

Recommended books for Christian-Muslim relations

Understanding Basics of Islam:

- **Encountering the World of Islam, by Keith Swartley:** a comprehensive explanation of the history and theology of Islam from the 7th century to the present - a very easy-to-read reference book.
- **Understanding the Koran, by Mateen Ellass:** a basic understanding of how the Koran came into being and how it is revered and read by Muslims.
- **Islam – A Short History, by Karen Armstrong:** this book provides a short but in depth analysis of the development of the Islamic faith in history.
- **What Everyone Needs to Know About Islam, by John Esposito:** answers to frequently asked questions from one of America's leading experts.

Preparing for Christian-Muslim Relationships:

- **Muslims, Christians, and Jesus, by Carl Medearis:** an excellent book describing how much Muslims love Jesus, and how Christian should strive to keep the conversation on Jesus when building bridges of friendship with a Muslim.
- **The Crescent Through the Eyes of the Cross, by Nabeel Jabbour:** a wonderful description of what modern Muslims think about Christianity, and how the Gospel can be better and more sensitively presented to the Muslim heart and mind.
- **Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus, by Nabeel Qureshi:** a story of a devout Muslim searching for ultimate truth and encountering the living Christ in the process.

Christ on the move in the Muslim world:

- **A Wind in the House of Islam, by David Garrison:** describes the recent, phenomenal growth of the underground church of Muslim background believers in Christ worldwide.
- **Miraculous Movements, by Jerry Trousdale:** describes the spiritual dynamics of how millions of Muslims worldwide are finding faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior.
- **Too Many to Jail, by Mark Bradley:** the story of Iran's new underground church which has become the fastest growing church in the world.
- **The Rumbling Volcano, by Nabeel Jabbour:** a fascinating and detailed account of the formation of the Brotherhood of Islam in Egypt and how it has helped give rise to militant fundamentalism Islam in the 20th and 21st centuries.
- **Under the Black Flag, by Sami Moubayed:** describes the history and theology behind the formation of ISIS in Iraq and Syria.

The rise of the moderate Muslim voice:

- **Two books by Ayaan Hirsi Ali, "Infidel" and "Heretic",** both of which make an argument of why Islam desperately needs a reformation now.
- **What's Right with Islam - a New Vision for Muslims and the West, by Feisal Abdul Rauf:** a hopeful account describing how Islam is capable of meeting the demands of modernity and a democratic way of life.
- **Islam Without Extremes, by Mustafa Akyol:** this book argues that the core of Islamic thought and theology is inherently capable of promoting freedom and liberty.
- **The Islamic Jesus, by Mustafa Akyol:** many moderate Muslim theologians now believe that in order for there to be a reformation within Islam today, Muslims will need to follow more closely the teachings of Jesus.