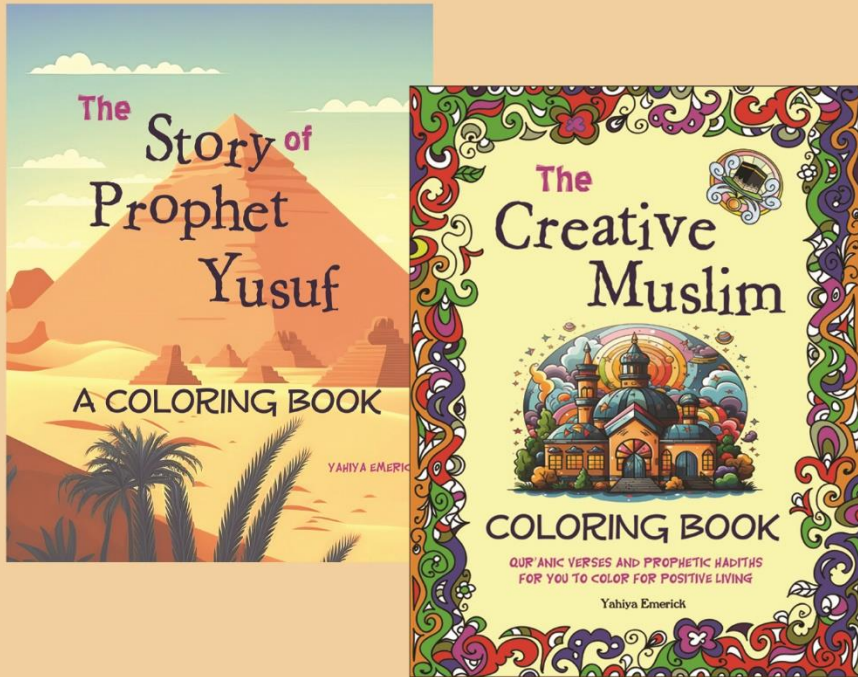
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