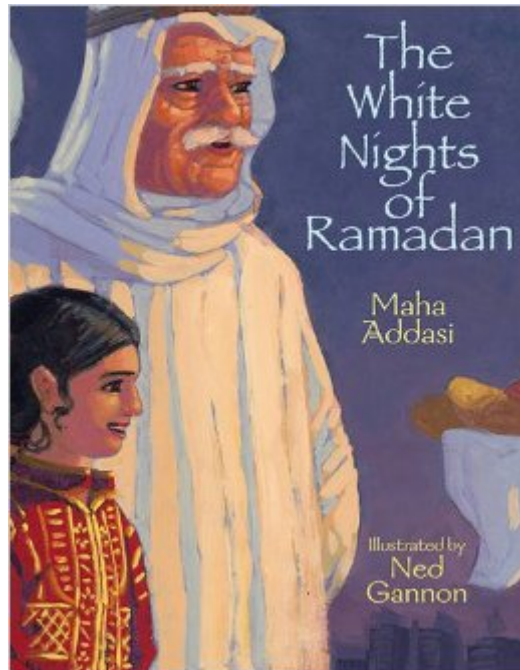


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# The White Nights Of Ramadan



## Synopsis

This picture book for young readers shows how a young girl named Noor, who lives with her family in Kuwait, prepares for the Muslim festival known as Girgian along with her family. Mid-Ramadan is a special time for families in the Arabian (Persian) Gulf. These middle days are known as "the three whites," because they include the day of the full moon, the day before, and the day after. It's a time when children, dressed in traditional clothes, go from house to house collecting treats from their neighbors. When Noor sees the full moon rising, signaling the coming of Girgian, she and her brothers prepare for the fun. Together, they decorate the bags they'll carry to collect the candies. But along with the fun, Noor remembers the true meaning of Ramadan: spending time with family and sharing with those less fortunate. School Library Journal says: "An excellent choice for units on diversity and multiculturalism."

## Book Information

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Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

This is one of my favorite children's book about Ramadan. Every Ramadan I start scouring for kids books to read to my daughter, and often to her class at school, that will give a little glimpse into the tradition of Ramadan, as well as a good story--not always easy to come by. This book is a perfect combination. The book talks about a lovely tradition from another part of the world that I had never

known about. My 6 year old daughter loves the story and enjoys reading it with me every Ramadan.

Noor's face was lit with excitement as she peered out the window at the moon. "It's almost time," she said to herself just before she ran to tell her brothers Sam and Dan. The moon was almost full and Girgian was almost upon them. The boys gave each other a high five and started yelling about all the candy they would get at the Girgian festival. Sam pretended to be a musaher. Bang, bang! The musaher beat his drum every morning during Ramadan to make sure people would wake up for the suhoor meal just before dawn. If they were lucky, he would even leave him a gift. Noor was old enough to fast, but her brothers were still too young. Noor reminded them that they still needed to make the candy. Everyone in the family worked on this special project. Noor, grandmother, grandfather, her mother and father made the candy. Once it was done they all wrapped it up and tied "colorful ribbons around each cluster." This was something the boys could help with. Next Noor and her brothers had to decorate their own bags so they could collect some candy the following evening after iftar. She told them, "Beautiful bags mean more candy!" Soon it would be time to get on her beautiful dress, the one she would wear on Girgian. Ramadan was great fun, but her grandmother reminded her "that the true meaning of Ramadan is spending time with family and sharing with those less fortunate." She would hardly be able to sleep just thinking about the coming excitement! This is a beautiful and very special glimpse of Ramadan from a young woman's point of view. The impressive illustrations and the text convey the excitement of the Girgian festival. This book is the perfect choice to introduce another culture to children or for Muslim children to celebrate and rejoice in their own religious holiday season. This would be a wonderful read aloud and discuss book in any homeschool or classroom setting!

Loved the story line. As a muslim I never knew of the tradition some muslim countries have during Ramadan. However, When I first started fasting, my parents did buy me gift on my first day of Ramadan and pampered me through the whole month. But I really liked this tradition of celebrating as a community. Beautiful illustrations. So much reminded of my own childhood, family unit, and Iftar Rituals during month of Ramadan

As the moon rises during the month of Ramadan, so does the excitement of Noor and her brothers. Learn how costumes, treats and tradition play a part in the fun festival of Girgian. A wonderful way for children to learn about the Muslim observance of Ramadan!\* We Need Diverse Books

Though not a Moslem, I think it is important that we understand other cultures. I especially liked the illustrations for this book-in my opinion (biased as it may be), they "made" the book. I appreciated the colors and lighting effects, as well as the images themselves. I hope this artist does more books in the future!

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