

Arab American Booklist

[Proudest Blue](#) by Muhammad, Ibtihaj

Faizah experiences her sister's first day at school wearing her beautiful, blue hijab. "The first day of wearing a hijab is important, mama had said. It means being strong." Both girls show this strength and self-confidence for each other as well as to their friends at school. For ages 5 - 10.

[The Arabic Quilt](#) by Aya Khalil

Kanzi is going to a new school where she sometimes feels different and is teased by the other kids. When Kanzi brings her grandmother's Arabic Quilt to school for Show and Tell, her teacher has a creative idea to help her fit in with her classmates. For ages 6-8.

[Halal Hot Dogs](#), by Susannah Aziz

Musa loves the food his family eats after visiting the Mosque. When it is his turn to pick the family meal, he chooses Halal Hot Dogs! Readers will enjoy Musa's enthusiasm and the illustrations will leave mouths watering. For ages 4 – 9.

[Yasmin in Charge](#) by Farqui and Aly

Yasmin is put in charge of the class when her teacher steps out of the classroom. The students start to get out of control and quick-thinking Yasmin has to come up with a solution to this problem, pronto! Kids ages 6 - 8 will enjoy reading this book in a series about the intrepid Yasmin.

[Sadiq and the Gamers](#) by Siman Nuurali.

Sadiq and his school gaming club search for a way to serve others with their talents. Little did they know they would be teaching the residents of a local nursing home how to play video games. Facts about Somalia are included in the front matter. For early readers ages 6-8.

[Hope is an Arrow: The Story of Lebanese American Poet Kahlil Gibran](#) by Cory McCarthy

This lovingly illustrated non-fiction biography follows young Khalil as he and his family flee from the familiarity of rural life to the United States, where they learn to live in a bustling city. Khalil's talent for drawing and writing grows and he becomes a famous author. For children ages 8 – 12.

[Farah Rocks Fifth Grade](#) by Susan Muaddi Darraj

Farah navigates the ups and downs of fifth grade from fracturing friendships to purposely failing tests, to bullies on buses, especially the girl who is bullying her little brother and his friends. For ages 9 – 12.

[Other Words for Home](#) by Jasmine Warga

Danger has come close to Jude's town in Syria so she and her mother are sent to live with family in the United States. This is a story of transition, prejudice, and a resilient young girl who has great insight and understanding about what it is like to learn a new language and navigate a new culture. For ages 10 – 15