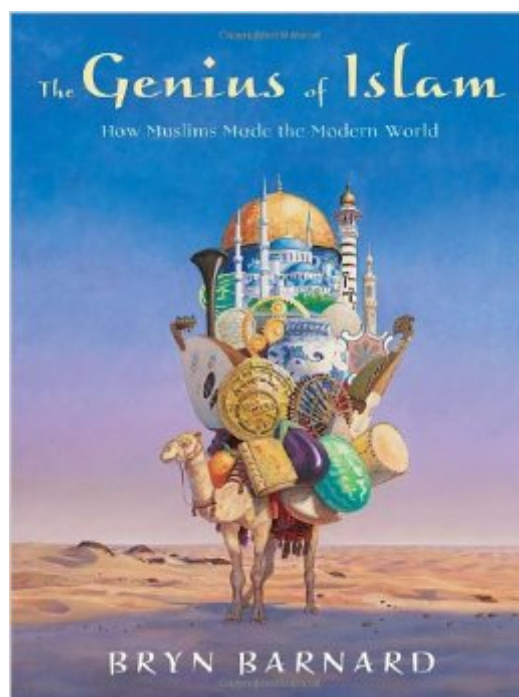


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# The Genius Of Islam: How Muslims Made The Modern World



## Synopsis

The Middle Ages were a period of tremendous cultural and scientific advancement in the Islamic Empire—ideas and inventions that shaped our world. Did you know that: The numbers you use every day (Arabic numerals!) are a Muslim invention? The marching band you hear at football games has its roots in the Middle East? You are drinking orange juice at breakfast today thanks to Islamic farming innovations? The modern city's skyline was made possible by Islamic architecture? The Muslim world has often been a bridge between East and West, but many of Islam's crucial innovations are hidden within the folds of history. In this important book, Bryn Barnard uses short, engaging text and gorgeous full-color artwork to bring Islam's contributions gloriously to life. Chockful of information and pictures, and eminently browsable, *The Genius of Islam* is the definitive guide to a fascinating topic.

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Many "Really?!" moments packed in this slender (just under 40 oversized pages) but informative book. From optics to bananas, bowing stringed instruments to using notation for zero, Islamic civilization got there first, it seems. Barnard's orientation is historical and scientific -- religious issues aren't his subject -- so it will be interesting to see if this book is nevertheless swept up into the politics of our clash-of-civilizations moment merely for its title. Handsome painted illustrations

throughout. It's well written, with many eye-opening revelations.

If you want a concise, very well-researched intro into the history of Islamic civilization and culture, this is a great choice. Nice illustrations, just the right amount of text, and more references in the back. It's a great anti-dote to the kind of thinking that is on display in the review written by another reviewer. Barnard shows where the influences from other civilizations came from, and where the originality from Islamic civilization made it's mark. Highly recommended.

This is a very well written book about some of the advancements the world has seen that were the direct result of invention or inspiration of Muslims. A good book for you people which will give a larger view of Islam.

The illustrations are wonderful and the graphic designer did a fantastic job so that the text, white space proportions and type make this book a visual pleasure. The information is top notch and it is an absolutely essential book for historical reference. I bought it to donate to my middle school's library and the librarian loved it.

This book contains a lot of great information about how Islam and Muslims played a huge part in the development of the modern world. I found this when looking for books for my 10 year old daughter, but it has information for all ages. It is well written and beautifully bound. A great book for anyone who has an interest in world history.

Short and condensed. If you're not into heavy reading, yet curious about the Islamic influence, this book is what you want to read next.

My oldest (9) really enjoys looking through here. Lots of information for his History studies. Great source of info usually left out of elementary history curriculums.

The book is large as in bigger than copy paper size and very brief in pages. However, inside this book you read about the many interesting contributions the Muslim world made to help build modern society, which you typically do not learn in history. I definitely think the book is a good quick read and would recommend it. However, i wouldn't recommend buying it, if you can rent it for cheap or borrow it from the library you should. With that said if money's not an issue definitely buy the book if

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