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## THE PROPHET

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*The Floating Press* **A prophet has is about to board a ship home after 12 years in exile, when he is stopped by a group of people. His teachings to them, discussing love, marriage, crime, freedom and law among many other aspects of everyday life, form the 26 poetic essays of Gibran's work. The work has been a bestseller since its first publication.**

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## THE BOOK OF KHALID

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*Good Press* **"The Book of Khalid" by Ameen Fares Rihani. Published by Good Press. Good Press publishes a wide range of titles that encompasses every genre. From well-known classics & literary fiction and non-fiction to forgotten–or yet undiscovered gems–of world literature, we issue the books that need to be read. Each Good Press edition has been meticulously edited and formatted to boost readability for all e-readers and devices. Our goal is to produce eBooks**

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## **A THOUSAND SPLENDID SUNS**

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*Bloomsbury Publishing* **Mariam is only fifteen when she is sent to Kabul to marry Rasheed. Nearly two decades later, a friendship grows between Mariam and a local teenager, Laila, as strong as the ties between mother and daughter. When the Taliban take over, life becomes a desperate struggle against starvation, brutality and fear. Yet love can move a person to act in unexpected ways, and lead them to overcome the most daunting obstacles with a startling heroism.**

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## **DESIGN TO LIVE**

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## **EVERYDAY INVENTIONS FROM A REFUGEE CAMP**

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*MIT Press* **The power of design to create a life worth living even in a refugee camp: designs, inventions, and artworks from the Azraq Refugee Camp in Jordan. This book shows how, even in the most difficult conditions--forced displacement, trauma, and struggle--design can help create a life worth living. Design to Live documents designs, inventions, and artworks created by Syrian refugees living in the Azraq Refugee Camp in Jordan. Through these ingenious and creative innovations--including the vertical garden, an arrangement necessitated by regulations that forbid planting in the ground; a front hall, fashioned to protect privacy; a baby swing made from recycled desks; and a chess set carved from a broomstick--refugees defy the material scarcity, unforgiving desert climate, and cultural isolation of the camp. Written in close collaboration with the residents of the camp, with text in both English and Arabic, Design to Live, reflects two perspectives on the camp: people living and working in Azraq and designers reflecting on humanitarian architecture within the broader field of socially engaged art and design. Architectural drawings, illustrations, photographs, narratives, and stories offer vivid testimony to the imaginative and artful ways that residents alter and reconstruct the standardized humanitarian design of the camp--and provide models that can be replicated elsewhere. The book is the product of a three-year project undertaken by MIT Future Heritage Lab, researchers and students with Syrian refugees at the Azraq Refugee Camp, CARE, Jordan, and the German-Jordanian University. Copublication with Future Heritage Lab, MIT**

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## THE BOOK OF THE JIHAD OF 'ALI IBN TAHIR AL-SULAMI (D. 1106)

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### TEXT, TRANSLATION AND COMMENTARY

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*Routledge* In 1105, six years after the first crusaders from Europe conquered Jerusalem, a Damascene Muslim jurist named 'Ali ibn Tahir al-Sulami (d. 1106) publicly dictated an extended call to the military jihad (holy war) against the European invaders. Entitled *Kitab al-Jihad* (The Book of the Jihad), al-Sulami's work both summoned his Muslim brethren to the jihad and instructed them in the manner in which it ought to be conducted, covering topics as diverse as who should fight and be fought, treatment of prisoners and plunder, and the need for participants to fight their own inner sinfulness before turning their efforts against the enemy. Al-Sulami's text is vital for a complete understanding of the Muslim reaction to the crusades, providing the reader with the first contemporary record of Muslim preaching against the crusaders. However, until recently only a small part of the text has been studied by modern scholars, as it has remained for the most part an unedited manuscript. In this book Niall Christie provides a complete edition and the first full English translation of the extant sections (parts 2, 8, 9 and 12) of the manuscript of al-Sulami's work, making it fully available to modern readers for the first time. These are accompanied by an introductory study exploring the techniques that the author uses to motivate his audience, the precedents that influenced his work, and possible directions for future study of the text. In addition, an appendix provides translations of jihad sermons by Ibn Nubata al-Fariqi (d. 985), a preacher from Asia Minor whose rhetorical style was highly influential in the development of al-Sulami's work.

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## THE BOOK OF KHALID

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*BoD - Books on Demand* **Reproduction of the original: The Book of Khalid by Ameen Rihani**

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## THE BOOK OF KHALID

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### A CRITICAL EDITION

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*Syracuse University Press* **First published in 1911, Ameen Rihani's Book of Khalid is widely considered the first Arab American novel. The semi autobiographical work chronicles the adventures of two young men, Khalid and Shakib, who leave Lebanon for the United States to find work as peddlers in Lower Manhattan. After mixed success at immersing**

themselves in American culture, the two return to the Middle East at a time of turmoil following the Young Turk Revolution in the Ottoman Empire. Khalid attempts to integrate his Western experiences with Eastern spiritual values, becoming an absurd, yet all too serious, combination of political revolutionary and prophet. The Book of Khalid offers readers a heady mix of picaresque, philosophical dialogue, and immigrant story. In this critical edition, Fine includes the text of the original 1911 edition, a substantial glossary, and supplemental essays by leading Rihani scholars. Demonstrating the reach and significance of the work, these essays address a variety of themes, including Rihani's creative influences, philosophical elements, and the historical context of the novel. Attracting a new generation of readers to Rihani's innovative work, this edition reveals his continued resonance with contemporary Arab American literature.

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## **ARABIC NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING**

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*Morgan & Claypool Publishers* This book provides system developers and researchers in natural language processing and computational linguistics with the necessary background information for working with the Arabic language. The goal is to introduce Arabic linguistic phenomena and review the state-of-the-art in Arabic processing. The book discusses Arabic script, phonology, orthography, morphology, syntax and semantics, with a final chapter on machine translation issues. The chapter sizes correspond more or less to what is linguistically distinctive about Arabic, with morphology getting the lion's share, followed by Arabic script. No previous knowledge of Arabic is needed. This book is designed for computer scientists and linguists alike. The focus of the book is on Modern Standard Arabic; however, notes on practical issues related to Arabic dialects and languages written in the Arabic script are presented in different chapters. Table of Contents: What is "Arabic"? / Arabic Script / Arabic Phonology and Orthography / Arabic Morphology / Computational Morphology Tasks / Arabic Syntax / A Note on Arabic Semantics / A Note on Arabic and Machine Translation

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## **THE 9/11 COMMISSION REPORT**

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### **FINAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON TERRORIST ATTACKS UPON THE UNITED STATES**

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*Createspace Independent Publishing Platform* Nearly three thousand people died in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. In Lower Manhattan, on a field in Pennsylvania, and along the banks of the Potomac, the United States suffered the single largest loss of life from an enemy attack on its soil. In November 2002 the United States Congress and

President George W. Bush established by law the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, also known as the 9/11 Commission. This independent, bipartisan panel was directed to examine the facts and circumstances surrounding the September 11 attacks, identify lessons learned, and provide recommendations to safeguard against future acts of terrorism.

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## MEN AROUND THE MESSENGER

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### [رجال حول الرسول (ص) ]انكليزي

*Dar Al Kotob Al Ilmiah* كتاب في التاريخ الاسلامي وتراجم الصحابة جمع فيه المؤلف قصص عظماء الصحابة بأسلوب أدبي رفيع شيق . ولكنه لم يذكر فيه الخلفاء الأربعة لأنه افرد كل واحد منهم في كتاب ف جاء الكتاب عظيما في موضوعه، عظيما في أسلوبه حتى عد من أحسنها أسلوبا وأكثرها جذبا

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## THE SWORD OF ALLAH

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### KHALID BIN AL-WALEED, HIS LIFE AND CAMPAIGNS

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*Books.Dar-Salam.Org* **The Sword of Allah: Khalid Bin Al-Waleed, His Life and Campaigns** Khalid bin Al-Waleed was one of the greatest generals in history, and one of the greatest heroes of history. Besides him, Genghis Khan was the only other general to remain undefeated in his entire military life. Khalid was sent to the Persian Empire with an army consisting of 18,000 volunteers to conquer the richest province of the Persian empire, Euphrates region of lower Mesopotamia, (present day Iraq). Khalid entered lower Mesopotamia with this force. He won quick victories in four consecutive battles: the Battle of Chains, fought in April 633; the Battle of River, fought in the third week of April 633; the Battle of Walaja, fought in May 633 (where he successfully used a double envelopment manoeuvre), and Battle of Ullais, fought in the mid-May 633. In the last week of May 633, al-Hira, the regional capital city of lower Mesopotamia, fell to Khalid. The inhabitants were given peace on the terms of annual payment of jizya (tribute) and agreed to provide intelligence for Muslims. After resting his armies, in June 633, Khalid laid siege to Anbar which despite fierce resistance fell in July 633 as a result of the siege imposed on the town. Khalid then moved towards the south, and captured Ein ul Tamr in the last week of July, 633.

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## **THE KITE RUNNER**

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*Bloomsbury Publishing* I became what I am today at the age of twelve. I remember the precise moment, crouching behind a mud wall on a frigid winter day in 1975 . . . looking into a deserted alley. It's wrong what they say about the past, about how you can bury it, because the past claws its way out. I realize I've been looking into that alley for the last 26 years. Afghanistan is a divided country on the verge of war and two childhood friends are about to be torn apart. It's a beautiful afternoon in Kabul and the skies are full of the excitement and joy of a kite flying tournament. But neither Hassan or Amir can foresee the terrible incident which will shatter their lives forever. Khaled Hosseini's first and international best-selling novel has now been adapted into a stunning stage adaptation by Matthew Spangler. This edition was published for the production at Wyndham's Theatre, London, from 21 December 2016.

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## **AR-RAHEEQ AL-MAKHTUM**

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## **THE IDEAL MUSLIMAH**

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*Dar-Salam.Org* **The Ideal Muslimah** This an incredibly sane book, which can help a woman (who is truly female), keep her head on straight and not get lost in a very dangerous game where she only stands to lose. Satan will try to convince women that they have the right to challenge the boundaries of their existence. This book more than anything can help a woman become a decent, loving, compassionate and honest person, which is a huge challenge for most people. This is an excellent book to not only have as a reference book, but to read many times. The book covers everything from the relationship to Allah (God), hospitality to Marriage and family.

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## **101 QURAN STORIES AND DUA (GOODWORD)**

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*Goodword Books* **101 Quran Stories and Dua** is a richly illustrated collection of 101 great stories told in simple language that children will easily understand and relate to. Each story comes with delightful illustrations and a beautiful prayer. The book includes well known tales of the Prophet Adam #, the Prophet Yusuf # and his brother, the Prophet Yunus # and the whale and last messenger of Allah, the Prophet Muhammad <sup>3</sup> to name a few. It's a unique experience the whole family will cherish and revisit again and again!

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## **ENEMIES AND ALLIES: AN UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY INSIDE THE FAST-MOVING & IMMENSELY TURBULENT MODERN MIDDLE EAST**

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*Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.* **Do recent changes in the Middle East signal peace? One Arab country after another is signing historic, game-changing peace, trade, investment, and tourism deals with Israel. At the same time, Russia, Iran, and Turkey are forming a highly dangerous alliance that could threaten the Western powers. Meanwhile, the U.S. is drawing down its military forces in the Mideast and focusing on matters closer to home. Where's it all heading? New York Times bestselling author Joel C. Rosenberg, based in Jerusalem, skillfully and clearly explains the sometimes-encouraging, sometimes-violent, yet rapidly shifting landscape in Israel and the Arab/Muslim world. Enemies and Allies will take readers behind closed doors in the Middle East and introduce them to the very kings and crown princes, presidents and prime ministers who are leading the change. Includes exclusive, never-before-published quotes, insights, and analysis from the author's conversations with some of the most complex and controversial leaders in the world: Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) Egypt's President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi Jordan's King Abdullah II United Arab Emirates' Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed (MBZ) Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu Israeli president Reuven Rivlin**

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## **AFTER THE PROPHET**

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### **THE EPIC STORY OF THE SHIA-SUNNI SPLIT IN ISLAM**

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*Anchor* **In this gripping narrative history, Lesley Hazleton tells the tragic story at the heart of the ongoing rivalry between the Sunni and Shia branches of Islam, a rift that dominates the news now more than ever. Even as Muhammad lay dying, the battle over who would take control of the new Islamic nation had begun, beginning a succession crisis marked by power grabs, assassination, political intrigue, and passionate faith. Soon Islam was embroiled in civil war, pitting its founder's controversial wife Aisha against his son-in-law Ali, and shattering Muhammad's ideal of unity. Combining meticulous research with compelling storytelling, After the Prophet explores the volatile intersection of religion and politics, psychology and culture, and history and current events. It is an indispensable guide to the depth and power of the Shia-Sunni split.**

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## **WAR AND PEACE IN ISLAM**

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### **THE USES AND ABUSES OF JIHAD**

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**War and Peace in Islam: The Uses and Abuses of Jihad** aims to reveal the real meaning of jihad and to rectify many of the misunderstandings that surround both it and Islam's relation with the 'Other'.

### **LOVE YOUR PARENTS (GOODWORD)**

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*Goodword Books* **Loving your parents, praying for them, helping them and never doing such acts as may displease them are basic moral teachings of the Quran. This book explains why the Quran urges us to respect, obey and above all pray for our parents. Through simple text and vivid colour illustrations children are told why pleasing their parents pleases Allah. Islamic Children's Books on the Quran, the Hadith, and the Prophet Muhammad, kids books games gifts activities puzzles on akhlaq Arabic learning and moral values, stories of sahabah, bestselling children's books by Goodword to teach the glory of Allah, islamic school books**

### **MILITARY REVIEW**

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### **THE GARDENS OF SABA (GOODWORD)**

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*Goodword Books* **The Gardens of Saba is a beautifully illustrated and creatively written story of the rise and fall of the people of Saba, in ancient Yemen. It reminds us that we should always be thankful to Allah for His blessings and never become arrogant and proud over our success. Islamic Children's Books on the Quran, the Hadith, and the Prophet Muhammad, kids books games gifts activities puzzles on akhlaq Arabic learning and moral values, stories of sahabah, bestselling children's books by Goodword to teach the glory of Allah, islamic school books**

### **COLLOQUIAL ARABIC (LEVANTINE)**

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### **THE COMPLETE COURSE FOR BEGINNERS**

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*Routledge* **Colloquial Arabic (Levantine)** provides a step-by-step course in Levantine Arabic as it is used today. Combining a user-friendly approach with a thorough treatment of the language, it equips learners with the essential



skills needed to communicate confidently and effectively in Levantine Arabic in a broad range of situations. No prior knowledge of the language is required. Key features include: progressive coverage of speaking, listening, reading and writing skills structured, jargon-free explanations of grammar an extensive range of focused and stimulating exercises realistic and entertaining dialogues covering a broad variety of scenarios useful vocabulary lists throughout the text additional resources available at the back of the book, including a full answer key and bilingual glossaries. Balanced, comprehensive and rewarding, Colloquial Arabic (Levantine) is an indispensable resource both for independent learners and students taking courses in Levantine Arabic. Colloquials are now supported by FREE AUDIO available online. All audio tracks referenced within the text are free to stream or download from [www.routledge.com/cw/colloquials](http://www.routledge.com/cw/colloquials). Recorded by native speakers, the audio complements the book and will help enhance learners' listening and speaking skills. By the end of this course, you will be at Level B1 of the Common European Framework for Languages and at the Intermediate-Low on the ACTFL proficiency scales.

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## **MUHAMMAD**

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### **HIS LIFE BASED ON THE EARLIEST SOURCES**

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Acclaimed worldwide as the definitive biography of the Prophet Muhammad in the English language, Martin Lings' *Muhammad: His Life Based to the Earliest Sources* is unlike any other. Based on Arabic sources of the eighth and ninth centuries, of which some important passages are translated here for the first time, it owes the freshness and directness of its approach to the words of men and women who heard Muhammad speak and witnessed the events of his life. Martin Lings has an unusual gift for narrative. He has adopted a style which is at once extremely readable and reflects both the simplicity and grandeur of the story. The result is a book which will be read with equal enjoyment by those already familiar with Muhammad's life and those coming to it for the first time. *Muhammad: His Life Based to the Earliest Sources* was given an award by the government of Pakistan, and selected as the best biography of the Prophet in English at the National Seerat Conference in Islamabad in 1983.

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### **THE LIFE OF THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD**

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*Fons Vitae* - A special edition was produced for the Bosnian Minister of Education. - What everyone needs to know to understand the Muslim World and The Nature of the Prophet Mohammed as the role model of for the lives of all Muslims. - An authentic and accurate biography prepared for Muslim children, widely used in university religion

courses. - Has been translated into Arabic, Bosnian and Spanish. - full color illustrations.

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## **GREAT WOMEN OF ISLAM**

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## **WHO WERE GIVEN THE GOOD NEWS OF PARADISE**

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## **MUHAMMAD THE LAST PROPHET**

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## **A MODEL FOR ALL TIME**

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*Islamic Books*

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## **FAMILY MEDICINE**

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## **A PRACTICAL APPROACH**

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*Trafford on Demand Pub* **Family Medicine: A Practical Approach** shares essential tools for developing a successful practice and basic clinical methods and principles that will guide medical students, residents, general practitioners, and certified family physicians through the daily routine of a family practitioner. Beginning with a thorough definition and history of family practice, Khalid S. Al-Gelban, Yahia M. Al-Khaldi, and Mohammad M. Diab provide a comprehensive overview of a medical discipline where the family physician is a skilled clinician and the doctor-patient relationship is central. Al-Gelban, Al-Khaldi, and Diab cover a broad range of topics that include medical ethics, problem solving processes, and key areas for action to improve health while teaching specific methods for diagnosing illness, prescribing medicine, and ensuring patient compliance. Medical professionals will also learn how to interview patients with specific symptoms and conduct physical examinations that will lead to accurate diagnoses and successful treatment plans. From anxiety disorders to insomnia to hypertension, **Family Medicine: A Practical Approach** will lead medical professionals of all levels and experience through a discipline that is challenging, rewarding, and focused on providing excellent care to patients throughout the world.

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## **FAITH-BASED VIOLENCE AND DEOBANDI MILITANCY IN PAKISTAN**

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*Springer* This book documents and highlights the Deobandi dimension of extremism and its implications for faith-based

violence and terrorism. This dimension of radical Islam remains largely ignored or misunderstood in mainstream media and academic scholarship. The book addresses this gap. It also covers the Deobandi diaspora in the West and other countries and the role of its radical elements in transnational incidents of violence and terrorism. The specific identification of the radical Deobandi and Salafi identity of militants is useful to isolate them from the majority of peaceful Sunni and Shia Muslims. Such identification provides direction to governmental resources so they focus on those outfits, mosques, madrassas, charities, media and social medial channels that are associated with these ideologies. This book comes along at a time when there is a dire need for alternative and contextual discourses on terrorism.

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### **MUHAMMAD MESSENGER OF ALLAH**

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Kitab Ash-Shifa bi ta'rif huquq al-Mustafa, (Healing by the recognition of the Rights of the Chosen One), of Qadi 'Iyad (d. 544H/1149CE) is perhaps the most frequently used and commented upon handbook in which the Prophet's, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, life, his qualities and his miracles are described in every detail. Generally known by its short title, Ash-Shifa, this work was so highly admired throughout the Muslim world that it soon acquired a sanctity of its own for it is said: "If Ash-Shifa is found in a house, this house will not suffer any harm... when a sick person reads it or it is recited to him, Allah will restore his health." Ash-Shifa gathers together all that is necessary to acquaint the reader with the true stature of the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, with the esteem and respect which is due to him, and with the verdict regarding anyone who does not fulfil what his stature demands or who attempts to denigrate his supreme status - even by as much as a nail paring. QADI 'IYAD His full name was Abu al-Fadl 'Iyad ibn Musa ibn 'Iyad ibn 'Imran ibn Musa ibn Muhammad ibn 'Abdullah ibn Musa ibn 'Iyad al-Yahsubi, the famous Imam. He was born in Ceuta in the month of Sha'ban, 496 AH and lived there although his family originated from Andalusia. According to his son, Muhammad, his ancestors originated in Andalusia and then moved to the city of Fes, staying in the Qarawiyyin at some point. 'Imrun moved to Ceuta after having lived in Fes. Qadi 'Iyad was the Imam of his time in hadith and its sciences. He was a scholar of tafsir and its sciences, a faqih in usul, a scholar in grammar, language and Arabic speech, as well as in the battles and lineages of the Arabs. He had insight into judgements and had the legal competence to write contracts. He preserved and knew the Maliki madhhab. He was an excellent poet, familiar with literature and an eloquent orator. He was steadfast, forbearing and a good companion. He was generous and gave a lot of sadaqa. He was constant in action and tenacious in the truth. He died in Marrakesh in the month of Jumada al-Akhira or Ramadan in 544 AH. AISHA BEWLEY Aisha Abdurrahman at Tarjumana Bewley is one of today's

most prolific translators of classical Arabic works into English. For more than thirty-five years she has been concerned with making the contents of many classical Arabic works more accessible to English-speaking readers. She is co-translator of *The Noble Qur'an A New Rendering of its Meaning in English*. Other works include *Al-Muwatta of Imam Malik*, *The Meaning of Man*, *Mu'awiya - Restorer of the Muslim Faith*, *A Glossary of Islamic Terms*, *Islam: The Empowering of Women and Muslim Women*, a *Biographical Dictionary*.

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### **MUHAMMAD AND THE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK**

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*Xlibris Corporation* **Muhammad and the People of Book** by Sahaja Carimokam asks the question, what was the nature of Muhammad's relationship to non-Muslims, particularly Jews and Christians, and how did it change over time? This work is based on a chronological reading of the chapters of the Qur'an supplemented with Muslim commentary literature and biographical materials on the life of Muhammad. Carimokam traces Muhammad's evolving religious viewpoint based on his borrowings of primarily Jewish and some Christian traditional/apocryphal materials. He shows how Muhammad's inaccurate and anachronistic rendition of Jewish traditional literature ensured that the Jews would reject him as a Prophet. This rejection led to his ultimatum to the Jews early in the Medinan period of the Qur'an and culminated with his call to Jihad against all non-Muslims, including those Jews and Christians who refused to acknowledge his Prophethood. The origins of takfir, declaring Muslims to be non-Muslims, are considered. Comparisons are made of moderate and traditional interpreters of the Qur'an. Historical-critical issues regarding the background provided by Muslim historical propaganda is considered in one chapter. The book concludes with a controversial issue for the interpretation of Islamic law in the 21st century based on the actual canonical practices of Muhammad.

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### **BASIC DUAS FOR CHILDREN (GOODWORD)**

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*Goodword Books* **Duas** your children can recite at various times through the day, in simple rhyming text that is easy on the ears. **Islamic Children's Books** on the Quran, the Hadith, and the Prophet Muhammad, kids books games gifts activities puzzles on akhlaq Arabic learning and moral values, stories of sahabah, bestselling children's books by Goodword to teach the glory of Allah, islamic school books

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### **THE HOUSE OF WISDOM**

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### **HOW ARABIC SCIENCE SAVED ANCIENT KNOWLEDGE AND GAVE US THE RENAISSANCE**

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*Penguin* **A myth-shattering view of the Islamic world's myriad scientific innovations and the role they played in sparking the European Renaissance. Many of the innovations that we think of as hallmarks of Western science had their roots in the Arab world of the middle ages, a period when much of Western Christendom lay in intellectual darkness. Jim al-Khalili, a leading British-Iraqi physicist, resurrects this lost chapter of history, and given current East-West tensions, his book could not be timelier. With transporting detail, al-Khalili places readers in the hothouses of the Arabic Enlightenment, shows how they led to Europe's cultural awakening, and poses the question: Why did the Islamic world enter its own dark age after such a dazzling flowering?**

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### **THE TRADE**

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### **MY JOURNEY INTO THE LABYRINTH OF POLITICAL KIDNAPPING**

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*Hachette UK* **A former hostage in the tribal areas of Pakistan returns to meet his kidnappers and uncover how political kidnappings and ransoms take place in the shadows of the world's most lawless territories. In 2014, Jere Van Dyk traveled to Afghanistan to try to discover the motives behind a kidnapping that had occurred six years earlier -- his own. He was haunted by questions about why he was taken and why he was released, and troubled by the refusal of his friends, employer, and government employees to offer him a full account of what they knew. An experienced investigative reporter, he began a quest to interrogate the accuracy of everything he was told, including from the people he trusted most. In pursuing his kidnappers, and the stories of the intermediaries and money men, Van Dyk uncovered not just the story of his own abduction but the operation of what he calls the Trade: the business of kidnapping. Operating according to its own shadowy rules, the Trade has become a murky form of negotiation between criminal groups, corporations, families, and governments who have no formal lines of communication. Van Dyk's journey took him from up near the Tribal Areas of Pakistan, to the tea shops of Kabul, to the Obama White House, and revealed evidence of lucrative transactions and rival bandit groups working under the direction of intelligence**

services. In its course, he met the families of many Americans who were or are still kidnapped, bargaining chips at the mercy of violent and pitiless extremists who thrive in the world's most lawless spaces.

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## **THE LEADERSHIP OF MUHAMMAD**

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*Kogan Page Publishers* **The Leadership of Muhammad** is a very personal study of the life-story and leadership skills of the Prophet. John Adair served with a Bedouin regiment in the Arab Legion and this story is full of fascinating detail of desert life and Bedouin beliefs. A business book that crosses boundaries it highlights the key leadership skills displayed by Muhammad and allows you to share in his wisdom. John Adair weaves the story of Muhammad's life together with aspects of Bedouin culture and ancient proverbs to provide key points for leaders and aspiring leaders. He discusses tribal leadership and essential attributes such as integrity, moral authority and humility. Learning and leadership go hand in hand. You are not born a leader, but you can become one and it is never too late to learn. John Adair's study of Muhammad and the tribal tradition of leadership is an essential addition to the leadership debate.

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## **ARABIC SCIENCE FICTION**

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*Springer* This book traces the roots of Arabic science fiction through classical and medieval Arabic literature, undertaking close readings of formative texts of Arabic science fiction via a critical framework developed from the work of Western critics of Western science fiction, Arab critics of Arabic science fiction and postcolonial theorists of literature. Ian Campbell investigates the ways in which Arabic science fiction engages with a theoretical concept he terms "double estrangement" wherein these texts provide social or political criticism through estrangement and simultaneously critique their own societies' inability or refusal to engage in the sort of modernization that would lead the Arab world back to leadership in science and technology.

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## **THE NEW GIRL**

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*HarperCollins* From No.1 New York Times bestselling author Daniel Silva comes a stunning new thriller of vengeance, deception, and betrayal. 'Allon is the 21st century Bond' Daily Mail

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## **THE HOUSE OF WISDOM**

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## HOW THE ARABS TRANSFORMED WESTERN CIVILIZATION

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*Bloomsbury Publishing USA* For centuries following the fall of Rome, western Europe was a benighted backwater, a world of subsistence farming, minimal literacy, and violent conflict. Meanwhile Arab culture was thriving, dazzling those Europeans fortunate enough to catch even a glimpse of the scientific advances coming from Baghdad, Antioch, or the cities of Persia, Central Asia, and Muslim Spain. There, philosophers, mathematicians, and astronomers were steadily advancing the frontiers of knowledge and revitalizing the works of Plato and Aristotle. In the royal library of Baghdad, known as the House of Wisdom, an army of scholars worked at the behest of the Abbasid caliphs. At a time when the best book collections in Europe held several dozen volumes, the House of Wisdom boasted as many as four hundred thousand. Even while their countrymen waged bloody Crusades against Muslims, a handful of intrepid Christian scholars, thirsty for knowledge, traveled to Arab lands and returned with priceless jewels of science, medicine, and philosophy that laid the foundation for the Renaissance. In this brilliant, evocative book, Lyons shows just how much "Western" culture owes to the glories of medieval Arab civilization, and reveals the untold story of how Europe drank from the well of Muslim learning.