

Suggested Reading

Along with the books and writings of our contributors, you may find these resources helpful in living *The Jesus Fatwah*:

General introductions to Islam

The Muslim Next Door: The Qur'an, the Media and that Veil Thing by Sumbul Ali-Karamali. (Ashland, Oregon: White Cloud Press, 2008). *The Muslim Next Door* is a highly popular and very accessible book that introduces Islam while challenging stereotypes and toppling myths.

The Search for Truth About Islam: A Christian Pastor Separates Fact from Fiction by Ben Daniel (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013). Using a blend of travel writing, storytelling, academic research, common sense, and pastoral vibe, *The Search for Truth about Islam* presents Islam for a popular audience. *Library Journal* included *The Search for Truth About Islam* on its list of essential books for any library's Islam collection.

What Everyone Needs to Know About Islam by John L. Esposito (New York: Oxford University Press, 2002). This an extremely handy book. Set up like a glossary, *What Everyone Needs to Know About Islam* is a go-to book for quick and reliable answers about Islam.

The Heart of Islam: Enduring Values for Humanity by Seyyed Hossein Nasr (San Francisco: Harper San Francisco, 2002). This is a beautifully-written book that presents Islam form a Shiite perspective.

Books on the History of Islam

Islam: a Short History by Karen Armstrong (New York: The Modern Library, 2002). This concise, reliable, informative and readable book is written by one of the world's writers of religious history.

Muhammad and the Believers at the Origins of Islam by Fred M. Donner (Cambridge, MA: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2010). Read this book to help you sort out the confusing narrative that is Islam's first hundred years.

Books About Islam in Southern Spain

A Vanished World: Muslims, Christians and Jews in Medieval Spain by Chris Lowney (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005)

and

Ornament of the World: How Muslims, Jews, and Christians Created a Culture of Tolerance in Medieval Spain by María Rosa Menocal (New York: Back Bay Books, 2002).

Both of these books introduce the reader to the fascinating subject of Islamic Spain and, in the process, dispel a long list of misconceptions about what life was like under generals, kings and Caliphs who ruled the southern parts of Medieval Spain.

Contemporary Issues

The Islamophobia Industry: How the Right Manufactures Fear of Muslims by Nathan Lean (London: Pluto Press, 2012). This book sheds light on the disturbing world of professional Islamophobia in the United States.

Scattered Pictures: Reflections of An American Muslim by Imam Zaid Shakir (Hayward, CA: Zaytuna Institute, 2005). Imam Zaid Shakir is among America's most prominent Muslim Leaders. *Scattered Pictures* is a collection of Essays on a broad range of topics. This book is hard to find but it is well worth the search.

