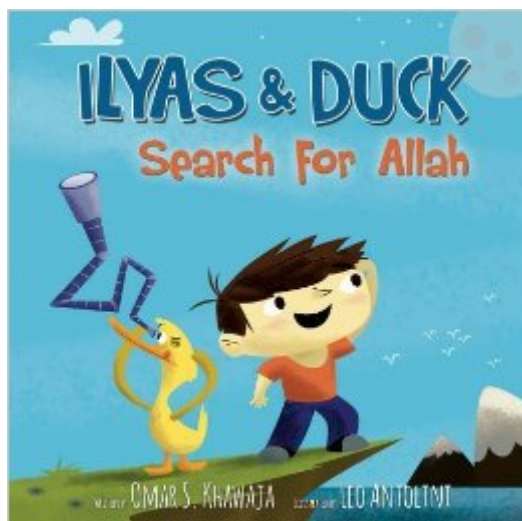


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# Ilyas And Duck Search For Allah (Ilyas And Duck)



## Synopsis

Ilyas and Duck search for Allah is an adorable storybook for kids about a boy's quest to find God. "Where is God?" is a question that any parent teaching their kids will one day have to answer. This book helps parents answer that question while conveying the profound mystery of it all in a fun way. In this story, likable Ilyas pairs up with Duck to ask the one question over and over in different scenarios. With whimsical and poetic replies, Ilyas slowly begins to realize what his question truly means. And by the end, his childish curiosity is fulfilled with profound realizations. The book has hardcover binding and comes with a cover jacket.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

It's so rare to find a book for Muslim kids that isn't preachy or poorly illustrated. This book is everything I've wanted packed into one book. Both of my boys (ages 3 & 6) love it and ask me to read it to them regularly. It definitely helps to explain a complex question to a young mind, while honoring the curiosity of children as well. I know there were some concerns about how the book actually deals with the location of Allah. I was actually concerned about this too, and wished the book's description would tell us, so we wouldn't have to figure it out after the purchase. The answer from the book is that we believe in Allah's existence because of all the beauties of creation that we see all around us. That's how we know Allah is there. However, the refrain "Allah is all around us. He created . . . (the mountains, birds, fish, etc.)" is repeated throughout the book. Anyone having a problem with that explanation would be advised not to purchase the book.

I was looking for a book to give a few friends of mine who are just beginning their families and who are inspired to raise children of deep spirituality. I found this was a great general Islamic children's book -- that is, not specific to Ramadan or manners or all those other great lessons. What's more, beyond being a book about contemplating the nature of God, at such an early age, it is a book that can be used to encourage children to question and to think, to be inquisitive, not just about matters of religion and spirituality, but about the world around us, the customs we follow, the things we believe and the actions we do. It's a great mix of encouraging belief in and love for God while also challenging our Muslim kids to be critical thinkers -- a weighty and invaluable combination.

I love this book. Even though it says it's the search for Allah, it could work just as well as a spiritual book for any theistic or spiritual view. The book is about a boy and his duck who are looking for God. They encounter different animals who say that God can't just be seen literally the way you would see other physical objects. Eventually the boy realizes that the lesson is that God instead can be seen by the joy and wonder of the world around you. I like the spiritual nature of the book and the fact that while dealing with an inherently religious topic, it isn't overly preachy.

I was so excited about this book, prior to even reading it. I was disappointed that we had missed the campaign opportunity- we would've totally contributed towards the max (businesses can contribute \$5,000 and have 100 books donated to public libraries). I had learned of this book just two days ago- when I placed my order here. Today I received the book, and had my two his ages 4 & 6 bring the box in. We were all excited to sit together and read it. I started reading it aloud, and a few pages in, I already realized it was misguiding them. By the time Ilyas and Duck reached space, my 4 year old said "they're getting close!" Remembering my teaching that Allah is on the seventh heaven on a great throne. I gently remind him that we cannot reach or get close to the heavens, and read on. The book gives absolutely no implication of the heavens... No mention at all. The lesson learned and explicit conclusion is that "Allah is all around us." This is inaccurate teaching. We can say that Allah can see us everywhere, we can definitely say that Allah created all of our marvelous creations which help us to remember the Almighty- but to say that Allah is everywhere just is not a correct statement. If anything, it is leaving the kids with more questions and confusion. This book would be better off with a title of "Who is Allah" or "Allah's Miracles". Unfortunately I'm packing this book back up for return and will be explaining to my boys why it is not in their bedroom library. The many positive reviews were misleading to me. I hope I can find a better more accurate book with the same

title out there. Inshallah this reaches many of you. Wassalam.

My husband picked up this book at ISNA over the weekend, and already my 4 year old has asked him to read it to him every night, and has memorized the words. Answers the basic question of "Who is God?" to preschoolers in a fun and interesting way, and the illustrations are great, reminding me of Eric Carle books. I actually think this book would be great for Christians and Jews in addition to the Muslim audience.

My 4.5 year old absolutely loves this book! Ilyas' question is something my son has wondered for himself so it's fun to see Ilyas work through it. I liked how the author incorporated various animals and geographical destinations. These are animals and places that my son has read about before, and learned about in school so it's great to see these references. Even my 14 month old is interested in this book as she sees her brother reading it. I hope there are more books coming in this series b/c my son is anxiously waiting!

A moving tale (and a moving tail) of a boy and his duck trying to find God. Simple words yet not overly simplistic, unimaginative or patronising. The storyline is powerful enough to appeal to toddlers and adults alike. Reading this story is a form of zikr that's why when reading stories after stories after stories to my children, Ilyas and Duck is one story I don't mind reading and rereading and the children find it equally fascinating every time.

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