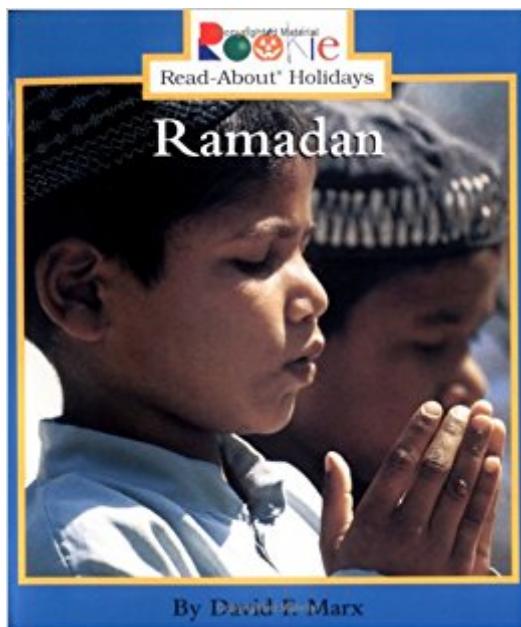


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# Ramadan (Rookie Read-About Holidays)



## **Synopsis**

Following the well-known and much-loved Rookie Books format, these fun and informative books introduce early elementary-school children to the basic facts about major holidays. Each book explains the development of the holiday and how it is celebrated today, and includes holiday games, traditions, crafts, and foods.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

PreSchool-Grade 1-These simple introductions are just the right size and length to share with young children. Through large, well-spaced bold texts of one to four short sentences per page and color photographs at every turn, youngsters learn about the activities, gifts, foods, costumes, and dancing that represent the Chinese New Year, and the prayers, duration, traditions, and fasting of Ramadan. Back matter in each title consists of a visual "Words You Know" with small color photos repeated from the body of the book. These volumes fill a gap for information on these topics for very young children. Teachers of early elementary students will also find Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith's *Celebrating Chinese New Year (Holiday, 1998)* useful. Augusta R. Malvagno, Queens Borough Public Library, NY Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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The basic ideas, customs, and attitudes of this holiday are introduced to young children with most of the appropriate vocabulary and pronunciation guides. Photographs show a nice cultural variety of Muslims, from Arabic to Indian and Indonesian. The book says that at the end of Ramadan, "Muslims have a three-day celebration." Since that celebration is a major part of the holiday and easy to pronounce (EED), its omission is a significant flaw. Another cause for concern is the photograph accompanying the suggestion that all-day fasting is too difficult for some people. Among all the beautiful variety of Muslims world-wide, the picture of apparently African-American children eating cotton candy implies that they are the ones who cannot "keep a promise" to fast. But even with these flaws, this may be the best introduction currently available.

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