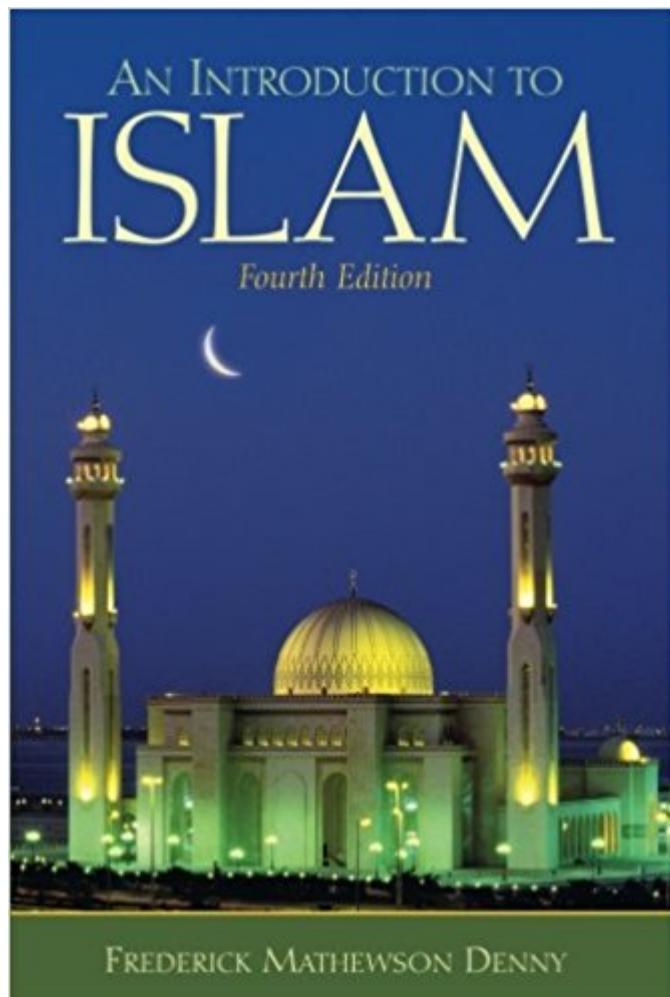


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This book really breaks down important facts about Islam. It is very informative and really good if you'd like to study it on your own just for your own personal gains. I'd even advocate others to do so. Islam is often misjudged by ignorant people who honestly don't have any clue what Islam is, hence their being called "ignorant". I hope you all found it a good learning experience. Enjoy!

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Good general study of Islam. So much better (and more accurate) than the nightly news.

I read this book because of a desire to understand as much as I could about Islam - I was not disappointed when I finished this book. The author provided an answer to every question that I had before reading this book and has given me the desire to read more about certain aspects of this religion. For me, the most interesting chapters were those that detailed the basic beliefs and practices of Islam, Islamic life and the family, Islamic community life and finally the issues concerning Islam in the modern world. I more fully understand their beliefs, but maybe more importantly, the challenges the religion faces as "progressive" Muslims try to open free dialogue about their religion - and the obstacles they face in doing so. Highly recommend - if at all interested in Islam, you will not be disappointed in the knowledge you will gain.

This book is a very good introduction, especially if you have no knowledge on Islam and want to learn the basics. I gave it 4 stars though because I did not agree with some of the things he said that are more cultural than Islamic. Please do not confuse Islam with what cultures have thrown in, which happens a lot. Other than that, it is very good :)

Great book to get basic knowledge about the culture. Easy to read and very informative.

It's for class. Not too badly written.

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