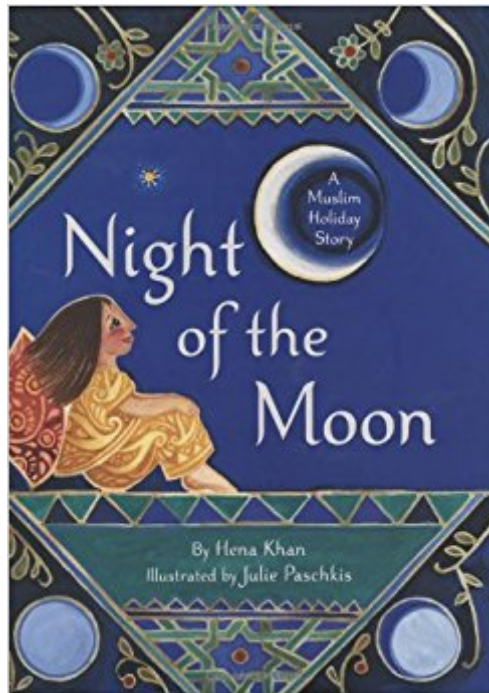


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Night Of The Moon: A Muslim Holiday Story



Synopsis

Yasmeen, a seven-year-old Pakistani-American girl, celebrates the Muslim holidays of Ramadan, "The Night of the Moon" (Chaand Raat), and Eid. With lush illustrations that evoke Islamic art, this beautiful story offers a window into modern Muslim culture—and into the ancient roots from within its traditions have grown.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 2–4 • The new crescent appears, marking the first day of the month of Ramadan. Yasmeen, a seven-year-old Pakistani-American girl, is confused because "it's only the seventeenth." Her mother explains that the Islamic calendar is a lunar calendar. At sunset, the family enjoys a special dinner. The following week, her family prepares food to be distributed at a mosque. One night, Yasmeen sees that the moon is full, and realizes that the observance is half over. Other events include a family barbecue and a celebration of the "Night of the Moon" at the community center, where stalls sell clothes, jewelry, toys, snacks, and gifts. Then Ramadan is over, and the next day is Eid. Yasmeen awakes to her brother's greeting of "Eid mubarak," and the children receive gifts of money. Paschke's beautiful paintings incorporate Islamic tile art, adding to an authentic sense of the culture. Suitable both for independent reading and reading aloud, this

book also serves as an excellent resource for teachers and librarians. —Fawzia Gilani-Williams, Oberlin Public Library, OH Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Starred Review The Muslim holiday of Ramadan gets a vibrant, visually exciting treatment here. Yasmeen, a seven-year-old Pakistani American girl, looks out the window with her mother, watching the moon's first crescent. Mom explains how in the Islamic calendar the months follow the lunar cycle, and an excited Yasmeen realizes it's time for Ramadan. In school, she shares with her classmates details of the holiday, such as the fast. At home, she shares meals with family. The holiday moves week by week, until finally the sky is moonless. "The Night of the Moon" means Ramadan is over, and the next day is the holiday of Eid. Hena Khan's author's note explains the origins of Ramadan and the reasons for fasting. The book focuses on the celebratory aspects of the holiday rather than the religious underpinnings, more of which could have been included in the text. But the upbeat tone of the writing is matched by Paschkis's lively, jewel-like art that uses Islamic decorative stylings and has the look of enameled design work. Midnight blues and sea greens frame pictures of Muslims from many cultures and traditions, all sharing sacred days. Grades K-2. —Ilene Cooper

I have been reading this book to my son since he was 2. He always liked it but now that he is 5 and understands things in more depth, he absolutely loves this. It is a beautiful tale of sighting the Ramadan moon, the holy month of Ramadan and the festival of Eid. I read this to my almost 2 year old daughter, and she identified herself with the main character in the book, even though she doesn't fully grasp the idea of Ramadan yet. I am so happy to have books like this to share with my kids. Hena Khan is one of my favorite authors - she does a great job lightly presenting these topics to young readers.

This is the 2ND book we own from this author with no disappointment. Same high quality art, impressive design, very sweet and kind story. We all love it, young and old in the family.

Bought this for my piano studio waiting room to fill a gap in my children's book collection. Sweet book and very informative.

This is a charming story about the celebrations of Ramadan and brings into focus the universality of

all fairh traditions. We read it aloud to our young people during church service to increase their understandings of Islam, an often misunderstood faith. This wonderful story should be a part of any library for those who want their children to understand and respect the spiritual pathways of others, as well as those who are Muslim.

The phrase "Night of the Moon" has more to do with a uniquely south asian tradition on the last night of Ramadan, which is the application of henna and purchase of girls' glass bangles for the next day's Eid celebrations. However, this book does an excellent job of describing the entire month of Ramadan's events leading up to the last "Night of the Moon". It is a clear introduction to Ramadan and a family's way of life during that period. Unfortunately it does not help the non-muslim reader distinguish clearly the differences between a "cultural" tradition (the Night of the Moon) - which Muslims may or may not observe depending on the region they are from - and a "religious" tradition (e.g. the Night of Power - an Islamic holy night - and the Eid day which all Muslims observe). The story progresses smoothly. The artwork is unique. The book is a definite collectible. Reading level: grades 1-4

My 5 yr old daughter loves to read this book again and again because she can relate to the excitement and traditions of Ramadan and Eid. Looking up in the sky at the moon is a special tradition thanks to this book. I used this book to talk about how we celebrate Eid and Ramadan to her Kindergarten class, and they enjoyed it!

One of my son's Ramadan titles. It's not our favorite story, but the pictures are exquisite. A much better story than many I've seen so worth the money. I seem to still be searching for a Ramadan book that truly mirrors my child's experience here in America.

Explains many features of the time of Ramadan - the timing based on the moon's phase, the fasting, helping others, the celebration at the end - all within the context of a young girl learning about it for the first time.

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