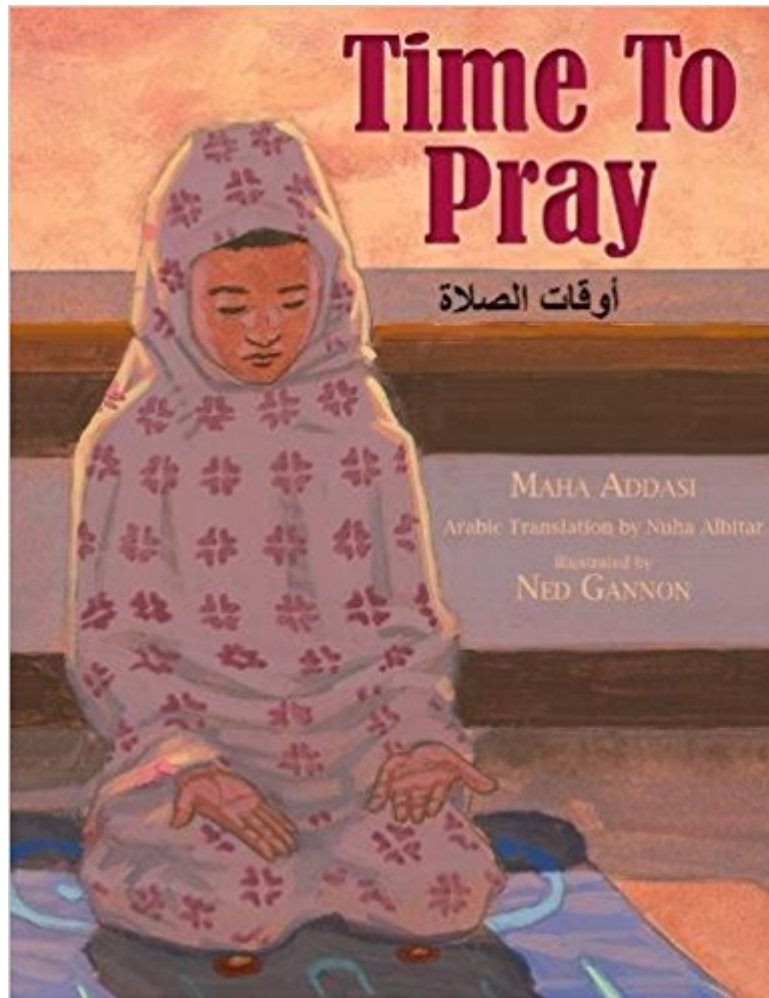




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Synopsis

A visit with Grandmother in the Middle East is always special for Yasmin, but this time it is even more so in this picture book about faith and family. On her first night visiting her grandmother, Yasmin is wakened by the muezzin at the nearby mosque calling the faithful to prayer. She watches from her bed as her grandmother prepares to pray. During her stay, Yasmin's grandmother makes her prayer clothes, buys her a prayer rug, and teaches her the five prayers that Muslims perform over the course of a day. When it's time for Yasmin to board a plane and return home, her grandmother gives her a present. When Yasmin opens the present when she gets home, she discovers a prayer clock in the shape of a mosque, with an alarm that sounds like a muezzin calling the faithful to prayer. Maha Addasi's warm and endearing story, richly illustrated by Ned Gannon, is the recipient of an Arab American Book Award, Honor Book. Featuring text both in English and Arabic, this is a perfect title for children learning more about Middle Eastern cultures and language. School Library Journal says: "A beautifully woven tale of grandparent affection and spiritual development." Booklist says: "An affectionate, intergenerational story."

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Gr 1-4 Yasmin is visiting her grandmother in the Middle East. She hears the muezzin

making his first call to prayer before dawn but is too tired to get up. She watches Teta make wudu (ablution) to prepare for worship. Yasmin wonders how she will know when to pray at home because there are no mosques where she lives, but her grandmother assures her they will find a way. Sadly, the visit comes to an end, and Teta takes Yasmin to the airport. When the girl arrives home, she unpacks her gifts, her prayer costume, and her mat, and she finds a surprise box from Teta. In it, she discovers a miniature mosque that gives the adhan (prayer call) five times a day. This is a beautifully woven tale of grandparent affection and spiritual development. Gannon's illustrations present a warm and authentic balance of Islamic geometric designs and Arab architecture and culture. This bilingual, English and Arabic book ends with an explanation of Salah—the five times during the day of worship for Muslims. Familiarizing Islamic prayer through realistic fiction makes this a fine choice for most collections. Fawzia Gilani-Williams, An-Noor School, Windsor, Ontario © Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

At her grandmother's home in the Middle East, a small Muslim girl learns how and when to pray. Woven into the story are the five prayers of the day as Teta and Yasmin move through a day, in which they visit a mosque and enjoy traditional foods. Teta also makes Yasmin special prayer clothes and gives her a prayer rug, and when it is time for Yasmin to leave for her home far away and they hug good-bye at the airport, Teta gives Yasmin a special gift: a prayer clock. There is no mosque near Yasmin's home, so Dad helps her set the times for the five daily prayers. Each handsome, double-page spread combines dual English-Arabic text and clear, richly colored illustrations that blend oil paintings and collage in glowing shades of brown and red. An affectionate, intergenerational story from the creators of *The White Nights of Ramadan* (2008). Grades K-3.

--Hazel Rochman

Lovely story with good info about the five times salat at the end .

MashaAllah. This is a beautiful little book and the illustrations are lovely and help set the tone. The book is in English with Arabic on each page, also. I ordered this for my daughters who are learning to pray. They both enjoyed it and it's a lovely addition to our growing muslim children book collection :)

What a beautiful book, especially those who are new to the faith or learning about Islam. I loved the

bilingual aspect too.

Beautiful book for daughters book collection

amazing book

I enjoyed it, my children enjoyed it: it's a simple yet touching story that reminds us of our other home...

I ordered this for my 9yr old niece and she loves it! I think its great for young children and has a good moral lesson.

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