

Middle East/Muslim Fiction

* Denotes first book in a series

Title	Author	Call #
Tut, Tut	Scieszka, Jon	E FIC SCI
 Sam, Joe, and Fred finish their school project on ancient Egypt without using their magical time travel book, but when Joe's sister Anna plays with it and travels to the land of pyramids, they must follow her back in time to bring her back to 1996.		
The Winged Cat: a tale of ancient Egypt	Lattimore, Deborah Nourse	E LAT
 In ancient Egypt, a young servant girl and a High Priest must each find the correct magic spells from the Book of the Dead that open the twelve gates of the Netherworld to determine who is telling the truth about the death of the girl's sacred cat.		
Magid Fasts for Ramadan	Matthews, Mary	E MAT
 Magid, an eight-year-old Muslim boy in Cairo, is determined to celebrate Ramadan by fasting, despite the opposition of family members who feel that he is not yet old enough to fast.		
Does My Head Look Big in This?	Abdel-Fattah, Randa	FIC ABD
 Year Eleven at an exclusive prep school in the suburbs of Melbourne, Australia, would be tough enough, but it is further complicated for Amal when she decides to wear the hijab, the Muslim head scarf, full-time as a badge of her faith--without losing her identity or sense of style.		
The Green Bicycle	Al-Mansour, Haifaa	FIC ALM
 Since girls do not ride bikes in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, eleven year old Wajda has to scheme to get her own		
It Ain't So Awful Falafel	Dumas, Firoozeh	FIC DUM
 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		
Refugee 87	Fountain, Ele	FIC FOU
 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.		
The Seven Keys of Balabad	Haven, Paul	FIC HAV
 Unlike his news-reporter father and art-historian mother who find living in the ancient, war-torn country of Balabad endlessly interesting, twelve-year-old Oliver, homesick for New York City, feels very much out of his element until he gets caught up in a centuries-old mystery involving stolen artifacts and buried treasure.		

The Triumphant	Livingston, Lesley	FIC LIV
 When Caesar is murdered, Fallon and her fellow gladiatrices lose their protector and, realizing that Cleopatra is now in grave danger, travel to Alexandria, Egypt, for her safety and theirs.		
All We Have Left	Mills, Wendy	FIC MIL
 In interweaving stories of sixteen-year-olds, modern-day Jesse tries to cope with the ramifications of her brother's death on 9/11, while in 2001, Alia, a Muslim, gets trapped in one of the Twin Towers and meets a boy who changes everything for her as flames rage around them.		
Without Refuge	Mitchell, Jane	FIC MIT
 Forced to leave his home in war-torn Syria, thirteen-year-old Ghalib makes an arduous journey with his family to a refugee camp in Turkey. Includes glossary.		
Sunrise over Fallujah	Myers, Walter Dean	FIC MYE
 Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.		
Beast	Napoli, Donna Jo	FIC NAP
 Elaborates on the tale of "Beauty and the Beast," told from the point of view of the beast and set in Persia.		
Sadia	Nelson, Colleen	FIC NEL
 Fifteen-year-old Sadia Ahmadi is passionate about one thing: basketball. Her best friend Mariam, on the other hand, wants to get noticed by the popular crowd and has started de-jabbing, removing her hijab, at school every morning. Sadia's mom had warned her that navigating high school could be tricky. As much as she hates to admit it, her mom was right. When tryouts for an elite basketball team are announced, Sadia jumps at the opportunity. Her talent speaks for itself. Her head scarf, on the other hand, is a problem; especially when a discriminatory rule means she has to choose between removing her hijab and not playing		
Gods and Warriors #1	Paver, Michelle	FIC PAV
 In the turbulent world of the Mediterranean Bronze Age, Hylas, a lowly twelve-year-old goatherd, thief, and outsider, journeys from the Greek mountains to Crete and Egypt, making allies with animals, battling tyranny, and withstanding the elemental powers of the gods of land and sea.		
Playing Atari with Saddam Hussein: based on a true story	Roy, Jennifer Rozines	FIC ROY
 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.		
Amal Unbound	Saeed, Aisha	FIC SAE
 In Pakistan, Amal holds onto 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.		
The Egypt Game	Snyder, Zilpha Keatley	FIC SNY
 A group of children entranced with Egypt play their own Egypt game, are visited by a secret oracle, become involved in a murder, and befriend the Professor before they move on to new interests, such as Gypsies		

Other Words for Home	Warga, Jasmine	FIC WAR
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Jude never thought she'd be leaving her beloved older brother and father behind, all the way across the ocean in Syria. But when things in her hometown start becoming volatile, Jude and her mother are sent to live in Cincinnati with relatives. At first, everything in America seems too fast and too loud. The American movies that Jude has always loved haven't quite prepared her for starting school in the US --and her new label of 'Middle Eastern,' an identity she's never known before. But this life also brings unexpected surprises--there are new friends, a whole new family, and a school musical that Jude just might try out for. Maybe America, too, is a place where Jude can be seen as she really is

The Cursed Scarab	Weyn, Suzanne	FIC WEY
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After taking a scarab necklace from the Haunted Museum, Taylor experiences visions while visiting Egypt.

The Garden of My Imaan	Zia, Farhana	FIC ZIA
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The arrival of new student Marwa, a fellow sixth-grader who is a strict Muslim, helps Aliya come to terms with her own lukewarm practice of the faith and her embarrassment over others' reactions to their beliefs.
