

Award-Winning Author



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AUTHOR VISIT WITH MARIAM LATIFI



Mariam Latifi is an Afghan-Australian Author who loves to educate and has a passion to teach young children. As a teacher, writer and now author of the new book "A to Z of Mini Muslims", Mariam sees the vital need in valuing diversity and promoting religious awareness and tolerance amongst all.

Mariam's self-published book "A to Z of Mini Muslims" has recently won the 2022 Global Book Award, receiving the Silver Medal in the category of Children's Spiritual. It has also won the Literary Titan Gold Book Award and became an Award-Winning Finalist in the Children's Religious category of the 2022 International Book Award and also a Finalist for the 2022 Readers' Choice Book Awards in the category of Best Children's Book 3-7.

Mariam has recently won the NSW Local Women of the Year 2022 Award for her contribution and volunteer work in her community and as well as an Honorary Award for her distinctive role in the community in supporting and promoting children's cultural identity and understanding.

Mariam believes in being proud of one's identity and valuing one's own cultural background. This is Mariam's first self-published book inspired by her children, family and community. Mariam has presented in-person and virtually. Mariam's book include the following themes: diversity, unity, inclusivity and empowerment. Her exciting school presentations not only engage readers, but easily tie in with the Australian Curriculum.



About the Author

AUTHOR VISIT WITH MARIAM LATIFI






Author Visit Testimonial

[Redacted Name]
Classroom Teacher/
Assistant Principal

★★★★★

The author visit went extremely well. Having a teaching background, Mariam automatically made authentic connections with the students. They loved listening to her personal journey and learning about her culture. The goodies were a bonus! Definitely recommend to others!

An incredible author visit experience given to all students across the school!




Author Visit Testimonial

[Redacted Name]
Classroom Teacher

★★★★★

The students in my class were highly engaged during Mariam's visit. Many students were very interested in the publishing process, and continued to ask questions afterward. Mariam's discussion of the writing process as a starting point connected with our ongoing discussion of writing as a process of drafting in order to clarify ideas. Mariam comes highly recommended by us.

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Author Visit Testimonial

[Redacted Name]
AP Inclusive Classes

★★★★★

Our students really enjoyed the author visit. It was great to see visuals and hands on items to accompany your speech Mariam. This was really important for our students to build meaning and visualise the special book you were introducing. You were engaging and our students loved the hands on task.

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Author Visit Testimonials

[Redacted Name]
Teachers/ Classroom Teachers/
Assistant Principals

★★★★★

"Fantastic book to build understanding within our community."

★★★★★

"I enjoyed the author talking about her journey to writing the book and why she wrote the book. The students were interested and engaged."

★★★★★

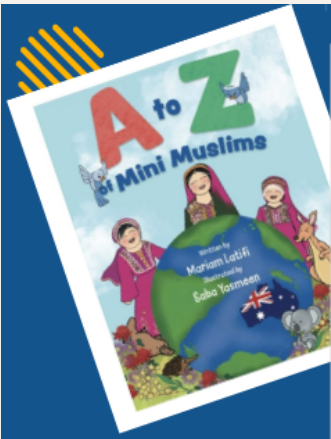
"If only we had a longer session with you!"

★★★★★

"Thank you so much for coming out! Would love to have you back at the school again"

An incredible author visit experience given to all students across the school!





Student Testimonial

Name: ★★★★★
 Class: Year 6 Student

Author Visit Feedback
 I love to hear back from students!
 Please feel free to share your thoughts:)

What I learned...
 Tons about Mini Muslims and lots about the culture of Mariam Latifi.

What I liked...
 The lesson was well planned, very educational and intriguing. I enjoyed.

What I disliked...
 NOTHING!

From 1 to 5, what rating would you give this book
 ★★★★★



Student Testimonial

Name: ★★★★★
 Class: Year 5 Student

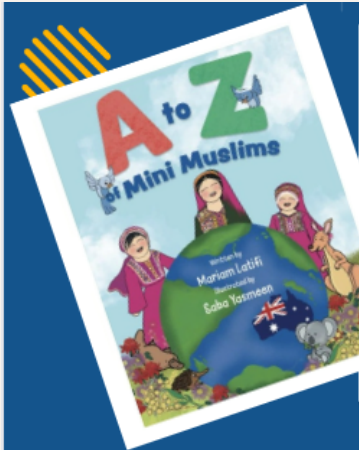
Author Visit Feedback
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What I learned...
 I learned the secret skills to become a writer and I also learned about (Fob) Handwritten note

What I liked...
 Learning about Muslims and their culture

What I disliked...
 Which we had more time with her

From 1 to 5, what rating would you give this book
 ★★★★★



Student Testimonial

Name: ★★★★★
 Class: Years 3-4 Student

Author Visit Feedback
 I love to hear back from students!
 Please feel free to share your thoughts:)

What I learned...
 How to publish a book in 5 tips

What I liked...
 The book and the objects and the quiz

What I disliked...
 Nothing

From 1 to 5, what rating would you give this book
 ★★★★★



Student Testimonial

Name: ★★★★★
 Class: K-2 Student

Author Visit Feedback
 I love to hear back from students!
 Please feel free to share your thoughts:)

What I learned...
 That you need to read alot to become a writer.

What I liked...
 your book

What I disliked...
 Nothing

From 1 to 5, what rating would you give this book
 ★★★★★





Author Visit Checklist

HELLO THERE!

Thank you for having me at your wonderful school! I am very excited and looking forward to it :) Welcome to my Author Visit Packet! Here I've included some logistical basics, the book pre-order form, some optional classroom activities, and AN AUTHOR IS COMING! sign.

SCHOOL TO DO REMINDERS-

- Set aside a space that will accommodate your group and allow children to see clearly up front.
- Presentations include slides. Please make sure the room is equipped with a large screen, projector, and a microphone.
- *Create hype!* A great way to ensure a successful author visit for all is to create excitement prior to the visit. Here are a few ways to build the buzz:
 - Send home flyers and book order forms weeks prior to the author visit
 - Have students visit the author's website and read online interviews to learn more about the author
 - Watch the book trailers available on Mariam's YouTube channel and website
 - Display posters around the school
 - Teachers can utilise the FREE curriculum guides by downloading them from her website at www.mariamlatifi.com.au

ENCOURAGE ENTHUSIASM-

An enthusiastic group of students, who is familiar with my work, makes for a fun and educational presentation. Here are some options to pump up the kids.

- Use some of the enclosed activities prior to my visit
- Decorate bulletin boards with author photos, illustrations, and related student creativity
- Host a bookmark or book cover contest to be judged by the author (I will provide a prize, simply contact me if interested in something like this)
- Have students research and prepare questions prior to the visit (my website will be helpful)

EQUIPMENT- Computer, projector, screen, microphone (if an assembly-sized group), and a small desk/ table in a quiet space to sign books before or after presentations (typically students are not present at signings due to time and logistics)

SIGNED BOOKS- If students order books prior to the school visit, they may have them autographed by the author. There are different ways to organise book purchases, and I'm here to make the process as easy as possible for all! Therefore, I'll bring the books with me :)

if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. Thank you for supporting us local authors :)

Programs for Schools

Mariam's book include themes of diversity, unity and inclusivity whilst embedding Australian themes and perspective and many more. Her children's book can easily be tied into any class curriculum.

Story Time

Perfect for younger audiences. Author Mariam Latifi leads an engaging story time as she reads her picture book and discusses what it means to be an author. The story time will be followed by a brief Q&A.

Author's Journey

Author Mariam Latifi presents her journey as an author, from childhood to publishing her first book. In this presentation, Mariam discusses what it means to be an author, her inspiration, the importance of hard work, and following your dreams.

From Start to Finish: Making a Book

In this presentation, author Mariam Latifi discusses the importance of everyday heroes, big dreams, and the power each person has to make a difference in the world on a local and global scale. This will be followed by how a children's book is made from the initial stages of manuscript writing to publishing it and everything in between and more!

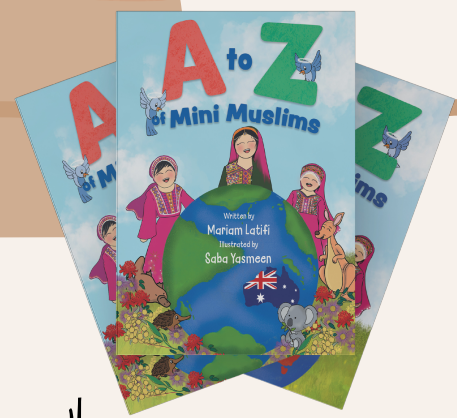
Your Turn! Making your own mini A to Z Book

If time permits - Children will have the opportunity to think like an author and write their own A to Z Book about their country, culture or faith.





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Book Pre-order Form

Author Mariam Latifi is coming to our school!

Mariam Latifi will share her children's book to students about creativity and writing with a fun and educational presentation centered around her children's book. Return this form to order your child their signed copies from the author!

See previews at www.mariamlatifi.com.au or check out the reviews at Amazon.com and on the Author's social media.

DESCRIPTION	WHOLESALE PRICE	QTY	AMOUNT
PAPERBACK A TO Z OF MINI MUSLIMS	\$ 14.99		\$
HARDCOVER A TO Z OF MINI MUSLIMS	\$ 24.99		\$
SUB TOTAL			\$
GRAND TOTAL			\$

Thank You!

NAME(s) to be inscribed in book(s) (please print neatly) _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS PRE-ORDER FORM WITH CORRECT CASH TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER
 MARIAM WILL SIGN THE BOOKS SO THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY OF HER VISIT.

STUDENT'S NAME _____ **CLASS TEACHER** _____



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Mariam graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Education (Primary Ed) and has recently completed her Masters (TESOL) through Monash University. In the past decade, she has worked in both the private and public sectors and across different primary schools throughout Sydney, Australia. Mariam is a wife and a mother to three young girls aged five years and under who love reading. She absolutely enjoys creating environments for her children to thrive in their learning.

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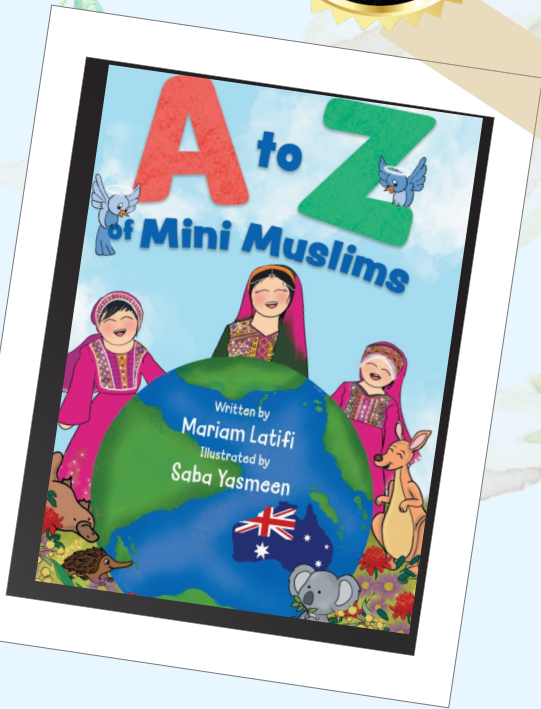




AN AUTHOR IS COMING TO OUR SCHOOL!

MARIAM LATIFI

*Author *Teacher *Speaker



Mariam Latifi

WILL BE HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT HER A TO Z CHILDREN'S BOOK



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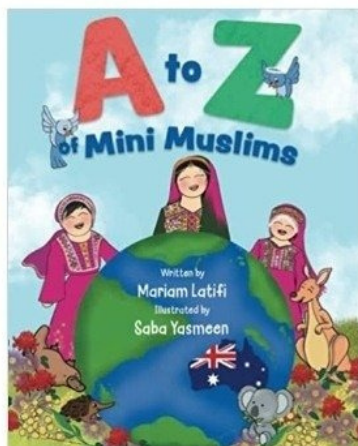
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A to Z of Mini Muslims

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Posted by [Literary Titan](#)



A to Z of Mini Muslims: An Alphabet book exploring all about Islam and being a Muslim teaches the alphabet to children in a unique manner. Instead of using typical shapes, animals, and things to teach each letter, this fantastic children's book uses words and phrases associated

with the religion of Islam to explore each letter. This approach makes this picture book more than just a letter learning book; it is an introduction for those that are not familiar with the Muslim faith.

Author Mariam Latifi and illustrator Saba Yasmeen have created a children's book that even adults can learn from. The vibrant and welcoming images on each page give readers a look into the Islamic religion; for those practicing Islam, The artwork will keep young readers engaged as they learn the alphabet, and older children can pick out details from around the world as they move through the pages. Seeing characters that look and participate in the same activities is crucial. Representation is essential to children and allows them to know they are seen and valued.

I love that this picture book teaches more than just letters of the alphabet. Learning the names of the lunar months and the meaning behind some of the Islamic holy days was fascinating. This is really an eye-opening book for more than just children. Adults can learn just as much from this educational book as other children that do not grow up in this faith.

A to Z of Mini Muslims: An Alphabet book exploring all about Islam and being a Muslim is an exceptional picture book that will entertain readers young and old with actual facts about the religion of Islam and the Muslim faith. Any library would find this to be an excellent addition to their shelves and a great resource for teachers when teaching about diversity.

Pages: 35 | ASIN : B09KZZ13DY

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A-Z BOOK REVIEW

2022 READERS' CHOICE BOOK AWARDS

Mariam Latifi

A to Z of Mini Muslims

Book Review, May 2022



READERS' CHOICE BOOK
AWARDS

VOTED BY READERS

A unique and educational book about Islam and being a Muslim, from author Mariam Latifi

This is a unique and educational A to Z picture book for children, exploring Islam and being a Muslim. The book is ideal for young Muslims who want to learn a little more about their religion, or for anyone interested in learning about this beautiful religion of peace.

Latifi presents a range of interesting facts in an alphabet style picture book, from A which represents the Almighty, All-wise Allah SWT, right through to Z which represents Zakah, which means giving to charity to the poor and needy. This is a great resource for those with limited knowledge of the religion and want to learn more, or for those who want to enhance their knowledge in certain areas. The book also includes a useful glossary of terms and an A to Z of frequently asked questions.

This easy-to-read book will help both children and adults to learn about the religion in a really fun and engaging way. It will help them to learn the alphabet, whilst at the same time supporting the development of new knowledge and new vocabulary. The book would be a valuable resource in any home, public or school library to promote religious awareness and diversity.

The illustrations by Saba Yasmeen complement the book perfectly. The vibrant and diverse images show the beauty of the religion, and unity of Muslims across the world. We particularly liked the subtle themes and references to Australia.

Latifi set out to promote diversity, inclusivity, religious awareness and tolerance, and the book does exactly that.

Star Rating: 5 Stars

Summary

*'A fantastic book which promotes diversity, inclusivity, religious awareness, and tolerance in a fun and engaging way. A **FINALIST** and highly recommended.'*

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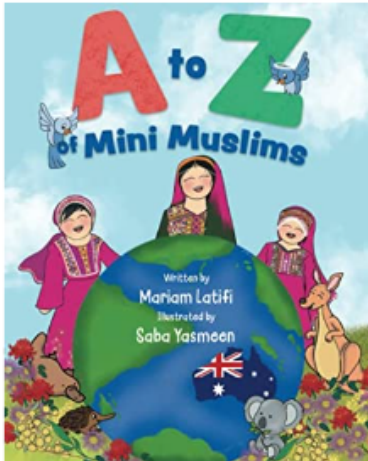
Readers' Choice Book Awards



A-Z BOOK REVIEW



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Book Reviews and Award Contest



A to Z of Mini Muslims

An Alphabet book exploring all about Islam and being a Muslim

by [Mariam Latifi](#)



Children - Religious Theme
Kindle Edition

Reviewed on 04/27/2022

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BOOK REVIEW

Reviewed by Kristine Zimmerman for Readers' Favorite

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion are key concepts for all ages to embrace. *A to Z of Mini Muslims* by Mariam Latifi is a perfect choice to introduce young children to Islam. Each letter of the alphabet highlights something special about Islam. Some of the words are very specific to Islam, like H is for Hajj and other letters use words that will be very familiar to all kids like N is for Neighbours. Latifi mentions the five pillars of Islam and talks about the lunar months. The illustrations also provide lots of information and include pictures of the Kabbah and step-by-step instructions for performing wudu (ritual washing). Latifi has also included a note to parents, a glossary, and discussion questions at the end.

A to Z of Mini Muslims is a unique and informative alphabet book. Young Muslims now have a book celebrating their religion. Children are full of questions, and if kids are not familiar with Islam, this serves as a great introduction for them. Mariam Latifi has filled each page with lots of facts but never in an overwhelming way. The illustrations by Saba Yasmeen are cheerful and full of Australian references. Each spread contains a wealth of information, from the foods depicted to the décor on the walls. As a non-Muslim adult, I learned many things. Diversity in our world is something kids need to embrace and engage with from a young age. *A to Z of Mini Muslims* presents Islam and the Muslims who practice it engagingly for both kids and adults.

Readers' Favorite



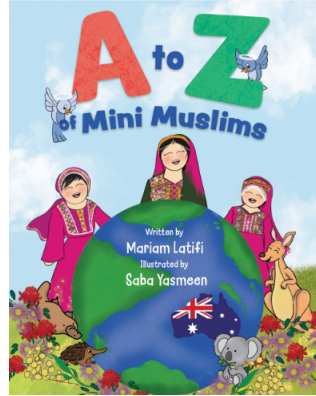
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BOOK REVIEW
A to Z of Mini Muslims by Mariam Latifi

November 3, 2022 · By [Safwan](#)



A to Z of Mini Muslims by Mariam Latifi

The A to Z of Mini Muslims is a perfect book for children of all ages to help them learn all about the religion of Islam.

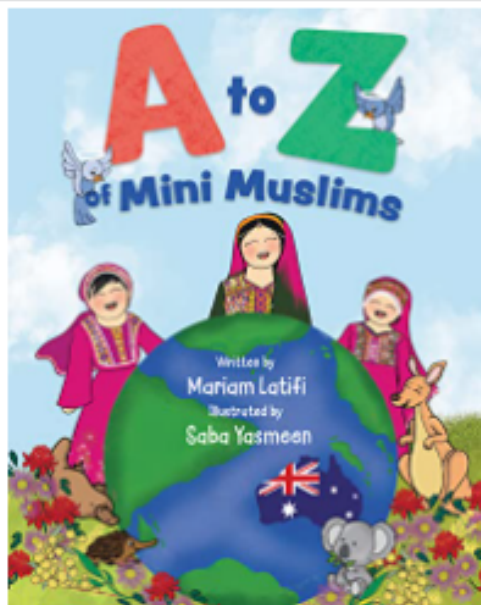
This alphabet Book for Kids is loaded with valuable knowledge about the beautiful religion of Islam so kids can gain a basic understanding of Islamic concepts and teachings of Islam with beautiful and engaging illustrations.

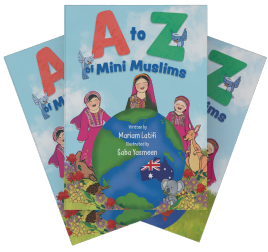
This educational book helps children read and learn about the basic foundations of Islam, like what salah and dua are, why we do fasting in the holy month of Ramadan, and many more teachings of Allah that helps nurture their development.

This book is perfect for children to learn basic and daily used words and expressions in the religion of Islam and teaches them to follow the principles of Islams, like be kind, helpful, and empathetic towards others.

Perfect for 0+

Grab your copy from [Amazon](#).





My First Book Review



I READ

IT IS WRITTEN BY

THE BOOK IS ABOUT

MY FAVORITE PART WAS

I DID NOT LIKE IT WHEN

I THINK THE BOOK WAS

From 1 to 5 stars, what rating would you give this book and why?



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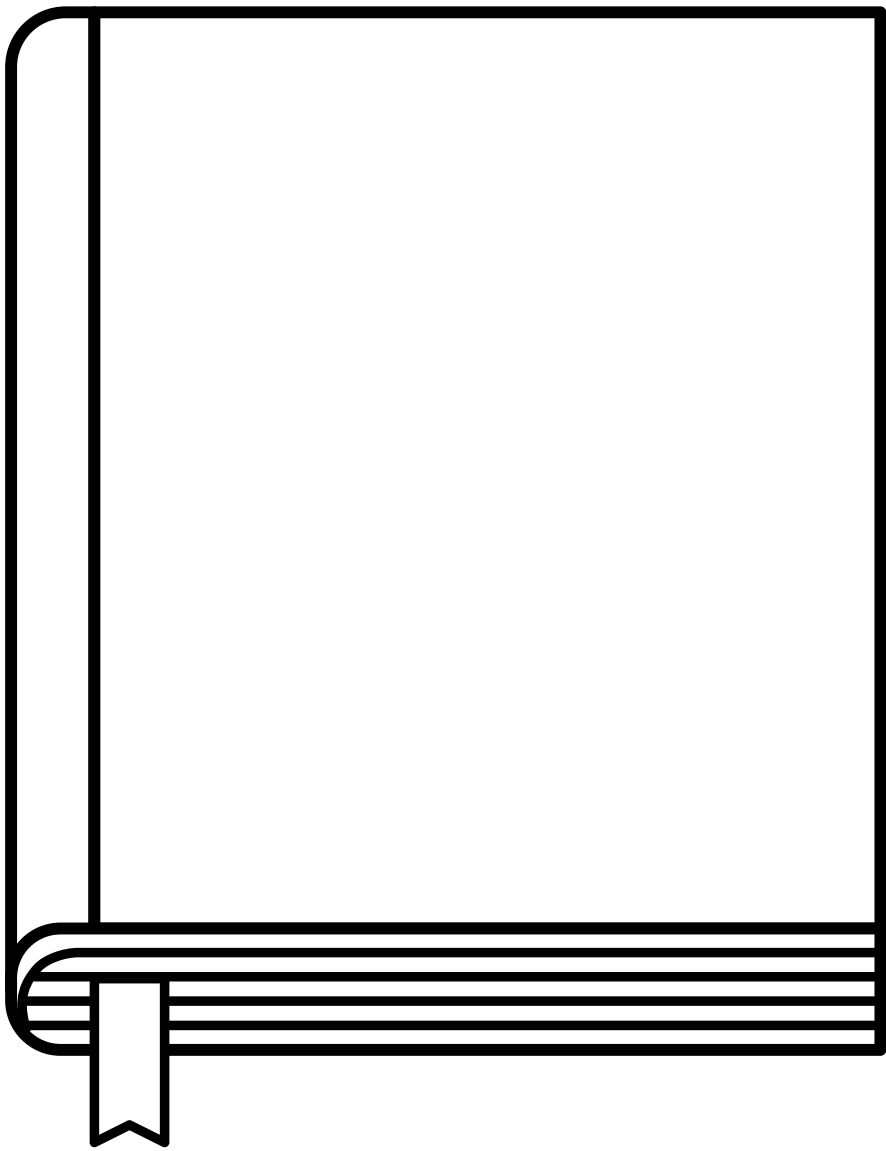


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Design your own Book Cover

*Design your very own A to Z book cover.
Include the author and illustrator:*



Name: _____

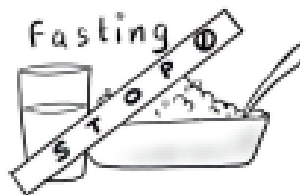
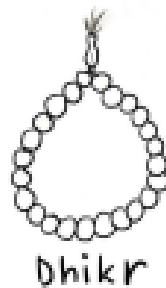
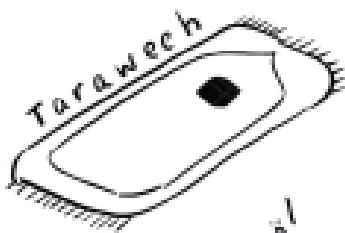
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A to Z of Mini Muslims

An Alphabet book exploring all about Islam and being a Muslim.

Rr is for Ramadan

The 9th month of the Islamic Lunar Calendar.
The holy month of fasting for Muslims all around the world.



Written by
Mariam Latifi
Illustrated by
Saba Yasmeen

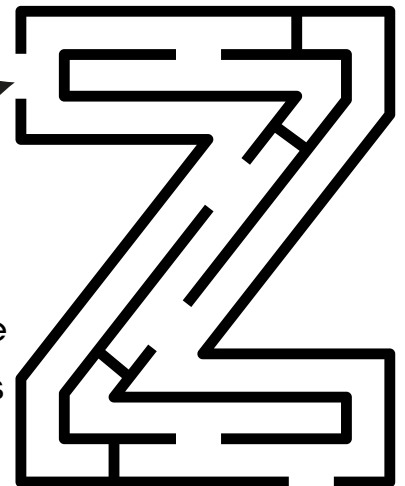
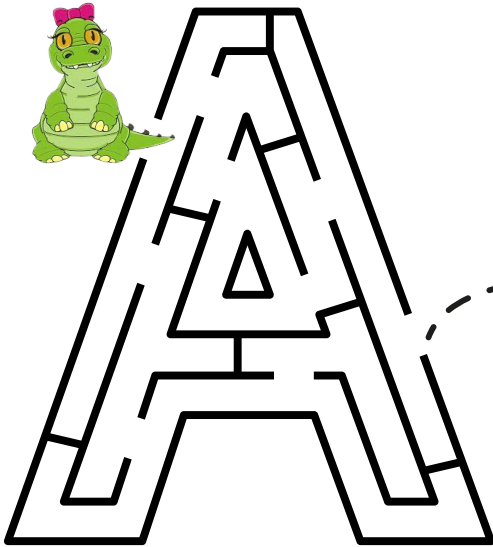




ALPHABET

MAZE

*Miss A has lost her way.
Can you please help her find her way to Mr Z.
They both want to have some tea.*



Miss A enjoys meeting Mr Z for some tea. This time she was very late. What do you think happened? Why was she late and why was she lost?



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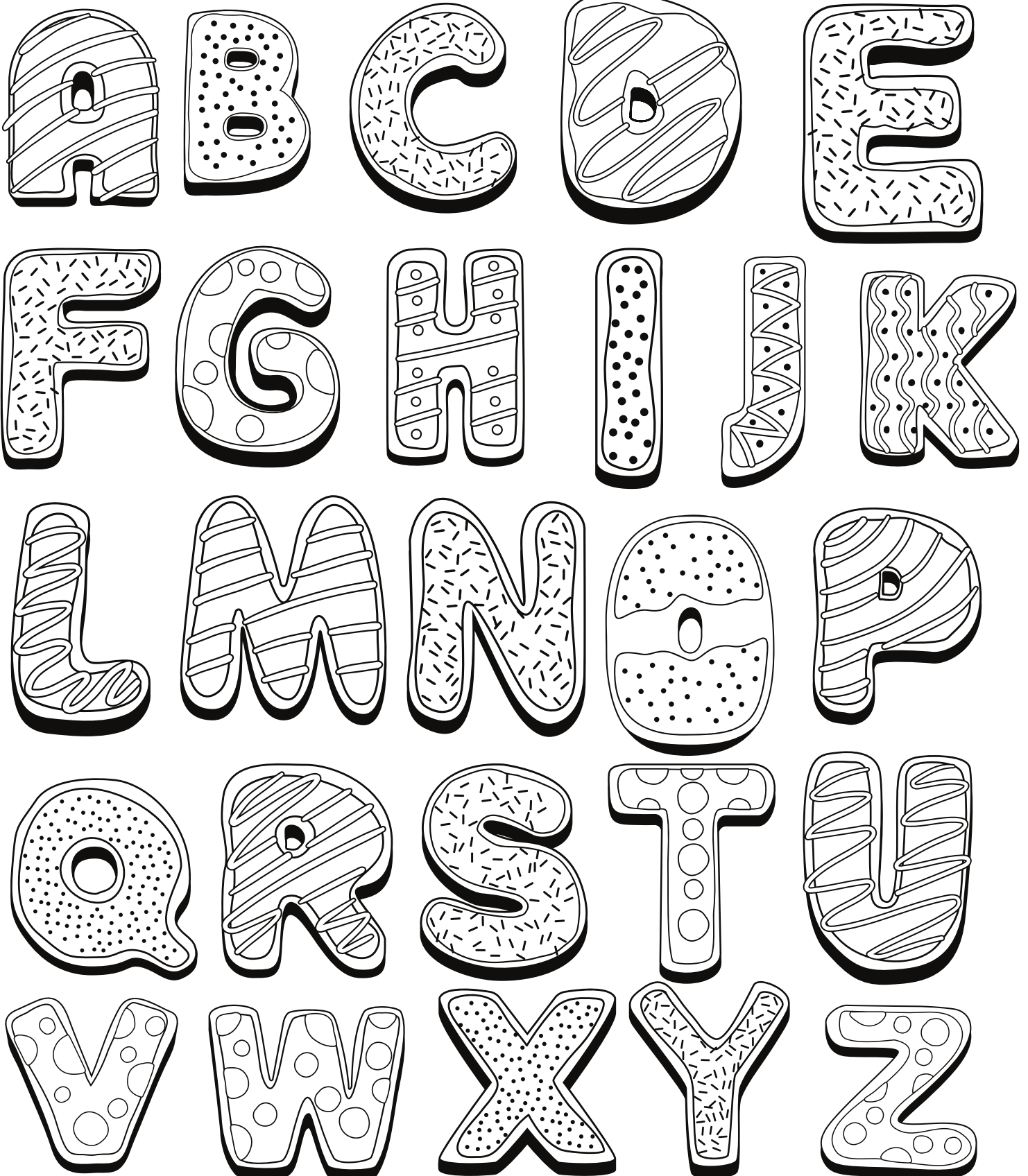
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Alphabet

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Alphabet



Food Book



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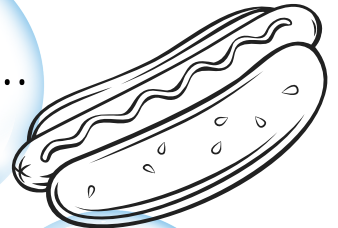
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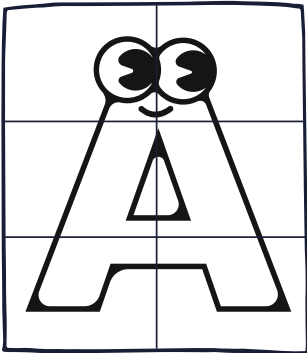
ALPHABET BOOK

Make your own alphabet mini-book

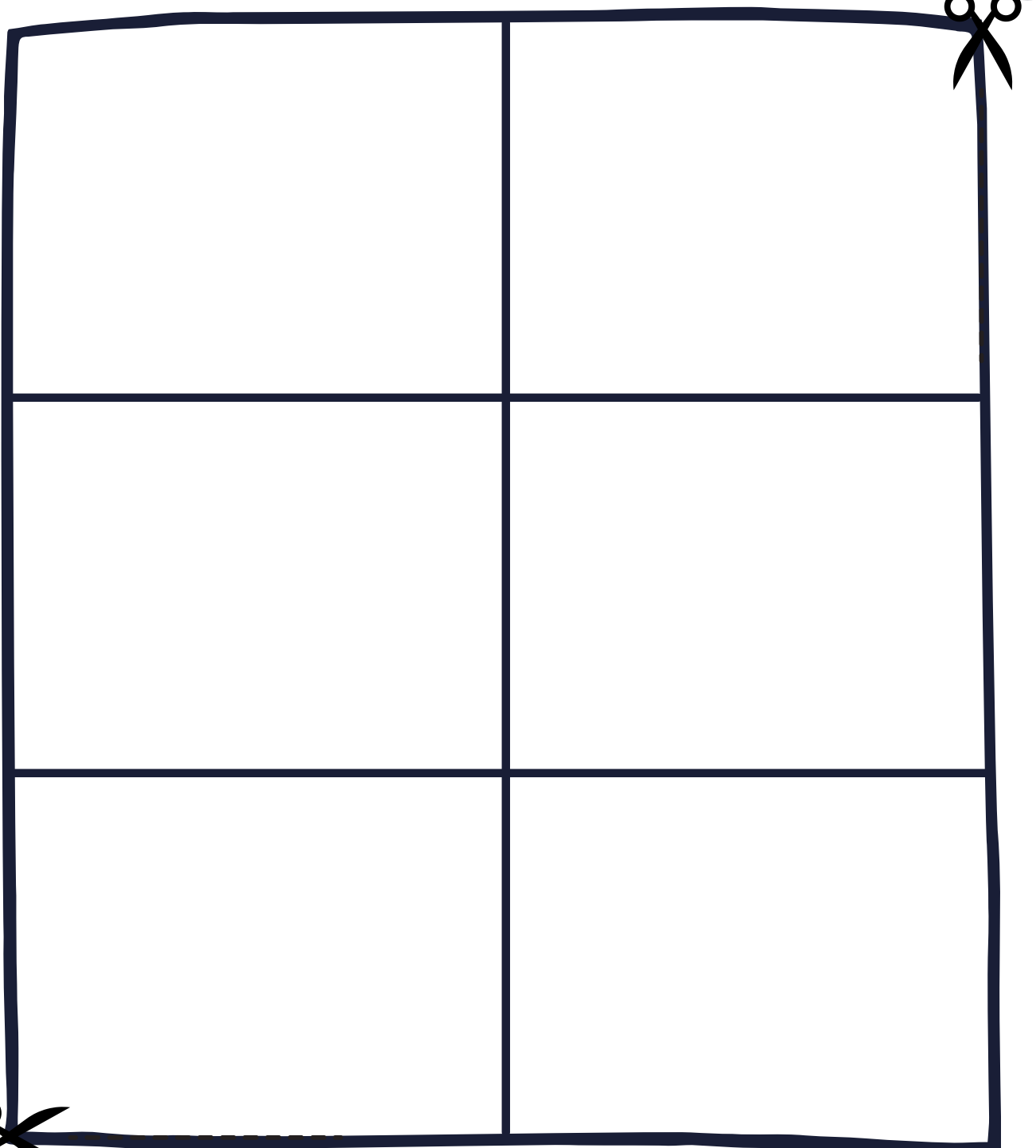
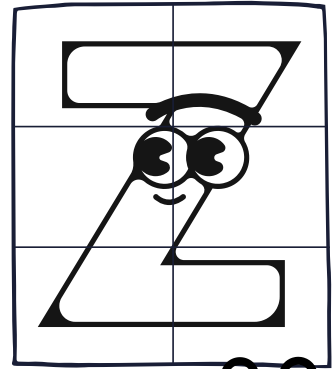
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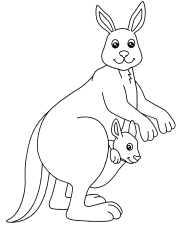


ABC PUZZLE



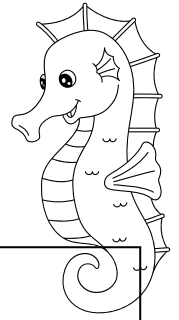
*Draw your own alphabet! Colour it,
laminare it, cut it
and start puzzling!*





ANIMAL ALPHABET

ILLUSTRATION BOOK



Be like an author and illustrator.

Can you write and draw your own A-Z Book about animals?

Aa	Bb	Cc	Dd
Ee	Ff	Gg	Hh
Ii	Jj	Kk	Ll
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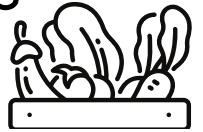


MY MINI ALPHABET BOOK

BY CONCORD PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Be like an author and illustrator.

Can you write and draw your own A-Z Book about Fruits & Vegetables?



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Ee	Ff	Gg	Hh
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