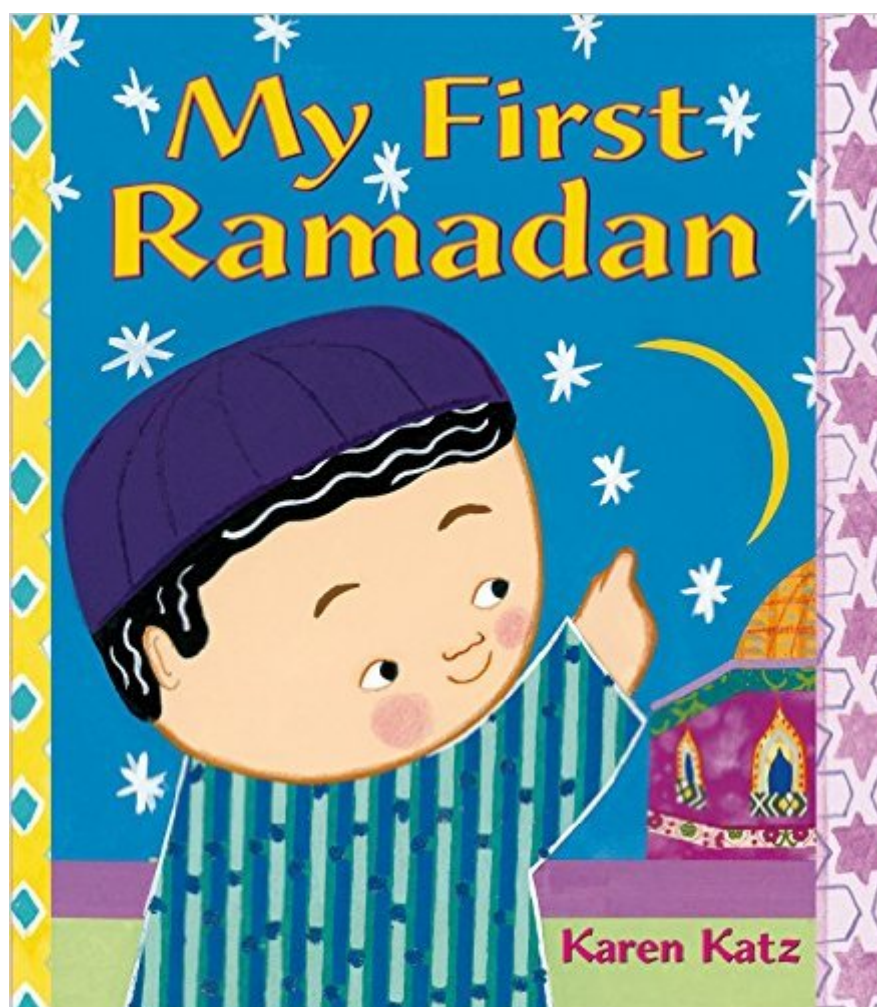


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# My First Ramadan (My First Holiday)



## Synopsis

Look! There is the new moon in the sky. It's time for Ramadan to begin. Follow along with one young boy as he observes the Muslim holy month with his family. This year, the narrator is finally old enough to fast, and readers of all ages will be interested as he shares his experiences of this special holiday in Islam.

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## Customer Reviews

I was so psyched when I found out that one of my kid's favorite authors had done a book on Ramadan. (Thank you Karen Katz!) I was even more excited when I received the book. The illustrations are wonderful and whimsical. Ms. Katz has done an excellent job portraying life for a typical Muslim child. I especially enjoyed how she represented how multicultural a typical mosque in the US is. That's one of the wonderful things about being Muslim in the US--you are reminded every day that Muslims are not just of Arab origin. :) I know this will become a family favorite. Too bad it isn't on sturdy board stock like our other favorite Katz books. :)

My son received this book as a gift during Ramadan, when he was only 2 years old. He'd been watching his parents fast, so it was a great way to explain what was happening, and to relate with our family. He loved it so much and it helped him understand in better detail what we were doing. I

liked it so much I bought a copy for his two cousins, one 3 years old and one 7 years old. They liked it enough to take it to school with them - and it helped their friends understand what Ramadan was all about. My son particularly liked the part about eating dates, eating while sitting on the floor, and praying in the mosque.

Firstly, I want to rectify what another reviewer had claimed - that there was an image of the Prophet Muhammad in this book. There is not. The page she is referring to shows Arabs from the time of Muhammad, all holding dates and one has a cup of water. However they are all looking in the same direction, off page, presumably toward the Prophet (who is not pictured). If this was a cause of concern for you, then you should know there's nothing to be worried about. As for the book, it is a good general intro to Ramadan. The family is great because it could be any ethnicity, and there are no real cultural signifiers present, so if you wanted to present it to your kid as a model of your own family, it would be easy to adapt it. The only issue I have is that it presents traditional gender roles, which may be the case for most Muslims, in most countries, but that I and many other Western Muslims hope will change. For example the mom is the one who makes a big breakfast; and mom and sister pray in a separate room than the men. But my answer to this is that I'm going to white them out and just change the text. For now I just read the book differently. Still a great general Ramadan book, and the pictures are cute.

My sister gave this to me when I was pregnant with my first child. We would periodically read it to him during Ramadan and liked the book. Recently however he has begun to request it at both nap time and bed time. Not only has it helped him to recognize different terms like mosque and pray, he loves the fact that the family has a little boy and a little girl (I am pregnant with #2, who just happens to be a girl). He ADORES this book and I could not recommend it enough!!! My other favorite thing is that the book uses the typical terms used within the religion AND includes pronunciations. This is so helpful for those who would like to read the book who are new to the religion of Islam or are reading to broaden their knowledge of religions and are not familiar with the Arabic terms (i.e. suhoor, Eid Mubarak, etc). Good job Karen Katz!

I ordered this book for my 2 year old, to read to her in Ramadan. The illustrations are beautiful! Note: this is hardcover, NOT a board book. I especially like the diverse portrayal of muslims: all different ethnicities, including--but not limited to--fair-skinned muslims. Also diverse nationalities, including--but not limited to--North American by name as well as different styles of dress. For

non-muslims who would like this book to help their children understand Islam, you may be relieved to know that the few Arabic words used are not only explained, but tell you how to pronounce them in brackets directly following the word. I highly recommend this book.

Perfect book for young ones! My daughter wants to read this all the time. The pictures are very well done. Wish the book was a bit more sturdy though as one of the pages ripped a few times after she read it.

Odd that a kid so young would be fasting, but the book gets the idea across. This is the most accessible Ramadan book for toddlers that I've found so far. I'm sure slightly older kids would get something out of it, too.

Very cute illustrations. Very clear explanation of Ramadan. The main family is illustrated as a vaguely Indo-Pak-Iranian-Arab family, and the Eid celebration section illustrates Muslims of many creeds. Easy to read and entertains my 4 and 2 year old children. Was a nice book this Ramadan, and I will bring it back in circulation before next Ramadan.

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