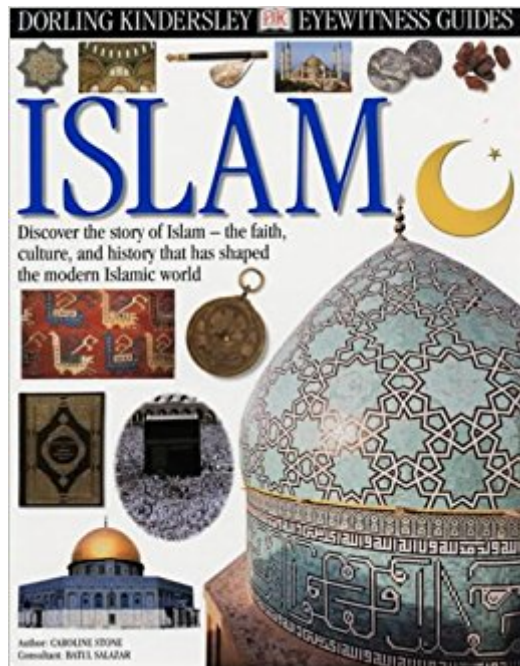


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Synopsis

This title provides a useful resource for students, whether they are learning about intricate Islam designs in carpets and carvings or the food typically prepared for feasts.

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Contemporary sections stress that Islam promotes tolerance between Muslims and non-Muslims and that Muslim women can be found in high-profile professions. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 3-8-An introduction to the basic tenets of the faith, the history of its spread, the varieties of the cultures in which it flourishes, and highlights of the achievements of Islamic peoples. The series's standard format is expanded somewhat with a number of chapters totaling more than two pages, notably the six pages devoted to the "Five Pillars of Islam." This expansion allows for a more in-depth look than usual, providing space, for example, for the five stages of prayer to be both itemized and displayed photographically. The history of Islam covers not only the usual period of conquest but also the importance of Muslim scholarship during the European Middle Ages, Islamic architecture, the breadth of its trade, and various ruling empires. Other chapters look at clothing, food, music, and art; all are profusely illustrated with captioned photos of sites and artifacts and reproductions. As a general introduction, the text avoids contemporary, controversial issues such as

extremist groups or the lack of democratic institutions in many predominantly Muslim nations. Even so, Islam is broader in scope than Julien Ries's *The World of Islam* (Chelsea, 2002) and Shahruck Hussein's *What Do We Know about Islam?* (Peter Bedrick, 1996). Coop Renner, Blackshear Elementary School, Austin, TX Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The book was in good condition for being slightly used. The information is understandable and relatively detailed. The photographs are useful too.

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