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Nonfiction For Younger Readers

Arlon, Penelope. *Ancient Egypt*. (068297)

il. 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) \$16.81

Barash, Chris. *Is It Sukkot Yet?* (089365)

Psacharopulo, Alessandra il. When fall arrives, a family builds a sukkah for the celebration of the Jewish harvest festival, Sukkot. (04-08) Whitman 2016 K,W \$19.61

Brown, Don. *America Is Under Attack: September 11, 2001: The Day The Towers Fell*. (158224) il. Narrates the events of September 11, 2001 in a way that is both accessible and understandable for young readers. (08-11) Flash Point 2011

B,L+,Q+,M+,C (AR/RC) \$19.61

Connors, Kathleen. *Life Of Cleopatra*. (235992) il. A biography of Cleopatra, the last, and most powerful queen of Egypt. (06-09) Gareth Stevens 2014 (AR) \$14.10

Gilbert, Sara. *Middle Eastern Food*. (378478) il. An elementary introduction to the relationship between cooking and Middle Eastern food, the effect of local agriculture on the diets of different regions, common tools such as pestles, and recipe instructions. (06-10) Creative Education 2015 L,Q \$20.99

Herrington, Lisa M. *Hanukkah*. (440825) il. 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) \$12.70

Kimmelman, Leslie. *Everybody Says Shalom*. (518294) Shipman, Talitha il. A picture-book tour of Israel takes readers to the Old City of Jerusalem and modern Tel Aviv, the desert and the sea, Roman ruins, the Biblical Zoo, a kibbutz, and much more. (03-07) Random 2015 B,K,L,Q,W \$20.31

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 \$19.59

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Nonfiction For Older Readers

Aloian, Molly. *Sahara Desert*. (054822) il. Describes the geological makeup and history of the Sahara Desert in North Africa. (10-13) Crabtree 2013 L (AR) \$15.00

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) \$19.61

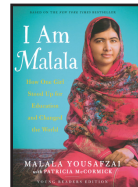
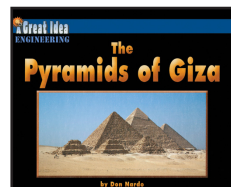
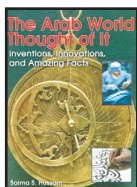
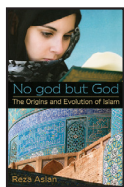
Barnard, Bryn. *Genius Of Islam: How Muslims Made The Modern World*. (090538) il. A look at how Islam influenced the ancient world and how its impact lasts even today. (08-12) Knopf 2011 B,K,L,Q+,M,CA,W (AR) \$20.31

Brownlie Bojang, Ali. *Egypt In Our World*. (163146) il. 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 \$21.69

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) \$18.89

Hussain, Saima S. *Arab World Thought Of It: Inventions, Innovations, And Amazing Facts*. (474613) il. 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) \$16.09





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) \$15.00 CCSS TX

Manning, Paul. Nile River. (601546)

il. Traveling from Lake Victoria in Burundi, to Cairo, Egypt, readers will explore the world's longest river as they learn about the landscape, ancient civilizations, and historic landmarks on the Nile, as well as the people who currently rely on the river. (09-13) Smart Apple 2016 B,Q (AR) \$23.09

Marsico, Katie. Egypt: It's Cool To Learn About Countries. (605552)

il. 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) \$22.39 CCSS TX

Nardo, Don. Pyramids Of Giza. (667352)

il. Describes the struggles and accomplishments in building the Pyramids of Giza in Egypt. (08-11) Norwood House 2014 L,Q (AR) \$21.69 CCSS

Owings, Lisa. Lebanon. (694906)

il. Introduces young readers to the geography and culture of Lebanon. (08-11) Bellwether Media 2015 L (AR) \$20.99 CCSS

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 \$21.69 CCSS TX

Prentzas, G. S. Iran: It's Cool To Learn About Countries. (730804)

il. 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) \$23.09 CCSS TX

Samuels, Charlie. Technology In Ancient Egypt. (775522)

il. An introduction to the technology in ancient Egypt, including arts, architecture, glassmaking, weaving, and more. (09-13) Gareth Stevens 2014 L \$17.56



Samuels, Charlie. Technology In Mesopotamia. (775514)

il. An introduction to the technology in Mesopotamia, including hanging gardens, farming, shipbuilding, and more. (09-13) Gareth Stevens 2014 L (AR/RC) \$17.56 CCSS TX

Spilsbury, Richard. Discover Afghanistan. (840185)

il. An introduction to Afghanistan, including the culture, major religions, education, and economy. (09-12) PowerKids 2012 (AR) \$25.89 CCSS TX

Winter, Max. Afghanistan War. (956757)

il. Presents an overview of the Afghanistan War, including history, important people and battles, and a timeline of events. (08-12) Child's World 2015 B,L (AR) \$21.69 CCSS

Yasuda, Anita. Gulf War. (971712)

il. Presents an overview of the Gulf War, including history, important people and battles, and a timeline of events. (08-12) Child's World 2015 L (AR) \$21.69 CCSS

Yousafzai, Malala. I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up For Education And Changed The World. (975800)

On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, Malala Yousafzai, a fifteen-year-old Pakistani girl, was shot in the face at point-blank range by the Taliban. Now, she reveals exactly what happened on that fateful day and shares the moving and inspiring story of her determination not to be intimidated by extremists. (12-16) Little 2014 L,Q,W (AR/RC) \$19.62 CCSS

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Fiction For Younger Readers

Ewert, Marcus. Mummy Cat. (318805)

Brown, Lisa il. Mummy Cat prowls his pyramid home, longing for his beloved owner. As he roams the tomb, lavish murals above his head display scenes of the cat with his young Egyptian queen. Hidden hieroglyphs deepen the tale and are explained in an informative author's note. (06-08) Clarion 2015 B+,K+,L,Q+,M,W (AR/RC) \$19.61

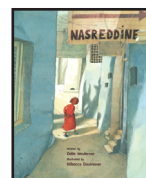
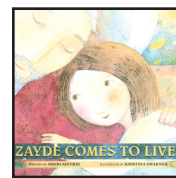
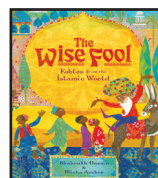
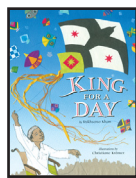
Faruqi, Reem. Lailah's Lunchbox: A Ramadan Story. (325345)

Lyon, Lea il. Now that she is ten, Lailah is delighted that she can fast during the month of Ramadan like her family and her friends in Abu Dhabi, but finding a way to explain to her teacher and classmates in Atlanta is a challenge until she gets some good advice from the librarian, Mrs. Scrabble. (06-09) Tilbury House 2015 B,L,Q (RC) \$19.59

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) \$20.31





Khan, Ruksana. 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) **\$20.29**

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) **\$18.91**

Osborne, Mary Pope. Mummies In The Morning. (693496) Murdocca, Sal il. Jack and his younger sister take a trip in their tree house back to ancient Egypt, where they help a queen's mummy continue her voyage to the Next Life. (06-09) Random 2014 (AR/RC) **\$18.21**

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) **\$18.91**

Rockliff, Mara. Chik Chak Shabbat. (761246) Brooker, Kyrsten il. When Goldie Simcha doesn't joyfully throw open her door to welcome everyone into her apartment for a meal of her famous cholent, her neighbors wonder what could be wrong. They discover she was feeling too sick to make the stew. What can they do to save the day? (04-08) Candlewick 2014 **B+,K,L,Q+,M,C,W** (AR/RC) **\$18.91**

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) **\$21.71**

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) **\$20.29**

Stampler, Ann. Redish 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) **\$19.61**

Turk, Evan. Storyteller. (893718) il. In a time of drought in the Kingdom of Morocco, a storyteller and a boy weave a tale to thwart a Djinn and his sandstorm from destroying their city. (04-08) Atheneum 2016 **K+,L+,Q,C,W+** (AR/RC) **\$21.01**

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) **\$19.62**

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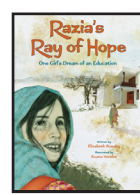
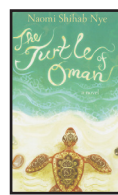
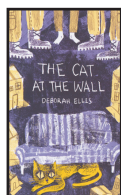
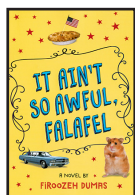
Fiction For Older Readers

Al-Mansour, Haifaa. Green Bicycle. (047611) Since girls do not ride bikes in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, eleven year old Wadjda has to scheme to get her own. (10-14) Dial 2015 **B,K,L,Q,C** (AR/RC) **\$19.61**

Dumas, Firoozeh. It Ain't So Awful, Falafel. (294505) Eleven-year-old Zomorod, originally from Iran, tells her story of growing up Iranian in Southern California during the Iranian Revolution and hostage crisis of the late 1970s. (10-12) Clarion 2016 **B+,K+,L,Q+,M,C,W** (AR/RC) **\$19.61**

Ellis, Deborah. Cat At The Wall. (307176) American girl Clare dies and comes back to life as a cat living on Israel's West Bank where she sneaks into a small Palestinian house that has just been commandeered by two Israeli soldiers. The house seems empty, until she realizes that a little boy is hiding beneath the floorboards. Should she help him? (09-12) Groundwood 2014 **B,K,L,Q,CA** (AR/RC) **\$19.59**

Lough, Amber. Fire Wish. (587825) When a princess captures a jinn and makes a wish, she is transported to the fiery world of the jinn, while the jinn must take her place in the royal court of Bagdad. (12-16) Random 2014 **B,K,L,Q,C,W** (AR/RC) **\$20.31**



Lynch, Chris. Right Fight. (591140) When the draft board calls on the eve of World War II, Roman leaves behind a career in minor-league baseball to join the army, and finds himself driving a tank in the North African campaign. (10-14) Scholastic 2014 **B,K,L,Q,C,W** (AR/RC) **\$21.01**

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) **\$20.29**

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) **\$18.91**

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) **\$19.61**

Moss, Miriam. Girl On A Plane. (661624) This is a fictionalized story based on the amazing real life experiences of Miriam Moss, a fifteen year old English school girl who was held hostage on a plane hijacked by the Palestinian Liberation Front in 1970. (12-16) Houghton 2016 **B,K,L,C,W** **\$20.31**

Nye, Naomi Shihab. Turtle Of Oman: A Novel. (684281) When Aref, a third-grader who lives in Muscat, Oman, refuses to pack his suitcase and prepare to move to Michigan, his mother asks for help from his grandfather, his Siddi, who takes Aref around the country, storing up memories he can carry with him to a new home. (08-12) Greenwillow 2014 **B,K+,L,Q+,M+,W** (AR/RC) **\$19.61**

Patterson, James. Treasure Hunters: Danger Down The Nile. (703995) Neufeld, Juliana il. Twelve-year-old twins Bickford and Rebecca Kidd and their two older siblings travel to Africa to track down priceless artifacts that will keep the family's treasure hunting business afloat long enough to rescue their kidnapped mother--and possibly find their missing father. (08-12) Little 2014 **Q** (AR/RC) **\$18.21**

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) **\$19.61**

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) **\$20.99**

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C Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books
K Kirkus Reviews
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