

Arab & Arab American Creators

Picture Books

Abdel-Fattah, Randa. *Eleven Words for Love*.

Abed, Omar. *The Book that Almost Rhymed*.

Alaoui, Amina Hachimi. *Alya and the Three Cats*.

AlHathloul, Lina. *Loujain Dreams of Sunflowers*.

Aziz, Susannah. *Halal Hot Dogs*.

Boersen, Lisa and Hasna Elbaamrani. *Esmā Farouk, Lost in the Souk*.

Boukarim, Leila and Ruaida Mannaa. *Sundays are for Feasts*.

Camper, Cathy. *Arab Arab All Year Long!*

Ebeid, Rifk. *Birthday Kunafa*.

Elbayya, Hazar. *My Olive Tree*.

Ghanameh, Aya. *These Olive Trees*.

Gutta, Razeena Omar and Bassent Dawoud. *Zamzam for Everyone: Sharing Water at Hajj*.

Khalil, Aya. *The Arabic Quilt: An Immigrant Story* (series).

Kotb, Hoda. *Hope is a Rainbow*.

Marwan, Zahra. *Sakina and the Uninvited Guests*.

Matari, Jenan A. *Everything Grows in Jiddo's Garden*.

Moushabeck, Hannah. *Homeland: My Father Dreams of Palestine*.

Najib, Amanda. *Lana Makes Purple Pizza: A Palestinian Food Tale*.

Najjār, Taghrīd 'Ārif. *The Ghoul*.

Odeh, Maysa. *A Map for Falasteen: A Palestinian Child's Search for Home**.

Pliska, Zeena M. *Egyptian Lullaby*.

Presley, Nadine. *City of Jasmine*.

Rafi, Sana. *Mustafa's Mithai*.

Ramadan, Ahmad Danny. *Salma the Syrian Chef*.

Rodaah, Rahma. *Dear Muslim Child*.

Roumani, Rhonda. *Insha'allah, No, Maybe So*.

Salh, Shugri Said. *Suuban's First Day: A First Day of Herding Story*.

Scott, Jordan and Jamal Saeed. *My Sister the Apple Tree: A Refugee Story of Hope and Resilience*.

Shakir, Deena. *Leena Mo, CEO*.

Suleiman, Safa. *Hilwa's Gifts*.

Tarnowska, Wafa'. *Nour's Secret Library*.

Yuksel, M.O. and Hatem Aly. *In My Mosque*.

Zarif, Marya. *Dounia and the Magic Seeds*.



Fiction

Abu-Jaber, Diana. *Silverworld*. Sitti, Sami's Lebanese grandmother, is very ill, often slipping from reality. Her family thinks Sitti belongs in a nursing home, but Sami doesn't believe she's sick at all. So she casts a spell from her grandmother's mysterious charm book and falls into a new world.

Al-Marashi, Huda. *Hail Mariam*. Mariam transfers to a local Catholic school and before her first day her parents remind her that she might be the first Muslim her classmates have ever met. No big deal, right? Just represent an entire religion while making new friends, keeping up with schoolwork, and figuring out who she is.

Alloo, Nushin and Shadia Kassem. *The Adventures of Laila and Ahmed in Syria*. Two curious children explore the beautiful landscapes and landmarks of pre-war Syria.

Bushby, Aisha. *A Pocketful of Stars*. When Safiya's mother falls into a coma, Safiya comes to terms with their complicated relationship and discovers more about herself through dreams that transport her to her mother's childhood in Kuwait.



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Fiction, cont.

Chalfoun, Michelle. *The Treasure of Maria Mamoun**. Lebanese-American Maria's mother transplants the two of them from the South Bronx to Martha's Vineyard, where Maria joins forces with a boy to sail and search for pirate treasure.

Darraj, Susan Muaddi. *Farah Rocks Fifth Grade** (series). Fifth-grader Farah Hajjar and her best friend Allie Liu are hoping to go to the Magnet Academy for middle school, but when a new girl starts tormenting Farah and her younger brother, Samir, she decides she can not leave him to face the bully alone.

Dassu, A.M. *Kicked Out*. While his home life is unraveling, Ali organizes a charity soccer match to help his friend Aadam avoid deportation back to Syria.

Hussain, Salma. *The Secret Diary of Mona Hasan*. Mona is a young Muslim girl growing up in Dubai, where the first Gulf War has broken out close by. School doesn't even close, but her family moves from big-city Dubai to small-town Canada. The journey also prompts life's big (and small) questions: When will my chest grow, Allah? Why isn't my mother like the mothers on TV? And why is Aba ruining our lives by moving us to Canada?

Jamieson, Victoria and Omar Mohamed. *When Stars are Scattered* (Graphic novel). Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp, and when an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonspeaking brother.

Jreije, George. *Bashir Boutros and the Jewel of the Nile* (series). Shy Bashir dreads going back to America after an amazing summer in Lebanon. Then he finds a ring containing a jinn whose magic brings power to those who wield it!

Lewers, Nedda. *Daughters of the Lamp* (series). Sahara prefers logic and science over magic, but when she travels to Cairo for a family wedding, her resistance to magic fades when she discovers that she is next in a line of women tasked with guarding Ali Baba's treasure.

McCarthy, Cory. *Ace Takes Flight* (series). Ace Wells's dream has finally come true: he is a new cadet in the B.E.S.T. (Biological Enhancement Systems Technology) Program.

Nurali, Siman. *Sadiq and the Green Thumbs* (Paperback series). Sadiq and his friends find their teacher, Mr. Kassim, strict and intimidating, but when Sadiq finds out that Mr. Kassim has an injured shoulder he volunteers to help with the gardening.

Nye, Naomi Shihab. *The Turtle of Oman* (series). Aref has serious misgivings about moving from his homeland, Oman, to Michigan. As he avoids packing his suitcase, Aref savors the familiar sights, sounds and scents of his hometown.

Once Upon an Eid: Stories of Hope and Joy by 15 Muslim Voices. A collection of short stories from the most brilliant Muslim voices writing today, about the most joyful holiday of the year: Eid! Waking up to frying samosas or the comfort of bean pie, the pleasure of a new outfit for Eid prayers, the gift giving and holiday parties.



Ramadan, Danny. *Salma Makes a Home** (Early Chapter series). Moving across the world was Salma's first big adventure. Now she's having adventures in her new home—from cooking Syrian food to becoming a big sister, and more!

Roumani, Rhonda. *Tagging Freedom*. Cousins Kareem and Samira, living in Massachusetts, navigate the growing conflict in Syria, friendships, and the use of art to express themselves.

Saeed, Jamal. *Yara's Spring*. Growing up in Aleppo, Yara's childhood has long been shadowed by the coming revolution. Yara is pushed to her limits as she discovers how far she'll go for her loved ones—and for a chance for freedom.

Safadi, Shifa Saltagi. *Amina Banana and the Formula for Friendship* (series). After moving from Syria to Indiana, third-grade science enthusiast Amina tries to find the perfect formula to make friends at her new school.

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Fiction, cont.

Warga, Jasmine. *The Unlikely Tale of Chase and Finnegan*. Told in two voices, Finnegan, a rescue dog mourning the loss of his previous life, is paired with Chase, a young orphaned cheetah, and together the two learn to trust again while discovering friendship and family.

Yūsuf, Bāsim. *The Magical Reality of Nadia* (series). Fresh off summer vacation with her cousins in Egypt, Nadia is most excited about her school project celebrating the anniversary of The Museum of American History. When one of her classmates starts making snide comments about her Egyptian heritage, Nadia ends up finding support from a magical source—her ancient necklace!

*Arab American Book Award recipient

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Nonfiction

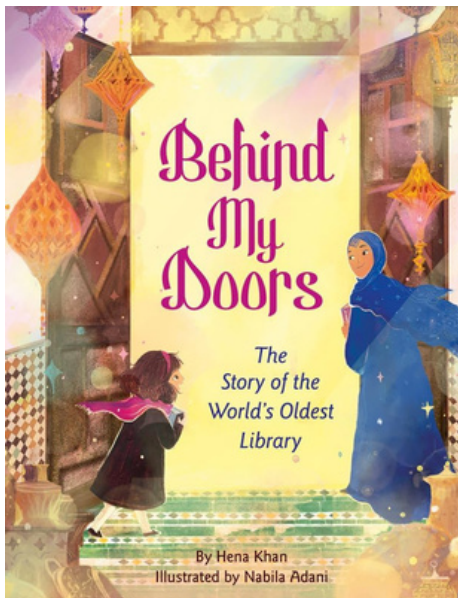
Al Khalidi, Rodhan. *The Three Princes of Serendip: New Tellings of Old Tales for Everyone* (398.209 AL). Filled with wisdom and warnings, these stories are a rich and varied introduction to the world of Middle Eastern folklore.

Kassis, Reem. *We are Palestinian: A Celebration of Culture and Tradition* (956.94 KAS). Celebrate everything Palestinian, from culture and food, to music and literature!

Khan, Hena. *Behind My Doors: The Story of the World's Oldest Library* (027 KHA). Al-Qarawiyyin Library shares the true story of how it was originally founded by a Muslim woman in 859 in Fez, Morocco, and remains the oldest operating library in existence.

Nye, Naomi Shihab. *Grace Notes: Poems About Families* (811 NYE). A collection of poems about family and love.

Tarnowska, Wafa'. *The Arabian Nights* (398.2 TAR). Shahrazade saves herself from execution by distracting King Shahriyar with stories.



Biographies

Artists & Performers
Hope is an Arrow: Lebanese American Poet Khalil GIBRAN.

When I Get Older: The Story Behind "Wavin' Flag" (K'NAAN)

Umm KULTHUM: Star of the East.

Athletes & Adventurers
Not Yet: The Story of an Unstoppable Ice Skater. (Zahra LARI)

Swimming Toward a Dream: Yusra MARDINI's Incredible Journey from Refugee to Olympic Swimmer.

Everyday Heroes
One Wish: Fatima AL-FIHRI and the World's Oldest University.

Mariam's Dream: The Story of Mariam AL-SHAAR, Soufra, and a Food Truck of Hope.

My Name is Bana. (ALABED)

The Cat Man of Aleppo. (Alaa ALJALEEL)

Muzoon: A Syrian Refugee Speaks Out. (ALMELLEHAN)

Where Butterflies Fill the Sky: A Story of Immigration, Family, and Finding Home. (Zahra MARWAN)

Graphic Novels
Muhammad NAJEM, War Reporter: How One Boy Put the Spotlight on Syria.

Leaders & Changemakers
We're in This Together. (Linda SARSOUR)

*Mama in Congress: Rashida TLAIB's Journey to Washington**.

Scientists & Inventors
Building Zaha: The Story of Architect Zaha HADID.