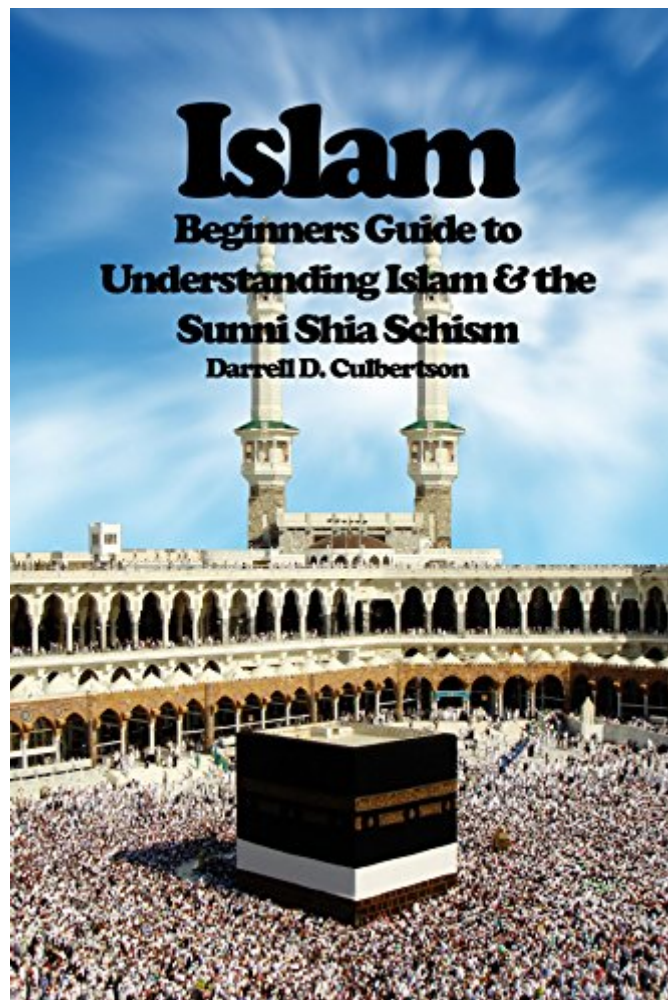




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- An overview of the belief system and structure of the Islamic religion
- The geography, politics, and daily life of believers in Islam
- A history of the rise of Islam in the Arabic world
- A detailed discussion of the Sunni Shia schism
- A closer look at the Sunni belief system, geography, politics, and daily life
- A closer look at the Shiite belief system, geography, politics, and daily life
- Deeper analysis of the present day conflicts, including differing perspectives on its origins and roots.

While reading just one book cannot make you an expert on the situation, this book will allow you to view the news coming out of the Middle East from a much more informed perspective and give you the foundation you need to do further research and learn more.

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A short read with a lot of info. Well worth reading to help understand the history of Islam especially in the middle east

I wasn't looking for a lengthy discussion, so this book was perfect. I am better informed without a huge time investment.

Truly a beginner's guide - emphasis on beginner. Good place to start and then get a book that has better detail but not rambling like The History of Islam by Robert Payne.

A very poor book badly written. I expected the truth about Islam and Mohammad. You will only learn how sweet and good it is. You will not learn about the centuries of killing in the name of Allah, starting with Mohammad who executed thousands if not tens of thousands. Half truths are no better than lies.

This is quick and enjoyable. The author filled in quite a few gaps in my knowledge. Now I'm excited to learn more about The Arab world

This small book was a very useful first step in helping me better understand and evaluate the current conflict in the Middle East.

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