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Nonfiction For Younger Readers

Adler, David A. Story Of Hanukkah. (044018) Weber, Jill, il. The story of the courageous Maccabees and the miracle that took place in the Temple in Jerusalem is retold. (04-08) Holiday House 2011 K,L,Q+,M,W (AR/RC) \$17.87 CCSS TX

Arlon, Penelope. Ancient Egypt. (068297) Kids can see ancient Egypt like never before! Includes time lines, step-by-steps, and cross-section graphics for original and startling insights into pharaohs, mummy making, and pyramids. (08-11) Scholastic 2014 (AR/RC) \$16.49 CCSS

Brown, Don. America Is Under Attack: September 11, 2001: The Day The Towers Fell. (158224) Narrates the events of September 11, 2001 in a way that is both accessible and understandable for young readers. (08-11) Roaring Brook 2011 B,L+,Q+,M+,C (AR/RC) \$19.29 CCSS TX

Connors, Kathleen. Life Of Cleopatra. (235992) A biography of Cleopatra, the last, and most powerful queen of Egypt. (06-09) Gareth Stevens 2014 (AR) \$13.68 CCSS

Dennis, Brian. Nubs: The True Story Of A Mutt, A Marine & A Miracle. (273837) A true story of a marine and the miraculously loyal dog he befriends in Iraq. (03-06) Little 2009 B+,K,L,Q (AR/RC) \$19.99 CCSS

Donaldson, Madeline. Turkey. (285894) An introduction to Turkey, including the geography, landscape, history, people, and culture. (07-10) Lerner 2011 (RC) \$27.89 CCSS TX

Herrington, Lisa M. Hanukkah. (440825) An introduction to Hanukkah, including traditions, festivities, and the origin of Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights. (03-06) Children's 2014 L (AR/RC) \$12.28 TX

Khan, Hena. Golden Domes And Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book Of Colors. (516462) Amini, Mehrdokht, il. In simple rhyming text a young Muslim girl and her family guide the reader through the traditions and

colors of Islam. (03-07) Chronicle 2012 K,Q,W (AR) \$19.99 CCSS TX

Ofanansky, Allison. What's The Buzz?: Honey For A Sweet New Year. (686319) Alpern, Eliyahu, il. A class in Israel tours a farm to learn how honey is made and used to celebrate the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. (05-08) Kar-Ben 2011 L,Q,W (AR) \$18.57 CCSS

Owings, Lisa. Turkey. (694890) Travel to Turkey and experience both the ancient relics of the Ottoman Empire and the vibrant culture of modern Turkish people. (08-11) Bellwether Media 2012 (AR/RC) \$19.25 CCSS TX

Roth, Susan L. Hands Around The Library: Protecting Egypt's Treasured Books. (767461) The inspiring true story of Egyptian demonstrators standing up for the love of a library. (05-08) Dial 2012 B,K+,L,Q,W (AR/RC) \$19.29 CCSS TX

Sharaf al-Din, Fatimah. Amazing Travels Of Ibn Battuta. (806598) Ali, Intelaq Mohammed, il. The true story of a fourteenth-century traveler, whose journeys through the Islamic world and beyond were extraordinary for his time. (07-10) Groundwood 2014 K,Q,CA \$19.27

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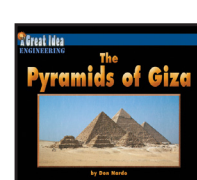
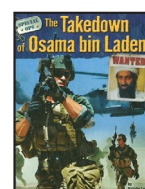
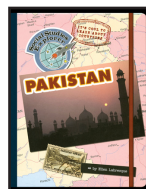
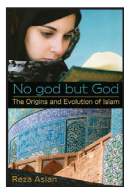
Nonfiction For Older Readers

Ali-Karamali, Sumbul. Growing Up Muslim: Understanding Islamic Beliefs And Practices. (051051) A candid and comprehensive look at what it's like to grow up Muslim in America. (10-14) Delacorte 2012 B,K,L,Q+,M,C,W (AR/RC) \$19.29 CCSS

Aloian, Molly. Sahara Desert. (054822) Describes the geological makeup and history of the Sahara Desert in North Africa. (10-13) Crabtree 2013 L (AR) \$14.37 CCSS TX

Aslan, Reza. No God But God: The Origins And Evolution Of Islam. (074576) An introduction to Islam, one of the fastest-growing religions in the world. (12-16) Delacorte 2011 B,K,L,Q (AR) \$19.29 CCSS





Barnard, Bryn. Genius Of Islam: How Muslims Made The Modern World. (090538) A look at how Islam influenced the ancient world and how its impact lasts even today. (08-12) Knopf 2011 **B,K,L,Q+,M,CA,W** (AR) **\$19.99**

Brownlie Bojang, Ali. Egypt In Our World. (163146) Describes the economy, government, and culture of Egypt today and discusses Egypt's influence on and relations with the rest of the world. (09-12) Smart Apple 2012 **Q** **\$21.37**

Doeden, Matt. Tools And Treasures Of Ancient Egypt. (282435) An introduction to ancient Egypt, including where people lived, what their lives were like, what happened to them, and how they changed the world. (08-11) Lerner 2014 **L,Q** (AR/RC) **\$26.02**

Doeden, Matt. Tools And Treasures Of Ancient Mesopotamia. (282437) An introduction to ancient Mesopotamia, including where the people lived, what their lives were like, what happened to them, and how they changed the world. (08-11) Lerner 2014 **L,Q** (AR/RC) **\$26.02**

Ellis, Deborah. Kids Of Kabul: Living Bravely Through A Never-Ending War. (307280) What has happened to Afghanistan's children since the fall of the Taliban in 2001? In 2011, Deborah Ellis went to Kabul to find out. (12-16) Groundwood 2012 **B,K,L,Q,C** (AR/RC) **\$18.57**

Fast, April. Iraq: The Culture. (325545) Know the culture of Iraq--from Mesopotamian to modern--as this war-torn country returns to its traditional ways. (09-12) Crabtree 2010 (AR) **\$14.08**

Fast, April. Iraq: The Land. (325630) Discover Iraq from the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates to hot and dry deserts and mountains. (09-12) Crabtree 2010 (AR) **\$14.08**

Fast, April. Iraq: The People. (325672) Meet the people of Iraq--the Arabs, the Kurds, the Bedouins, and the Armenians. (09-12) Crabtree 2010 (AR) **\$14.08**

Franchino, Vicky. Turkey: It's Cool To Learn About Countries. (350855) An introduction to Turkey, including geography, culture, economy, and more. (09-13) Cherry Lake 2013 **B** (AR) **\$22.77**

Hussain, Saima S. Arab World Thought Of It: Inventions, Innovations, And

Amazing Facts. (474613) The rich legacy of the peoples of the Arab world and their contributions to the world in the fields of medicine, architecture, food and astronomy. (10-12) Annick Press 2013 **K,L** (AR) **\$15.77**

Jeffrey, Gary. Lawrence Of Arabia And The Middle East And Africa. (490486) Spender, Nik, il. This graphic novel recounts three historic land battles during World War I in the Middle East and Africa. (10-14) Crabtree 2013 **L** (AR) **\$14.37**

Labrecque, Ellen. Pakistan: It's Cool To Learn About Countries. (536421) An introduction to Pakistan, including the geography, history, economy, culture, and people. (09-13) Cherry Lake 2011 **L** (AR) **\$22.07**

Lunis, Natalie. Takedown Of Osama bin Laden. (590781) Follow the Navy SEALs on their May 2, 2011 mission against terrorists in Afghanistan. (08-11) Bearport 2012 **B,Q** (AR) **\$20.67**

Marsico, Katie. Egypt: It's Cool To Learn About Countries. (605552) Provides information on the current change in government as well as background information on Egypt's history and culture. (09-13) Cherry Lake 2012 (AR) **\$22.07**

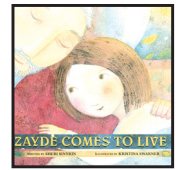
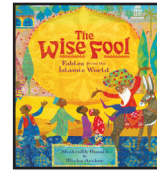
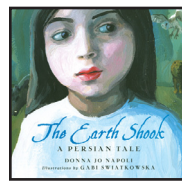
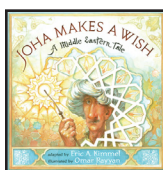
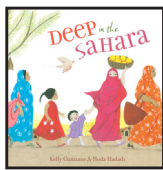
Nardo, Don. Pyramids Of Giza. (667352) Describes the struggles and accomplishments in building the Pyramids of Giza in Egypt. (08-11) Norwood House 2014 **L,Q** (AR) **\$21.37**

Platt, Richard. Egyptians. (720961) Lawrence, David, il. How Ancient Egypt solved problems using technology to overcome challenges and create useful inventions. (08-11) Sea-to-Sea 2011 **L,Q** **\$21.37**

Prentzas, G. S. Iran: It's Cool To Learn About Countries. (730804) An introduction to Iran, including history, geography, politics, and the social and cultural life of the people of this oil-rich Arab country. (09-13) Cherry Lake 2013 (AR) **\$22.77**

Samuels, Charlie. Technology In Ancient Egypt. (775522) An introduction to the technology in ancient Egypt, including arts, architecture, glassmaking, weaving, and more. (09-13) Gareth Stevens 2014 **L** **\$17.24**

Samuels, Charlie. Technology In Mesopotamia. (775514) An introduction to the technology in Mesopotamia, including



hanging gardens, farming, shipbuilding, and more. (09-13) Gareth Stevens 2014 L (AR/RC) \$17.24

Spilsbury, Richard. Discover Afghanistan. (840185) An introduction to Afghanistan, including the culture, major religions, education, and economy. (09-12) PowerKids 2012 (AR) \$25.08

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Fiction For Younger Readers

Addasi, Maha. Time To Pray. (041972) Gannon, Ned, il. Yasmin's grandmother teaches her a Muslim's daily prayers, makes prayer clothes, and gives a gift to help Yasmin remember when to pray. Includes facts about prayer customs. (07-09) Boyds Mills 2010 K-,L,Q,W (AR) \$19.97

Cunnane, Kelly. Deep In The Sahara. (252684) Hadadi, Hoda, il. An Arab girl of the Sahara who wants to wear a malafa, the veiled dress worn by her mother and older sister, learns that the garment represents beauty, mystery, tradition, belonging, and faith. (04-08) Schwartz & Wade 2013 B+,K+,L,Q,C,W+ (AR/RC) \$19.99

Holmes, Mary Tavener. Elephant From Baghdad. (460468) Cannell, Jon, il. Emperor Charlemagne sends an ambassador to Baghdad to meet Caliph Haroun al Rashid. (05-08) Cavendish 2012 B,K,L,W (AR) \$19.99

Khan, Rukhsana. Big Red Lollipop. (516459) Blackall, Sophie, il. Taking her younger sister along the first time she attends a birthday party spoils Rubina's fun. (04-08) Viking 2010 B+,K,L,Q,W+ (AR/RC) \$19.29

Khan, Rukhsana. King For A Day. (516464) Kromer, Christiane, il. Even though he is confined to a wheelchair, a Pakistani boy tries to capture the most kites during Basant, the annual spring kite festival, and become "king" for the day. Includes an afterword about the Basant festival. (05-10) Lee & Low 2013 K+,L,Q (AR/RC) \$19.97

Kimmel, Eric A. Joha Makes A Wish: A Middle Eastern Tale. (518153) Rayyan, Omar, il. An original story, based on the Joha tales of the Arabic-speaking world, in which a hapless man finds a wishing stick that brings him nothing but bad luck. Includes an author's note about the history of Joha tales. (05-08) Cavendish 2010 L,Q+,M (AR/RC) \$12.64

Napoli, Donna Jo. Earth Shook: A Persian Tale. (667281) Swiatkowska, Gabi, il. A lyrical picture book, influenced by Persian folklore, about the 2003 earthquake in Bam, Iran. (04-08) Hyperion 2009 K,L,Q (AR/RC) \$18.59

Peet, Mal. Mysterious Traveler. (708582) Lynch, Patrick James, il. Who is the young stranger, and what does his arrival mean for the life Issa and Mariama share in the desert? (07-10) Candlewick 2013 K+,L,C,W (AR/RC) \$18.59

Shahrukh Husain. Wise Fool: Fables From The Islamic World. (474612) Archer, Micha, il. A retelling of 22 Middle Eastern folktales about Mulla Nasreddin Hoca, known for his insightful and humorous stories. (06-10) Barefoot Books 2011 B,K+,L,Q,W (AR) \$21.39

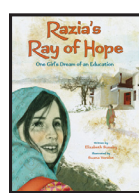
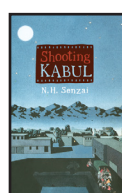
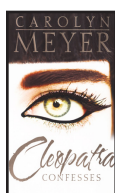
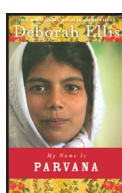
Sinykin, Sheri Cooper. Zayde Comes To Live. (822818) Swarner, Kristina, il. When Rachel's beloved grandfather, Zayde, comes to spend his last days with her family, she worries what will happen when he dies, especially after friends tell her the Christian and Muslim beliefs about the afterlife. (06-10) Peachtree 2012 L,Q (AR/RC) \$19.27

Snyder, Laurel. Longest Night: A Passover Story. (833246) Chien, Catia, il. A child in Egypt tells what the Jews are experiencing in the days leading up to their flight from Egyptian slavery. (04-08) Schwartz & Wade 2013 L,Q,C (AR) \$19.99

Stampler, Ann Redisch. Wooden Sword: A Jewish Folktale From Afghanistan. (843238) Liddiment, Carol, il. An Afghani shah tests the faith of a Jewish shoemaker who believes everything turns out as it should in life. (05-08) Whitman 2012 B,K,L,Q+,M,CA (AR) \$19.29

Weulersse, Odile. Nasreddine. (936888) Dautremer, Rebecca, il. As Nasreddine and his father take dates, wool, chickens, or watermelon to market, people tease them no matter who is riding their donkey, and this causes Nasreddine embarrassment until his father helps him to understand. (04-09) Eerdmans 2013 K,L,Q+,M,C,W (AR/RC) \$19.30

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Fiction For Older Readers

Clements, Andrew. *Extra Credit*. (221545)

Elliott, Mark, il. As letters exchange--between Illinois and Afghanistan--sixth-grader Abby, 10-year-old Amira, and 11-year-old Sadeed begin to speak and listen to each other. (08-12) Atheneum 2009 B,L,Q+,M,CA (AR/RC) **\$19.29**



Ellis, Deborah. *My Name Is Parvana*. (307315)

Parvana, now fifteen, is found in a bombed-out school and held as a suspected terrorist by American troops in Afghanistan. Sequel to *The Breadwinner*. (11-15) Groundwood 2012 B,K+,L+,Q,C,W (AR/RC) **\$19.27**

Marsden, Carolyn. *White Zone*. (604955)

As American bombs fall on Baghdad during the Iraq War, ten-year-old cousins Nouri and Talib witness the growing violence between Sunni and Shiite Muslims. (09-14) Carolrhoda 2012 B,K,L,Q,C,W (AR/RC) **\$19.97**



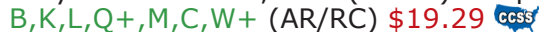
Mazer, Harry. *Somebody, Please Tell Me Who I Am*. (617152)

Wounded in Iraq and treated for traumatic brain injury, the first person Ben remembers is his autistic brother. (12-16) Simon 2012 B,K+,L,Q+,M,CA,W (AR/RC) **\$18.59**



McCormick, Patricia. *Purple Heart*. (621732)

While recovering in a Baghdad hospital from a brain injury sustained in the Iraq War, soldier Matt Duffy tries to recall what happened to him and how it relates to his 10-year-old friend, Ali. (12-16) Harper 2009 B,K,L,Q+,M,C,W+ (AR/RC) **\$19.29**



Morpurgo, Michael. *Shadow*. (659232)

A young boy and his mother are forced to leave their royal dog behind and return to war-torn Afghanistan. (10-14) Feiwel and Friends 2012 B,K+,L,Q+,M (AR/RC) **\$19.29**



Reedy, Trent. *Words In The Dust*. (742654)

Zulaikha, a 13-year-old Afghan, faces a series of daring changes in her life as she secretly learns to read, her older sister gets married, and American troops offer her surgery to fix her cleft lip. (09-14) Scholastic 2011 B,K,L,Q,C,W (AR/RC) **\$19.29**



Sullivan, Mary. *Dear Blue Sky*. (863586)

Shortly after Cass's big brother is deployed to fight in Iraq, Cass becomes pen pals with an Iraqi girl who opens up her eyes to the effects of war. (10-14) Penguin 2012 B,K,Q+,M,W (AR) **\$19.29**



Suneby, Elizabeth. *Razia's Ray Of Hope: One Girl's Dream Of An Education*. (865166)

Verelst, Suana, il. A story about a young girl who must find a way to convince her father and brothers that she should go to school in Afghanistan. (08-11) Kids Can 2013 B,K,L,Q (AR) **\$20.67**



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C	Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books
K	Kirkus Reviews
L	School Library Journal
M	Horn Book
Q	Horn Book Guide
W	Publishers Weekly
+	Starred review
AR	Accelerated Reader® test available
RC	Reading Counts® test available
CCSS	Common Core State Standards
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