

Understanding and Engaging our Muslim Neighbours: A Resource List

Translations of the Qur'an

1. [Tarif Khalidi's](#) translation is my favourite to read or use in groups, particularly as it captures the various genres very well.
2. The new Harper Collins [Study Qur'an](#) is a strong translation and includes commentary from both the Sunni and Shi'a traditions.
3. [Michael Sells'](#) work is both a translation and introduction to the early revelations.
4. Mona Siddiqui's [short book](#) offers a good general introduction to how to read the Qur'an.
5. Amina Wadud's [Qur'an and Woman](#) was a seminal text in Womanist or Muslima interpretation.

General Introductions to Islam, Muslim practice, and history

1. Daniel W. Brown, [A New Introduction to Islam](#) (this is the textbook that I use when I teach Islam at universities)
2. Tamim Ansary's [Destiny Disrupted](#) tells the story of world history from an Islamic point of view.
3. Ben Daniel's [The Search for Truth about Islam](#) is written by an American pastor and offers a helpful resources, particularly for mainline Christians.

Muhammad

1. Jonathan Brown has written both the [Very Short Introduction](#) and this longer book on [Muhammad](#).
2. Many people recommend Karen Armstrong's [book on Muhammad](#) (although I have not read it).
3. Tarif Khalidi's [Images of Muhammad](#) discusses the different meanings of Muhammad across the centuries.
4. The PBS' [documentary on Muhammad](#) is a bit long but has some stunning shots and could be excerpted for classes.

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1. Abdullah Saeed's [*Islamic Thought: An Introduction*](#)
2. Wael Hallaq is one of the foremost scholars of Shari'a and this is [his most accessible book](#) (although still fairly academic)

Contemporary Issues

1. Isobel Coleman's [*Paradise Beneath Her Feet*](#) offers a compelling study of the role that women have played in various social movements in the Middle East.
2. Shadi Hamid's [*Islamic Exceptionalism*](#) is a study of political Islam with some comparisons with Christian law.
3. Amir Hussain's [*Muslims and the Making of America*](#)

Christian-Muslim Relations Books

1. My colleague at Edinburgh, Hugh Goddard, wrote an introduction to the history of Christian-Muslim relations; Clinton Bennett's [*Understanding Christian-Muslim Relations*](#) is a more textual study.
2. A few good books on [Jesus in Christian-Muslim relations](#) are Mona Siddiqui's *Christians, Muslims, and Jesus*; Mahmoud Ayoub's [*A Muslim View of Christianity*](#); Mustafa Akyol's [*The Islamic Jesus*](#) is an accessible popular book and you can read an [excerpt in the NY Times](#); Oddbjørn Leirvik summarises [Muslims views of Jesus](#).
3. A few good books from Christians thinkers include [this edited volume](#), Miroslav Volf's [Allah](#), and John Renard's [comparative work](#).

Novels and Films

1. *Films:* [The Sultan and the Saint](#); [Of Gods and Men](#); [Timbuktu](#);
2. *Novels:* [American Dervish](#); [Exit West](#); [The Baghdad Eucharist](#); The Televangelist.

Web Resources

1. The [Common Word](#) is a Muslim initiative about love of God and neighbour
2. [Scriptural Reasoning](#)
3. [The Bridge Initiative](#) out of Georgetown



4. The University of Edinburgh's [forthcoming site](#)
5. The [pluralism project](#) at Harvard has some good statistics and resources
6. Dalia Mogahed on being [Muslim in America](#)
7. CBS series on being [Muslim in America](#)
8. Pew Research on [Muslim Americans](#)
9. [Muftah](#) has a lot of news and online resources about global events and Islam

Videos shown in class

1. [Shari'a Voiced](#)
2. [Hamdulillah](#) video with many different people and faces
3. [Anti-terror campaign song](#)

