

Recommended books for Christian-Muslim relations

Understanding Basics of Islam:

- ***Islam: What Non-Muslims Should Know*, by John Kaltner.** An important read for people interested in learning more about this misunderstood faith.
- ***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.
- ***Islam: Religion, History, and Civilization*, by Seyyed Hossein Nasr:** A concise introduction to the world of Islam.
- ***The Story of the Qur’an: Its History and Its Place in Muslim Life*, by Ingrid Mattson.**
- ***No god but God: The Origins, Evolution, and Future of Islam*, by Reza Aslan:** Internationally acclaimed scholar of religions examines the fastest-growing religion in the world.
- ***The Study Quran: A New Translation and Commentary*, edited by Seyyed Hossein Nasr.** A comprehensive English translation of the sacred book edited by a top modern Islamic scholar.

Preparing for Christian-Muslim Relationships:

- ***Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation*, by Eboo Patel:** An account of growing up Muslim in America and coming to believe in religious pluralism and the importance of interfaith dialogue.
- ***My Neighbour's Faith: Islam Explained for African Christians*, by John Azumah:** Explores the beliefs and teachings of Islam by addressing matters of contemporary importance to Christians.
- ***A Common Word: Muslims and Christians on Loving God and Neighbor*, by Miroslav Volf, Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad Bin Talal, Melissa Yarrington, eds.:** Features an open letter to Christian leaders from Muslim leaders published in The New York Times as well as a collaborative Christian response.
- ***Allah: A Christian Response*, by Miroslav Volf:** Argues for a unified understanding between Islam and Christianity.
- ***Finding Jesus among Muslims: How Loving Islam Makes Me a Better Catholic*, by Jordan Denari Duffner.** Drawing on her own experiences living with Muslims, Duffner addresses questions about interfaith dialogue with Muslims and Islamophobia.
- ***The Bible and the Qur’an: Biblical Figures in the Islamic Tradition* by John Kaltner and Younus Mirza.** Compares individuals and groups mentioned in both the Bible and the Qur’an.

Islamophobia:

- ***Muslims in the Western Imagination*, by Sophia Rose Arjana.** Examines the ways Muslim men have been represented as monsters in medieval, early modern and contemporary literature, art and cinema.
- ***The Fear of Islam: An Introduction to Islamophobia in the West*, by Todd H. Green.** Explores the historical roots and modern forms of Islamophobia.
- ***Is Islam an Enemy of the West?*, by Tamara Sonn.** The essay argues that politics, not religion, is the source of the conflict between Islam and the West.

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