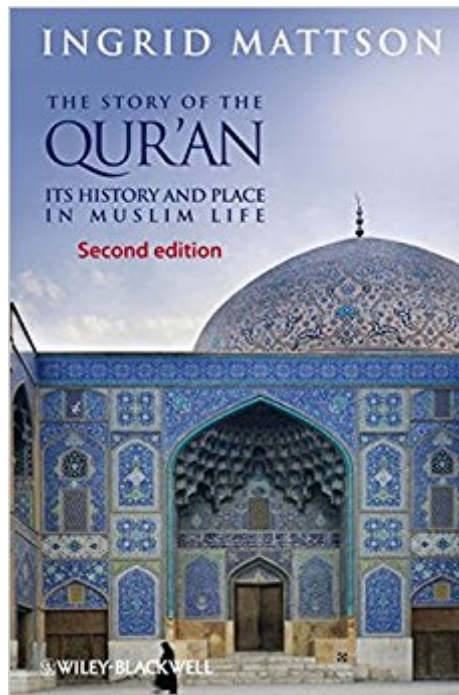




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# **The Story Of The Qur'an: Its History And Place In Muslim Life**



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“Ingrid Mattson offers fresh, thoughtful, and learned insights into the Qurʾān that are rich in scholarly and historical detail, cultural depth and breadth, and personal meaning. This book will enlighten and engage the novice reader as well as those already familiar with the Qurʾān. I recommend it as an excellent companion to the study of Islam or the Qurʾān itself.”

—Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University Chicago

“Dr. Ingrid Mattson takes her readers, effortlessly, through the Qurʾān with her eloquent ‘zen’ like writing style. The book takes its readers on a journey of discovery into Islam’s Holy Scripture. It is an

excellent introduction for students of Islam as well as non-academic circles as it touches upon the personal effects of the Qur'an on the believer and its impact on society and culture at the same time maintaining a historical perspective of its formation. •Khaled Keshk, DePaul University

“In The Story of the Qur'an, Second Edition, Professor Ingrid Mattson achieves a rare synthesis of cutting-edge scholarship and Islamic piety. With the Holy Qur'an as her guide and lens, Dr. Mattson graciously introduces the reader to Islam in all its major facets, from its origins to the present. This valuable book is written by one of the great leaders of North American Islam and should be must-reading for Muslims, Christians, Jews, and all who would understand the Qur'an and its followers. Recommended for university, Church, Synagogue, and Mosque classes and reading groups.”

•Rabbi Burton L. Visotzky, Jewish Theological Seminary

Since publication The Story of the Qur'an has received high praise for its sensitivity, deft scholarship, and carefully balanced portrayal of the study of the Qur'an and its place in historic and contemporary Muslim society. Acclaimed Islamic scholar Ingrid Mattson now updates her authoritative and comprehensive introduction through the addition of expanded sections on the Qur'an in art and architecture, in the life cycle of Muslims, and in Islamic ethics and law. Through a close examination of the doctrines in the Qur'an, Mattson reveals their significance to individual Muslims and the societies in which they live. Other key themes addressed include the Qur'an's most important historical interpretations, significant figures who transmitted and taught the sacred scripture over the centuries, and the influence of the Qur'an on major aspects of Muslim society including personal relationships, popular culture, political movements, science, and literature. Combining scholarly precision with an engaging style, The Story of the Qur'an, Second Edition, offers a fascinating and unique account of the history and current place of the Qur'an in Muslim life.

Entirely readable and very informative. Dr. Mattson does a good job presenting the spectrum of Muslim experience, especially in the West. I would recommend this book highly, especially for non-Muslims looking for a readable overview of modern-day Islam. (Taking the position that the Qur'an is at the very center of Islamic life, It covers much more than just what the Qur'an says.)

I got this book in order to help me prepare for an Islamic contest I was competing in. I was surprised at how much knowledge I gained about my religion through this book. It is wonderfully written and

very informative. Even now, months after my competition, I still enjoy this book. It is very interesting to learn about my history and the story of our ancestors. I would recommend this book to other people out there who are seeking more knowledge about Islam.

Ingrid Mattson's book is only one of several books explaining the Qur'an. It is not the easiest book to follow. I had to read the summary chapter and then read to earlier chapters for the story to fall in to place. Despite the lay the information is good. This book was used as part of the Let's Talk About it: Muslim Journeys, a reading and discussion series sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association to bridge cultures. The Qur'an itself raises some peoples' attention level, so a book explaining it will do like wise.

good

Amazing

This book takes a remarkable journey through Islamic history of the Quran a blessed journey with Allah the knowledge I gain with the grace of Allah

Ingrid Mattson's *The Story of the Qur'an: Its History and Place in Muslim Life* is likely the best book for introducing someone to the both the central teachings of the Quran and to its place in Islamic life and thought. Mattson does a masterful job of weaving in details of Quranic teachings and the relationship that Muslims have with the Quran into a single narrative. The first two chapters are also among the best available literature for understanding the life of the Prophet Muhammad. Chapters three and four are a masterful presentation of the variegated ways in which the Quran penetrates Islamic life. Chapter five provides an excellent account of the manner in which the polyvalent nature of the Quran has led to multiple interpretive strands. The final chapter conveys the majesty of the relationship between the individual believer and the word of God. More than an introduction to the Quran, this book is an introduction to Islam and an all-important window into the heart of the most widely read book in the world.

Fantastic book! Well documented. I fell in love with this book who contributed greatly to my understanding of the story behind the Quran, and the approach one should have with this book. This doesn't happen to often when reading about Islam but the more I was reading the book, the more I

felt I could trust the author completely. She very effectively addresses issues very relevant for western readers. Be ready to discover a whole new universe, which will bring peace to your soul and the mind. And from reading other comments, I don't see why she should have mentioned non-muslim intellectual's views. Like if they were more objective...

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