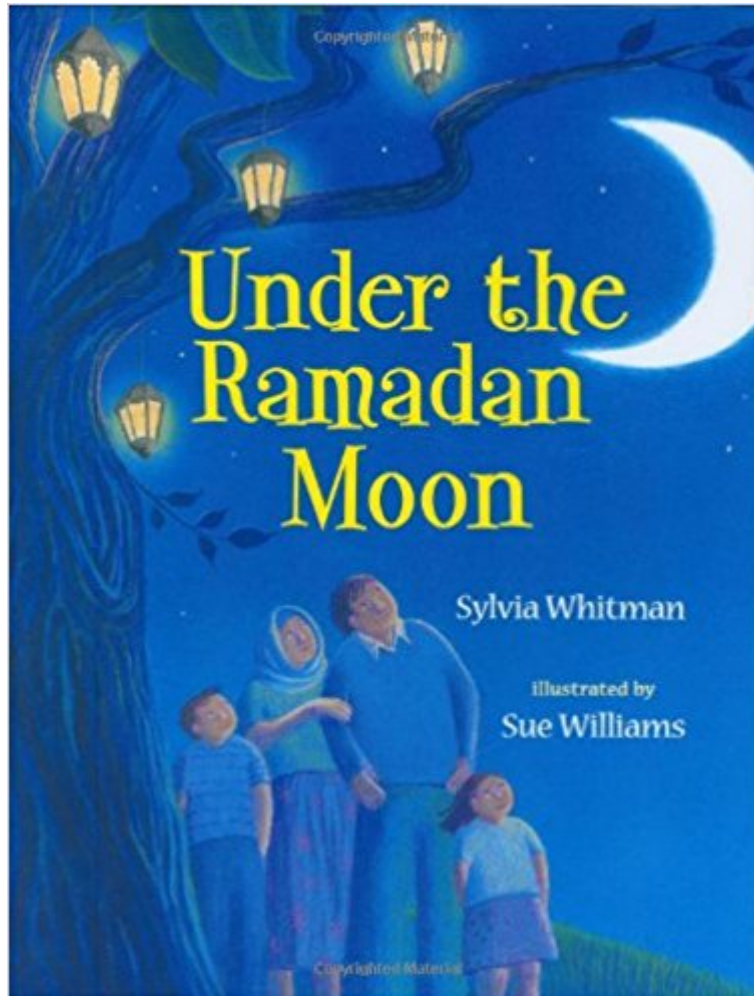




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Under The Ramadan Moon



Synopsis

Ramadan is one of the most special months of the Islamic year, when Muslims pray, fast, and help those in need. This lyrical story serves as an introduction to Ramadan--a time for reflection and ritual with family and friends.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Grade 2
This delightful picture book describes the monthlong Muslim observance of Ramadan by a modern family. It begins, "We wait for the moon./We watch for the moon./We watch for the Ramadan moon." The images of the waxing, full, and waning moon progress along with the spare, lyrical text. Practices such as fasting, speaking kind words, giving to the poor, decorating with bright lights, and praying all take place, "under the moon, under the Ramadan moon." Williams uses soft, luminous pastels in richly textured, detailed spreads. People have warm, generous smiles, and women in hijab give tender hugs and talk on a cell phone. Moonlight and firelight add to the congeniality. The repetitive line "under the moon" also makes this an excellent resource for teachers and librarians for choral reading and discussion.
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This simple picture book celebrates the coming of Ramadan and shows a family's activities

taking place "under the moon, under the moon, under the Ramadan moon." Though the rhythm varies a bit, the title phrase is repeated in slightly varied forms throughout the text. Large, lyrical pictures on double-page spreads illustrate lines such as "We speak kind words / and stop bad habits / under the moon," or "We give to the poor / and read Qur'an / under the moon," and "We hang bright lights / and bake sweet treats / under the Ramadan moon." In a series of satisfying scenes with glowing colors and rounded forms, the artwork, apparently done in pastels, warmly depicts a family's activities at home and at the mosque. The appended author's note provides background information about Ramadan's significance as a serious yet happy time for Muslims. A handsome, family-centered Ramadan picture book for young children. Preschool-Grade 2. --Carolyn Phelan

This is a beautifully illustrated book, but I felt like the weird repetitiveness of "under the moon, under the moon, under the Ramadan moon" on some pages and just "under the Ramadan moon" on other pages was odd. I'm not sure I'd gift this to others for that reason. It's still a pretty book, but not a 5* Ramadan book by any means. I also noted one page has the men and women praying along the same lines -- which was a bit odd considering we don't typically do that so maybe poorly researched? I hate to be nit-picky but I think other books are far better.

Great book for young and older kids that summarizes what we, Muslims, do in Ramadan. My daughter has me read it every night.

Not a good book. It just repeats the words "Under the Moon" over and over again and it doesn't make sense why it does that. Also, the book is really cheaply made. It is light as a feather so don't let young kids get a hold of it or they will tear it up in a second.

Such a great gift! I always gift this to people for baby showers or to young toddlers and it's always a big hit!

Nice book

I read this book during Ramadan with my six year old. She loved it and many of the words were simple enough for her to read it along with me. We loved the illustrations and discussed what

different Muslim cultures do during Ramadan. Thank you for this book.

I'm gonna go with "good effort" on this one. Definitely for the under 3 set as far as information goes. Written in somewhat of the same style of the "Goodnight Moon" series with the repetition. This isn't a bad book, but I think it could have been done better. I found myself eliminating half of the repetition as I was reading it to my 3 and 5 yr old. Giving 4 stars because the language and illustration was perfect. And let's face it, there's not much out there that's done this well.

My kids love this book. We love any book that has to do with Islam as there are very few that are of good quality and I want my kids to relate to the stories they read as young Muslims. The illustrations are great as well. The story line is very simple and an easy read for beginning readers.

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