



# Understanding the Middle East

## Fiction For Younger Readers

**Charara, Hayan**

**207490 *Three Lucys*.** A young Lebanese boy must learn to cope with loss and hope for a peaceful future after losing one of his beloved cats because of The July War. Based on the month-long conflict between Lebanon and Israel during the summer of 2006. il. Kahn, Sara. [IL 6-8] 40 pages Lee & Low 2016 E (AR/RC) **22.26**

**English, Karen**

**311527 *Red Shoes*.** Malika loves her new red shoes and wears them everywhere, but eventually she outgrows them, and her grandmother takes them to a second-hand shop--where they will become a special present for Amina (who fasted half the month of Ramadan) in Africa, who will enjoy her special red shoes every bit as much as Malika did. il. Glenn, Ebony. [IL 3-5] 32 pages Scholastic 2020 E (AR) **21.58**

**Ewert, Marcus**

**318805 *Mummy Cat*.** 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. il. Brown, Lisa. [IL 6-8] 42 pages Clarion 2015 E (AR/RC) **20.88**

**Gidwitz, Adam**

**377444 *Secret Of The Himalayas*.** When Uchenna and Elliott's classmate Pai Lu publishes an article in the school newspaper about the Schmoke Brother's latest scheme, Professor Fauna notices something alarming--mounted on the wall of the Schmoke's living room is a single spiral horn that could only belong to one animal--a unicorn. Determined to stop the Schmoke Brothers, the Unicorn Rescue Society is headed to Pakistan. il. Aly, Hatem. [IL 7-10] 192 pages Dutton 2021 Fic **19.48**

**Gonzales, Mark**

**385678 *Yo Soy Muslim: A Father's Letter To His Daughter*.** A lyrical celebration of multiculturalism as a parent shares with a child the value of their heritage and why it should be a source of pride, even when others disagree. il. Amini, Mehrdokht. [IL 4-8] 32 pages Salaam Reads 2017 E (AR) **21.58**

**Greenfield, Amy Butler**

**400443 *Ra The Mighty: Cat Detective*.** In ancient Egypt, the Pharaoh's pampered cat Ra and his scarab-beetle sidekick question the royal palace's animal

inhabitants, solve a crime, and exonerate a servant girl falsely accused of theft. il. Horne, Sarah. [IL 7-10] 216 pages Holiday House 2018 Fic (AR) **20.88**

**Javaherbin, Mina**

**490129 *My Grandma And Me*.** A true tale of a young girl in Iran and her grandmother. il. Yankey, Lindsey. [IL 4-8] 30 pages Candlewick 2019 306-B (AR) **20.88**

**Khan, Hena**

**516474 *Under My Hijab*.** As a young girl observes that each of six women in her life wears her hijab and hair in a different way, she considers how to express her own style one day. il. Jaleel, Aaliya. [IL 4-8] 32 pages Lee & Low 2019 E (AR) **22.26**

**Muhammad, Ibtihaj**

**663225 *Proudest Blue: A Story Of Hijab And Family*.** Faizah relates how she feels on the first day her sister, sixth-grader Asiya, wears a hijab to school. il. Aly, Hatem. [IL 4-8] 34 pages Little 2019 E (AR) **21.58**

**Nuurali, Siman**

**684147 *Sadiq And The Desert Star*.** Sadiq's father is going on a business trip, but before he goes he tells Sadiq a story of the Desert Star, which fits in perfectly with Sadiq's third grade class field trip to the planetarium, and inspires Sadiq to build a simple telescope to study the stars when his father returns. il. Sarkar, Anjan. [IL 7-9] 56 pages Picture Window 2020 Fic (AR) **20.42**

**684149 *Sadiq And The Fun Run*.** Eight-year-old Sadiq wants to try out for the youth football team like his friends, but his parents feel he is too young, and instead suggest that he take up running and join the track club--Sadiq feels that running is wimpy, but the coach convinces him that running races can be fun as well. il. Sarkar, Anjan. [IL 7-9] 56 pages Picture Window 2020 Fic (AR/RC) **20.42**

**684164 *Sadiq And The Green Thumbs*.** Even though it is summer Sadiq goes to religious school four days a week to study the Quran; he and his friends find their teacher, Mr. Kassim, strict and intimidating, but when Sadiq finds out that Mr. Kassim has an injured shoulder he decides to volunteer to help with the gardening--and he convinces his friends to volunteer as well. il. Sarkar, Anjan. [IL 7-9] 57 pages Picture Window 2020 Fic (AR/RC) **20.42**

**684172 *Sadiq And The Pet Problem*.** Sadiq's third grade class decides that they want a classroom pet,



and their teacher, Ms. Battersby, is okay with the idea, so the students form a club to decide what kind of pet to get, and to research how to take care of it. il. Sarkar, Anjan. [IL 7-9] 57 pages Picture Window 2020 Fic (AR/RC) **20.42**

#### **Ramadan, Danny**

**738189 Salma The Syrian Chef.** A little girl's quest to make a traditional Syrian meal for her Mama. il. Bron, Anna. [IL 4-7] 40 pages Annick Press 2020 E (AR) **22.26**

#### **Rashid, Qasim**

**739811 Hannah And The Ramadan Gift.** Hannah is too young to fast for Ramadan, but she learns how to celebrate it with good deeds and kindness that make all the difference. il. Jaleel, Aaliya. [IL 4-8] 34 pages Viking 2021 E (AR) **21.58**

#### **Thompkins-Bigelow, Jamilah**

**856029 Mommy's Khimar.** A young Muslim girl puts on a head scarf and not only feels closer to her mother, she also imagines herself as a queen, the sun, a superhero, and more. il. Glenn, Ebony. [IL 4-8] 33 pages Salaam Reads 2018 E (AR) **21.58**

#### **Umrigar, Thrity N.**

**897793 Sugar In Milk.** A young girl in modern times comes from India to live in America with her extended family. She feels so alone--like she's not wanted--and then remembers a story her mother once told her about a group of Persians who were ousted from their country and who sailed to the western shores of India in search of a new home. The young girl realizes that she, too, is being accepted by those in her neighborhood and that she can finally start feeling like a part of this new American society. il. Le, Khoa. [IL 4-8] 48 pages Running Press Kids 2020 E **21.58**

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### **Fiction For Older Readers**

#### **Al-Mansour, Haifaa**

**047611 Green Bicycle.** Since girls do not ride bikes in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, eleven year old Wadjda has to scheme to get her own. [IL 10-14] 346 pages Dial 2015 Fic (AR/RC) **20.88**

#### **Faruqi, Saadia**

**325420 Thousand Questions.** Told in two voices, eleven-year-olds Mimi, who is visiting her wealthy grandparents in Karachi, Pakistan, for the first time and Sakina, daughter of the grandparents' cook, form an unexpected friendship. [IL 8-12] 310 pages Quill Tree 2020 Fic (AR) **20.88**

#### **Fountain, Ele**

**348353 Refugee 87.** In the Middle East, fourteen-year-old Shif and his best friend Bini embark on a

continent-crossing journey of survival after they are imprisoned and become refugees. [IL 8-12] 247 pages Little 2020 Fic (AR/RC) **20.88**

#### **Gratz, Alan**

**393479 Ground Zero.** Brandon is visiting his dad on the 107th floor of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 when the attack comes; Reshmina is a girl in Afghanistan who has grown up in the aftermath of that attack but dreams of peace, becoming a teacher and escaping her village and the narrow role that the Taliban believes is appropriate for women--both are struggling to survive, both changed forever by the events of 9/11. il. [IL 9-12] 304 pages Scholastic 2021 Fic (AR) **21.58**

**393486 Refugee.** Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together. [IL 9-12] 338 pages Scholastic 2017 Fic (AR/RC) **21.58**

#### **Hashimi, Nadia**

**424268 One Half From The East.** An emotional riveting coming-of-age journey to modern day Afghanistan that explores the "bacha posh" custom of dressing pre-teen girls as boys. [IL 8-12] 256 pages Harper 2016 Fic (AR/RC) **20.88**

**424270 Sky At Our Feet.** A young boy fears that his mother, an illegal immigrant from Afghanistan, has been deported and he runs away to New York City to get help from his aunt only to end up in the hospital where he meets a new friend, Max, a daring girl who helps him escape the hospital to continue his city adventures. [IL 8-12] 295 pages Harper 2018 Fic (AR/RC) **20.88**

#### **Kelkar, Supriya**

**511997 American As Paneer Pie.** When a racist incident rocks her small Michigan town, eleven-year-old Lekha must decide whether to speak up or stay silent, even as she struggles to navigate her life at home, where she can be herself, and at school, where she is teased about her culture. [IL 9-12] 311 pages Simon 2021 Fic (AR) **21.58**

#### **Khan, Hena**

**516477 Amina's Song.** Feeling pulled between two cultures after a month with family in Pakistan, Amina shares her experiences with Wisconsin classmates through a class assignment and a songwriting project with new student Nico. [IL 8-12] 280 pages Salaam Reads 2021 Fic (AR) **21.58**



**516469 Amina's Voice.** A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community. [IL 8-12] 197 pages Salaam Reads 2017 Fic (AR/RC) **21.58**

**134935 More To The Story.** As features editor of her school newspaper, thirteen-year-old Jameela Mirza wants to impress her father by writing a spectacular story about the new student, but a misunderstanding and family illness complicate matters. [IL 8-12] 262 pages Salaam Reads 2020 Fic (AR/RC) **21.58**

**Khorram, Adib**

**517040 Darius The Great Is Not Okay.** Clinically-depressed Darius Kellner, a high school sophomore, travels to Iran to meet his grandparents, but it is their next-door neighbor, Sohrab, who changes his life. [IL 12-16] 321 pages Penguin 2019 Fic (AR/RC) **21.58**

**Maddox, Jake**

**596313 Tennis Triumph.** Mira Ravi is the first-seed singles star on Hilltop Middle School's tennis team, but her life off the court is a much harder match to win as she juggles tough responsibilities at home, in school, and with her team. [IL 8-12] 89 pages Stone Arch 2021 Fic (AR) **21.72**

**Title Entry**

**690172 Once Upon An Eid: Stories Of Hope And Joy By 15 Muslim Voices.** Eid! The short, single syllable word conjures up a variety of feelings and memories for Muslims. Maybe it's waking up to the sound of frying samosas or the comfort of bean pie, maybe it's the pleasure of putting on a new outfit for Eid prayers, or maybe it's the gift giving and the holiday parties, or carnival rides to come that day. Whatever the memories, it's a cherished day of celebration. [IL 8-12] 263 pages Amulet Books 2021 808-S (AR) **14.89**

**Patterson, James**

**703995 Treasure Hunters: Danger Down The Nile.** 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. il. Neufeld, Juliana. [IL 8-12] 449 pages Little 2014 Fic (AR/RC) **19.48**

**Roy, Jennifer Rozines**

**769349 Playing Atari With Saddam Hussein: Based On A True Story.** For forty-two days in 1991, eleven-year-old Ali Fadhil and his family struggle to survive as Basra, Iraq, is bombed by the United States and its allies. [IL 10-12] 165 pages Houghton 2018 Fic (AR/RC) **20.88**

**Saeed, Aisha**

**774514 Amal Unbound.** In Pakistan, Amal holds on to her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family. [IL 10-13] 226 pages Puffin 2020 Fic (AR/RC) **21.58**

**Tanaka, Shelley**

**307161 Breadwinner: A Graphic Novel.** A graphic-novel adaptation of the story of eleven-year-old Parvana who must disguise herself as a boy to support her family during the Taliban's rule in Afghanistan. il. Breadwinner Canada Incorporated. [IL 10-14] 77 pages Groundwood 2018 741 (AR/RC) **18.06**

**Warga, Jasmine**

**920454 Other Words For Home.** Sent with her mother to the safety of a relative's home in Cincinnati when her Syrian hometown is overshadowed by violence, Jude worries for the family members who were left behind as she adjusts to a new life with unexpected surprises. [IL 8-12] 342 pages Harper 2021 Fic (AR/RC) **20.88**

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## Nonfiction For Younger Readers

**Abouraya, Karen Leggett**

**040459 Malala Yousafzai: Warrior With Words.** The inspiring true story of Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani girl who has become an international activist for universal education. il. Roth, Susan L. [IL 6-8] 40 pages Lee & Low 2019 371-B (AR/RC) **22.96**

**Cleveland-Peck, Patricia**

**222129 Secrets Of Tutankhamun: Egypt's Boy King And His Incredible Tomb.** The fascinating story of the famous boy pharaoh and the world-changing discovery of his tomb. il. Greenberg, Isabel. [IL 7-10] 64 pages Bloomsbury 2018 932-B **22.28**

**Fern, Tracey E.**

**332824 Howard And The Mummy: Howard Carter And The Search For King Tut's Tomb.** A picture book biography about Howard Carter, the discoverer of King Tut's tomb. il. Kulikov, Boris. [IL 6-9] 40 pages Farrar 2018 932-B **21.58**

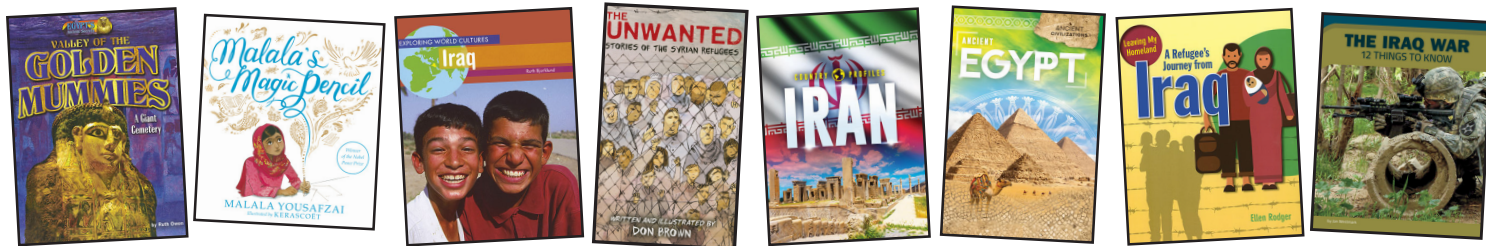
**Mir, Saira**

**649481 Muslim Girls Rise: Inspirational Champions Of Our Time.** Introduces readers to nineteen powerhouse Muslim women who rose up and made their voices heard. il. Jaleel, Aaliya. [IL 6-9] 41 pages Salaam Reads 2019 305-C (AR) **21.58**

**Owen, Ruth**

**694770 Valley Of The Golden Mummies: A Giant Cemetery.** In 1996, archaeologists made an incredible discovery--a huge, ancient burial place in the Western





Desert of Egypt. Could it be possible that more than 10,000 ancient Egyptian mummies are buried in the valley? il. [IL 7-10] 32 pages Bearport 2017 932 (AR/RC) **6.50\***

**Yousafzai, Malala**

**976175 Malala's Magic Pencil.** Malala Yousafzai's first picture book, inspired by her own childhood. il. Kerascoet. [IL 4-8] 48 pages Little 2017 371-A (AR/RC) **21.58**

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**Adamson, Heather**

**041944 United Arab Emirates.** Introduces young readers to the geography and culture of the United Arab Emirates. il. [IL 8-11] 32 pages Bellwether Media 2016 953 (AR/RC) **22.26**

**Bjorklund, Ruth**

**120215 Iraq.** An introduction to Iraq, including the history, geography, people, government, and more. il. [IL 8-12] 32 pages Cavendish Square 2017 956 **16.40**

**Brown, Don**

**158168 Unwanted: Stories Of The Syrian Refugees.** An eye-opening exploration of the ongoing Syrian refugee crisis, exposing the harsh realities of living in, and trying to escape, a war zone. il. [IL 14-18] 103 pages Houghton 2018 956 (AR) **6.50\***

**Klepeis, Alicia**

**524226 Iran.** Engaging images accompany information about Iran. il. [IL 8-11] 32 pages Bellwether Media 2020 955 (AR) **22.96**

**Mason, Helen**

**610522 Refugee's Journey From Syria.** Five-year-old Roj's home is bombed during the civil war that has been raging in his homeland of Syria. He and his family are forced to flee the country secretly by boat, and they end up in a camp for refugees in Europe. Interspersed with facts about Syria and its people, this narrative tells a story common to many refugees fleeing the country. The book looks at the efforts being made around the world to assist the millions of refugees. Readers are encouraged to consider how they can help. il. [IL 8-11] 32 pages Crabtree 2017 362 **15.77**

**Oachs, Emily Rose**

**685116 Ancient Egypt.** An introduction to ancient Egypt, including how people lived, worked, ruled, and more. il. [IL 8-11] 32 pages Bellwether Media 2020 932 (AR) **22.96**

**Owings, Lisa**

**694906 Lebanon.** Introduces young readers to the geography and culture of Lebanon. il. [IL 8-11] 32 pages Bellwether Media 2015 956 (AR) **22.26**

**Rodger, Ellen**

**761626 Refugee's Journey From Iraq.** Zainab has never known peace in her homeland of Iraq. She and her family flee the country after her father is threatened by one of the many groups fighting against the government. Zainab's life is on hold as her family seeks safety in Jordan and, later, the United States. Interspersed with facts about Iraq and its people, this narrative tells a story common to many refugees fleeing the country. Readers will learn about the ongoing conflict in Iraq and how they can help refugees. il. [IL 8-11] 32 pages Crabtree 2017 362 **15.77**

**Westmark, Jon**

**936640 Iraq War: 12 Things To Know.** Takes readers on a historical journey with 12 engaging chapters about the Iraq War, featuring the war's critical moments, key players, lasting effects, and more. il. [IL 8-12] 32 pages 12-Story Library 2017 956 (AR) **6.50\***

**Yasuda, Anita**

**971712 Gulf War.** Presents an overview of the Gulf War, including history, important people and battles, and a timeline of events. il. [IL 8-12] 32 pages Child's World 2015 956 (AR) **22.96**

**Yomtov, Nelson**

**973594 Immigrants From Afghanistan And The Middle East.** In today's uncertain world, many families are leaving their home countries and seeking a better life in the United States. Explores the stories of two families who left their home countries to find a better life in the United States. Follow their journeys to find out why they left their homelands and understand the challenges they faced in moving to a new country. il. [IL 8-12] 32 pages Capstone 2019 973 (AR) **22.70**

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