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**What Muslim Readers Say About Islamic Fiction Books**

*The American Muslim ummah needs more Islamic fiction. So does the rest of American society!* **Pamela Taylor, Director Islamic Writers Alliance**

*Storytelling is a traditional Islamic art and the novel brings this art right into the home. Muslims of all ages need the contemporary Muslim story as a vehicle for interpreting the world in an Islamic light. Non Muslims might also appreciate an insight into the diversity and unity of the Muslim way of life that the art of storytelling can provide.* **Yafiah Katherine Randall**

*Children love reading fiction, but they usually do not find the role models they need and deserve in mainstream books, which often promote values that are contrary to Islam. My own daughter devours several books a week, and it has been a challenge for me to find the books that will help her grow as a Muslim. By seeing how different characters deal with life's challenges, Muslim fiction can help our children develop good character and the analytical skills needed to solve everyday problems.* **Amel Abdullah - Managing Editor, Our Rising Star Magazine**

*I want to read books about Muslims like me.* **Saara Khalid**

*In developing materials and textbooks for Islamic schools I need more Islamic fiction, especially for the middle school grades.* **Freda Shamma, Educator**

*I want my kids to be able to read books with Islamic values and Muslim characters.* **Arif Khalid**

*I'd love to see Islamic Fiction on store shelves. What a fresh idea to the boring cookie cutter fiction currently hogging all the space!* **Brenda Birch**

*Islamic fiction is critical for ensuring the developing and prospering of young imaginative minds.* **Fuad Nahdi**

*My kids need quality Islamic fiction! Or else they might keep reading the fictions which does not teach any morals in fact which influences kids to lose morality and makes these morality issues seem attractive. WE NEED ISLAMIC FICTION.* **Shahida**

*Literature is where thoughts and cultures are expressed and recorded. So when will Muslims appear on the list of civilizations again?* **Yosra Mostafa**











