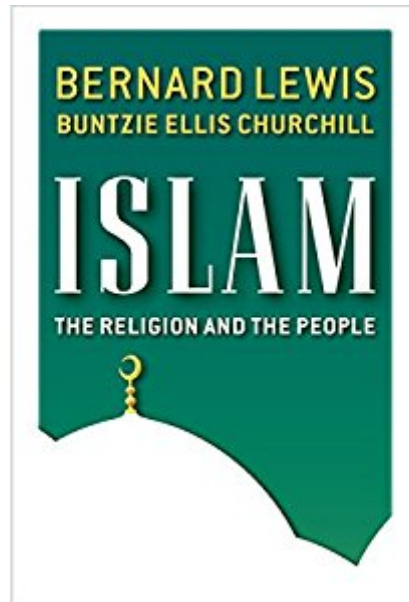




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Islam: The Religion and the People is a good overview. This book is \$9.90 for the kindle.

Sometimes you have to pay to learn. This book covers a great deal of information, but nothing in great detail. The topics range from clothing and economy to women and war. If you views Islam as monolithic, this book will educate you to the diverse groups that make up the Muslim world. There are Muslims, there are fundamentalist Muslims, and there are fundamentalist Muslim terrorists. Most Muslims are not in the last two groups, just like most Christians are not part of the Westboro Baptist Church. The authors conclude with comparing Islamofascism to what they consider the two greatest threats to civilization in recent history, Nazism and Bolshevism. The authors consider radical Islam to be the third great threat to civilization. They're not sure civilization will survive it. The appendices are quite dry, but good for reference. I enjoyed this book and feel it gave me useful information. Highly recommended.

Once again Bernard Lewis has written a masterpiece, This man & his work has educated me on Islam and the Middle East , This book should be compulsory reading to every media student and every Journalist seeking to work in the media Industry. This book will educate all those that seek a balanced and truthful view on Islam and its world view, I strongly recommend it and his other work now as well. I have to be honest and say I am very critical of people who write on Israel and the Middle east , however in this case I find no fault with his work

We read this book in our women's book club. The book is written to give an overview of the religion -the faith and the people. Our reading group divided the book into chapters and each took two chapters to report on. We had a great discussion. Would recommend this book for a greater understanding of Islam.

very good

Great book

Well written clear explanations of various features of Islam. Perfect to get the basic tenets, straightforward history, and simple explanation of various sects. Discusses the various ethnic groups who are Muslim. Seems fair and respectful, but not worshipful.

If you want an honest, even-handed, introduction to Islam, then this is a great book to read. It doesn't go into as much depth into the history as "No God but God", but it does a much better job of giving an overview of what Islam is today, and why it has the problems that it does.

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