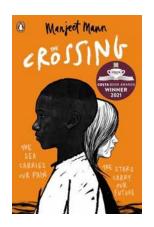


## Recommended Reads

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

All of the recommended titles can be found in the Academy's Library.



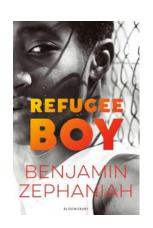
## The Crossing Manjeet Mann

WINNER OF THE COSTA CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD 2021 and the Sunday Times Children's Book of the Week - a trailblazing novel about two teenagers from opposite worlds; The Crossing is a profound story of hope, grief, and the very real tragedies of the refugee crisis.

A teenage girl struggling with her mother's death and an Eritrean refugee find hope when fate throws them together.

Topic: Islam, war, peace, human rights

Shelf mark: Fiction MAN



## Refugee Boy Benjamin Zephaniah

Alem thinks he is on holiday with his father in London, but his father has brought him to the UK to escape the war in Ethiopia and leaves him to survive by himself as a refugee.

Topic: Year 8 Unit 2 Evil & Suffering

Shelf mark: Fiction **ZEP** 



# Does my Head Look Big in This? Randa Abdel-Fattah

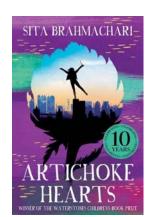
School is tough enough without throwing a hijab into the

Amal is a 16-year-old Melbourne teen with all the usual obsessions about boys, exams, chocolate and magazines. She's also a Muslim, struggling to honour the Islamic faith in a society that doesn't understand it.

The story of her decision to "shawl up" and its attendant anxieties (like how much eyeliner to wear) is funny, surprising and touching by turns.

Topic: Year 7 Unit 1 Religious identity

Shelf mark: Fiction ABD



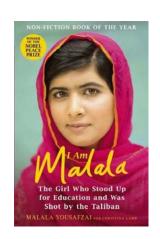
#### Artichoke Hearts Sita Brahmachari

Twelve-year-old Mira comes from a chaotic, artistic and outspoken family where it's not always easy to be heard. As her beloved Nana Josie's health declines, Mira begins to discover the secrets of those around her, and also starts to keep some of her own.

She is drawn to mysterious Jide, a boy who is clearly hiding a troubled past and has grown hardened layers - like those of an artichoke - around his heart. As Mira is experiencing grief for the first time, she is also discovering the wondrous and often mystical world around her.

Topic: Year 9 Unit 1 Life after death

Shelf mark: Fiction BRA



#### I am Malala Malala Yousafzai

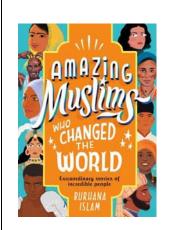
When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley, one girl fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday, 9 October 2012, she almost paid the ultimate price when she was shot in the head at point-blank range.

Malala Yousafzai's extraordinary journey has taken her from a remote valley in northern Pakistan to the halls of the United Nations. She has become a global symbol of peaceful protest and is the youngest ever winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

I Am Malala will make you believe in the power of one person's voice to inspire change in the world.

Topic: Year 7 Unit 1 Religious identity

Shelf mark: Biography 920

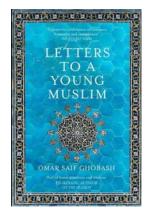


# **Amazing Muslims who Changed the World**Burhana Islam

Do you think you know who first thought of the theory of evolution? Have you ever wondered who created the oldest university in the world? Is Joan of Arc is the only rebel girl who led an army that you've heard of?

If so, then you need this stunningly illustrated treasure trove of iconic and hidden amazing Muslim heroes!

Shelf mark: Biography 920.008



## Letters to a Young Muslim Omar Saif Ghobash

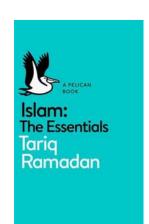
In a series of personal and insightful letters to his sons, Omar Saif Ghobash offers a vital manifesto that tackles the dilemmas facing not only young Muslims but everyone navigating the complexities of today's world.

Full of wisdom and thoughtful reflections on faith, culture and society. This is a courageous and essential book that celebrates individuality whilst recognising it is our shared humanity that brings us together.

Recommended for Year 10/11 GCSE

Shelf mark: Religion: Islam 297.090

Islam: The Essentials Tariq Ramad



The essential introduction to Islam by a leading expert.

Hardly a day goes by without mention of Islam. And yet, for most people, and in much of the world, Islam remains a little-known religion. Whether the issue is violence, terrorism, women's rights or slavery, Muslims are today expected to provide answers and to justify what Islam is - or is not. But little opportunity exists, either in the media or in society as a whole, to describe Islam: precisely the question this short and extremely accessible book sets out to answer. In simple, direct language it will introduce readers to Islam, to its spirituality, its principles, its rituals, its diversity and its evolution.

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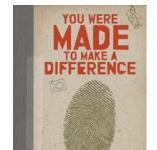
### Pig-Heart Boy Malorie Blackman

A boy must decide whether to have a risky heart transplant using a pig heart.

Cameron Kelsey is 13 years old. He is not well and needs a new heart. Doctors want to give him a pig's heart. Cameron cannot decide if he wants the pig's heart, and some groups are very angry about doctors using animals in this way.

Topic: Year 9 Unit 2 Medical Ethics

Shelf mark: Fiction BLA



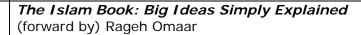
#### You Were Made to Make a Difference Max Lucado

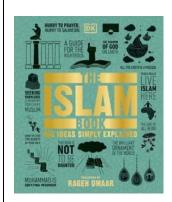
Want to change the world? Did you know You Were Made to Make a Difference?

This adaptation of *Out live Your Life* for teens offers practical tips youth can take out into their community to make a difference, plus real-life stories about those who have done just that. Teens learn that God can use them to make a difference right now. He wants to use them today, without waiting for them to be older, stronger, richer, or even more "together." God can use their minds, their spirits, and their hands and feet to make permanent change for His kingdom.

Topic: Year 7 Unit 4 Charity

Shelf mark: Religion: Christian Life 248.4



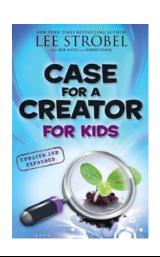


This essential guide to Islam covers every aspect of the Muslim faith and its history - from the life of the Prophet Muhammad and the teachings of the Koran to Islam in the 21st century. If you thought it was difficult to learn about one of the world's major religions, The Islam Book presents key information in an easy-to-follow layout. Find out about modern issues such as fundamentalism, the work of peaceful traditionalists, modernisers, and women's rights campaigners, as well as the central tenets of Islam, such as prayer, fasting, and pilgrimage.

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#### Case for a Creator for Kids Lee Strobel

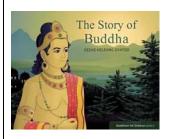


With clear facts and answers to the questions kids six to ten ask most, this adaptation of Lee Strobel's bestselling The Case for a Creator uses kid-friendly language, examples, and easy-to-understand information to introduce children to the research, eyewitness accounts, and evidence behind the questions of whether God created the universe, what science tells us about our world, and what those answers mean for us and our faith.

Topic: Year 8 Unit 1 Creation of the World

Shelf mark: Religion: Christianity 231.765





A retelling of the Buddhist story of how a young Nepalese prince found enlightenment and became the Buddha whose teachings modern day Buddhists follow.

Topic: Year 7 Unit 2 Buddhism

Shelf mark: Religion: Buddhism 294.363