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## MUSLIM ISSUES (includes fiction)

### **The Caged Virgin**

*Ayaan Hirsi Ali \$26.95*

A Muslim woman's cry for reason. Born in Somalia, the author escaped an arranged marriage, fled to Holland, where she became involved in politics, and a passionate campaign for female emancipation from cultural oppression.

### **Infidel**

*Ayaan Hirsi Ali \$34.95*

Her life story from a traditional Muslim childhood in Somalia to her intellectual awakening in Netherlands, to her life under armed guard in the West.

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*Hanan Ashrawi \$43.95*

Essential reading for understanding of the Arab-Israeli conflict by a widely respected Christian Arab in a Muslim male-dominated world.

### **Veiled Courage: Inside the Afghan Women's Resistance**

*Cheryl Benard with Edit Schlaffer \$24.95*

Complete subordination of women was one of the first acts of the Taliban. A book about the remarkable bravery and spirit of women of the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA).

### **With All Our Strength**

*Anne Brodsky \$32.95*

Political history of Afghanistan told through the eyes of women, as well as a history of the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan RAWA, a militant, secular, feminist pro-democracy movement.

### **Nine Parts of Desire: The Hidden World of Islamic Women**

*Geraldine Brooks \$21.90*

Her journey toward an understanding of the women behind the veils, and of the often contradictory political, religious, and cultural forces that shape their lives. Shows how Islam's holiest texts have been misused to justify repression of women, and how male pride and power have warped the original message of a once liberating faith.

### **A History Of Women's Seclusion In The Middle East**

*Ann Chamberlin \$44.95*

A critical examination of seclusion and how it can be used as a feminist defense against exploitation, and as an empowering force. She challenges the view that seclusion is a result of women's oppression.

### **Meena:Heroine Of Afghanistan**

*Melody Chavis \$23.95*

Story of a brave woman who founded the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA) in 1977 when she was a twenty year old student at Kabul University. Sadly she was assassinated in 1987, but she lives on in the hearts of all progressive Muslim women.

### **The Jihad Seminar**

*Hanifa Deen \$29.95*

Victorian Muslim author takes an in-depth look at a court case between born-again Christians and Muslims over an issue of freedom of speech. The case was meant to be over in three days but turned into a struggle that lasted for five years.

### **Tomorrow's Islam**

*Geraldine Doogue & Peter Kirkwood \$29.95*

An examination of the question: Can the modern world of the West live harmoniously with the world of Islam. The authors put this question to an international group of progressive yet devout Muslim thinkers.

### **Iran Awakening**

*Shirin Ebadi \$25.95*

Memoir of a remarkable woman, and a devout Muslim, who won the Nobel peace prize for her human rights work.

### **The Nawal El Saadawi Reader**

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Leading spokesperson on the status of women in the Arab world, el Saadawi explores topics from women's oppression at the hands of recent interpretations of Islam, to the role of women in African literature.

### **Daughter Of Isis**

*Nawal El Saadawi \$38.50*

Autobiography of Egyptian writer, and freedom fighter for women in Arabic world.

### **In The House Of Silence**

*Fadia Faquir \$29.95*

Autobiographical writings by 13 leading Arab women authors, showing the changing roles for women in Arab societies.

### **The Bathhouse**

*Moshiri Farnoosh \$28.95*

The story of women held captive during the early days of the fundamentalist revolution in Iran. Once a bathhouse, the makeshift jail is a setting for an extraordinary tale of courage and humanity in the face of tyrants.

**The Sleeping Buddha**

*Hamida Ghafour* \$34.95

Story of one family's past, and Afghanistan's search for a future.

**My Life As A Traitor**

*Zaraah Ghahramani* \$32.95

Beautifully written memoir of her life in Iran, revealing the human face behind the turmoil of the modern Middle East. She describes Persian culture, contemporary Iranian society, and the emergence of radical Islamic politics.

**Qissat**

*Jo Glanville ed* \$29.95

Collection of short stories by Palestinian women depicting their day-to-day lives.

**Three Mothers Three Daughters**

*Michael Gorkin & Rafiqah Othman* \$42.95

Collection of Palestinian women's stories.

**Journey From The Land of No**

*Roya Hakakian* \$24.95

Young girls coming of age in Iran during the time of Ayatollah Khomeini – a memoir.

**The Kite Runner**

*Khaled Hosseini* \$22.95

1970s Afghanistan, the lives of two boys are shattered after the Russians invade, and one family is forced to flee to America. Amir realizes that one day he must return. Fantastic novel by a gifted storyteller.

**A Thousand Splendid Suns**

*Khaled Hosseini* \$32.95

Deeply moving story of family and friendship in war torn Afghanistan under the Taliban. Tells the story of Laila and Mariam, and portrays the dire situation of women in the country.

**The Glory Garage**

*Nadia Jaml a & Taghred Chandab* \$18.95

Growing up Lebanese Muslim in Australia, real life stories from two young journalists.

**Raising My Voice**

*Malalai Joya* \$37.95

An extraordinary story of a brave and outspoken Afghan woman who has been elected to her parliament, in spite of huge personal risk to her life.

**In Search of Fatima**

*Ghada Karmi* \$27.95

A Palestinian biographical story of displacement and loss.

**Even After All This Time**

*Afschineh Latifi* \$30.95

Memoir about family life in Tehran in the 1970s before Ayatollah Khomeini's rise to power, and a family who were divided when the young daughters were sent to the West for their safety.

**The Promise**

*Sandra Lee* \$29.95

The true story of an Iraqi mother's desperate flight to freedom. Guizin Najim risked everything to escape from Iraq to Australia after her husband was murdered. A story of courage and tragedy.

**Muslim Women Reformers**

*Ida Lichter* \$57.95

Inspiring voices against oppression from over one hundred women, organizations, and even from some men, all questioning the roles of women in Muslim society.

**Our Woman In Kabul**

*Irris Makler* \$32.95

Woman journalist travels alone into Afghanistan after Sept 11, and gives a remarkable portrait of women and a country at a turning point.

**The Trouble with Islam**

*Irshad Manji* \$34.95

A Muslim's call to Muslims and non-Muslims alike for reform in her faith. Manji asks pointed questions about mainstream Islam, and offers a practical vision of a reformation that empowers women, and promotes respect for religious minorities.

**Santa Claus In Baghdad**

*Elsa Marston* \$27.95

Short stories by and about teens in the Arab world

**Women For Afghan Women**

*Sunita Mehta* \$30.95

Shattering myths and claiming the future for the women of Afghanistan. Their voices must be heard.

**Beyond the Veil: Male-Female Dynamics in Modern Muslim Society**

*Fatima Mernissi* \$27.00

Expanded/updated edition. Includes new introduction on Muslim women and fundamentalism, which argues that the present conservative wave against Muslim women is a defense against recent profound changes in sex roles.

**Feminism and Islamic Fundamentalism: The Limits of Postmodern Analysis**

*Haideh Moghissi* \$36.00

Highly controversial intervention into the debate on postmodernism and feminism. Looks at what happens when these modes of analysis are jointly employed to illuminate the sexual politics of Islam.

**Reading Lolita in Tehran**

*Azar Nafisi* \$32.95

Before leaving Iran, academic Azar Nafisi gathered in secret with other young women to read forbidden works of Western Literature. A rare glimpse into women's lives in revolutionary Iran.

### **Things I've Been Silent About**

*Azar Nafisi \$32.95*

Personal story of growing up in Iran at the time of political revolution, family secrets, and women's lives.

### **My Journey Behind the Veil: Conversations with Muslim Women**

*Kay Rasool \$24.95*

Based on the acclaimed ABC documentary *My Journey, my Islam* these conversations draw on the lives of women in Australia, India and Pakistan.

### **Women In Islam: The Western Experience**

*Anne Sofie Roald \$49.95*

Investigates the ways in which Islamic perceptions of women and gender relations tend to undergo significant change in western Muslim communities.

### **From My Sister's Lips**

*Na'ima Robert \$25.95*

A celebration of Islam from a woman who converted to her husband's faith, she explains the life many women have chosen.

### **Islam In Australia**

*Abdullah Saeed \$19.95*

Islam reached Australia before Christianity, but it is only in recent times that its believers have become a significant part of Australia's rich cultural mix.

### **Persepolis**

*Marjane Satrapi \$49.95*

Brilliant memoir in comic strips about growing up in Iran. Funny, sad, and very readable.

### **Mayada, Daughter of Iraq**

*Jean Sasson \$32.95*

Based on the true story of a woman's life and eventual imprisonment in Iraq under the regime of Saddam Hussein. Mayada's stories provide an intimate and fascinating insight into Iraq's cultured and ancient history and the dignity of its people.

### **My Soul Is A Woman**

*Annemarie Schimmel \$45.00*

Examines the role of women in Islam, and reconstructs an important but little-known aspect of Islamic spirituality, the feminine in Islam.

### **The Veil Unveiled**

*Faegheh Shirazi \$49.95*

A new approach to the question of the veil, a controversial issue in gender politics of the middle east and other areas where the veil is worn.

### **Women Embracing Islam**

*Karin van Nieuwkerk ed \$68.95*

Study of gender and conversion to Islam of women in the West.

### **Inside The Gender Jihad**

*Amina Wadud \$37.95*

Women's reform in Islam, the struggle for justice within the global Islamic community. A passionate argument for inclusiveness.

### **Hijab & The Republic**

*Bronwyn Winter \$62.95*

Sydney University academic leads us through the French head scarf debates, taking into account racism, feminism, nationalism, and religious conservatism. A thoughtful education of a controversial topic.

### **FOR YOUNG READERS**

#### **My Forbidden Face: Growing up under the Taliban: A young woman's story.**

*Latifa \$19.95*

Latifa was born in 1980 into an educated middle-class Afghan family. As a teenager, she was interested in cinema, fashion and writing. When the Taliban seized power, Latifa, then 16, became a prisoner in her own home, her school closed, her mother banned from working.

#### **Parvana**

*Deborah Ellis \$14.95*

Parvana is a young woman growing up in Afghanistan under the control of the Taliban. When soldiers burst into her home and drag her father off to prison, Parvana is forced to take responsibility for her whole family, dressing as a boy to make a living in the marketplace of Kabul. *Also available* The second novel, **Parvana's Journey**, and the third novel, **Shauzia**.

#### **Children Of War**

*Deborah Ellis \$16.95*

Iraqi children speak of how their lives have been affected and displaced by war.

#### **We Just Want to Live Here**

*Amal Rifai'I and Odelia Ainbinder*

*With Sylke Temple \$24.95*

An exchange of letters between two teenage girls, one Palestinian and the other Israeli. They met on an exchange program to Switzerland and became fast friends. The girls share their fears, hopes and joys. They give a renewed sense of hope for peace in the Middle East.

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