

TEXT KITS AND RESOURCES TO ADDRESS ISLAMAPHOBIA

5-22-17 We recommend providing these books and resources at all schools

- * Introduce Ramadan (De-mystify Islam): Pre-K through Gr. 12
- * Promote Respect / Harmony / Empathy: Pre-K through Gr. 12

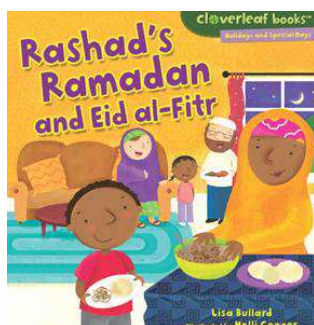
Please contact Mrs. Allali @ salyas121@yahoo.fr, if you are interested in ways to use these resources for classroom discussions with students to promote mutual understanding and respect

GRADES PRE-K – 2

RAMADAN

Rashad's Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr

By Lisa Bullard



A video made by a Muslim student from SDUSD showing Ramadan in San Diego. Ramadan at ICSD (Islamic Center of San Diego; 4:22 minutes - video) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=badM6jwB0>

In this inviting picture book, the first of a new Holidays and Special Days series, a preschooler talks about his Muslim religion with the focus on Ramadan and the meaning behind the holiday's practice and beliefs. "Dad says Ramadan is a time to get closer to Allah. . . . Grown-ups fast between sunrise and sunset.

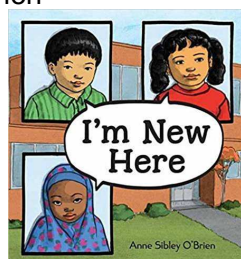
The brightly colored, uncluttered illustrations are true to the boy's viewpoint, at the mosque and at home, and colored boxed inserts explain more about the holiday observance and its meaning, including the role of Muhammad and that the calendar for Muslim holidays follows the moon. The boy tries to be good during the month of Ramadan ("my sister and I don't even fight"), just as he knows it is time to care for the poor. The climax is the big celebration of Eid when Ramadan is over.

Young children of all faiths will find lots to talk about, and the back matter extends the text with a bibliography, glossary, and craft suggestions.

RESPECT / HARMONY / EMPATHY

I'm New Here

By Anne Sibley O'Brien



Classroom or Community Welcoming Event Kit

<http://www.imyourneighborbooks.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Im-New-Here-Welcoming-Event-Kit.pdf>

Three students are immigrants from Guatemala, Korea, and Somalia and have trouble speaking, writing, and sharing ideas in English in their new American elementary school.

Through self-determination and with encouragement from their peers and teachers, the students learn to feel confident and comfortable in their new school without losing a sense of their home country, language, and identity.

Young readers from all backgrounds will appreciate this touching story about the assimilation of three immigrant students in a supportive school community.

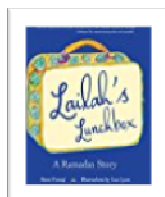
I'm New Here demonstrates how our global community can work together and build a home for all.

GRADES 3 – 5

RAMADAN

Lailah's Lunchbox

By: Reem Farqui



Teachers' Guide

<https://www.adl.org/sites/default/files/documents/assets/pdf/education-outreach/book-of-the-month-lailah-s-lunchbox.pdf>

Lailah is in a new school in a new country, thousands of miles from her old home, and missing her old friends. When Ramadan begins, she is excited that she is finally old enough to participate in the fasting but worried that her classmates won't understand why she doesn't join them in the lunchroom.

Lailah solves her problem with help from the school librarian and her teacher and in doing so learns that she can make new friends who respect her beliefs. This gentle, moving story from first-time author Reem Faruqi comes to life in Lea Lyon's vibrant illustrations. Lyon uses decorative arabesque borders on intermittent spreads to contrast the ordered patterns of Islamic observances with the unbounded rhythms of American school days.

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Four Feet Two Sandals

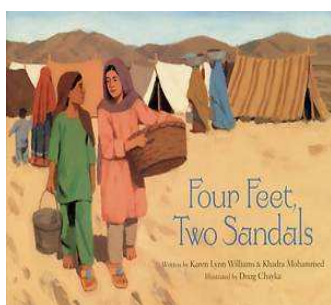
By: Karen Lynn Williams
Khadar Mohammad

Online Reading of the Book

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qGwRkPX8ETY>

Teachers' Guide

http://www.karenlynnwilliams.com/files/sandals_guide.pdf



When relief workers bring used clothing to a refugee camp in Pakistan, ten-year-old Lina is thrilled when she finds a sandal that fits her foot perfectly - until she sees that another girl has the matching shoe. But soon Lina and Feroza meet and decide that it is better to share the sandals than for each to wear only one. The girls discover the true meaning of friendship and sacrifice.

"Four Feet, Two Sandals" honors the experiences of refugee children around the world, whose daily existence is marked by uncertainty and fear. Warm colors and bold brush strokes are the perfect complement to this story of courage and hope.

GRADES 6-8

RAMADAN

High School Football and Ramadan (article)

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=112953540>

Ramadan Forces Muslim World Cup Players to Decide: Religion or Sports? (article)

<http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/world-cup/ramadan-forces-muslim-world-cup-players-decide-religion-or-sports-n142986>

What is Ramadan? Fun Facts about Ramadan for Kids (Social Studies Cartoon) (3:00 minutes - video)

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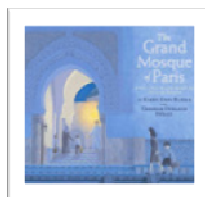
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The Grand Mosque of Paris

by: Karen Gray Ruel



Grand Paris Mosque saving Jews in WWII (7:41 minutes- video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8kQuom7SMQ>

Short-Film "Ensemble" featuring Habib Kadi (English subtitles; 17:41 min.- video)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=16&v=jfSICx_rRNo

Teacher Guide

<http://holidayhouse.com/docs/GrandMosqueofParis9.10.pdf>

When the Nazis occupied Paris, no Jew was safe from arrest and deportation. Few Parisians were willing to risk their own lives to help.

Yet during that perilous time, many Jews found refuge in an unlikely place--the sprawling complex of the Grand Mosque of Paris. Not just a place of worship but a community center, this hive of activity was an ideal temporary hiding place for escaped prisoners of war and Jews of all ages, especially children.

Beautifully illustrated and thoroughly researched.

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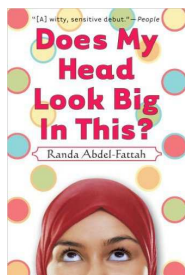
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Does My Head Look Big In This?

By: Randa Abdel-Fattah

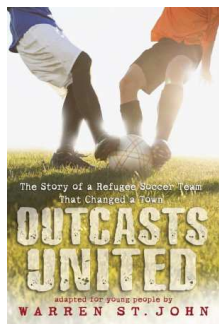
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Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team that Changed a Town

by Warren St. John



Resources for Teachers:

<http://www.outcastsunited.com/resources/resources-for-teachers>

DOES MY HEAD LOOK BIG IN THIS?

Sixteen-year-old Amal makes the decision to start wearing the hijab full-time and everyone has a reaction. Her parents, her teachers, her friends, people on the street. But she stands by her decision to embrace her faith and all that it is, even if it does make her a little different from everyone else. Can she handle the taunts of "towel head," the prejudice of her classmates, and still attract the cutest boy in school? Brilliantly funny and poignant, Randa Abdel-Fattah's debut novel will strike a chord in all teenage readers, no matter what their beliefs.

OUTCASTS UNITED

(A "1 book, 1 San Diego" text - also a movie)

The extraordinary tale of a refugee youth soccer team and the transformation of a small American town

Clarkston, Georgia, was a typical Southern town until it was designated a refugee settlement center in the 1990s, becoming the first American home for scores of families in flight from the world's war zones—from Liberia and Sudan to Iraq and Afghanistan. Suddenly Clarkston's streets were filled with women wearing the hijab, the smells of cumin and curry, and kids of all colors playing soccer in any open space they could find. The town also became home to Luma Mufleh, an American-educated Jordanian woman who founded a youth soccer team to unify Clarkston's refugee children and keep them off the streets. These kids named themselves the Fugees.

Set against the backdrop of an American town that without its consent had become a vast social experiment, Outcasts United follows a pivotal season in the life of the Fugees and their charismatic coach. Warren St. John documents the lives of a diverse group of young people as they miraculously coalesce into a band of brothers, while also drawing a fascinating portrait of a fading American town struggling to accommodate its new arrivals. The coach relentlessly drives her players to success on the soccer field while holding together their lives—and the lives of their families—in the face of a series of daunting challenges. This fast-paced chronicle of a single season is a complex and inspiring tale of a small town becoming a global community—and an account of the ingenious and complicated ways we create a home in a changing world.