



# Recommended Reading for Middle School Students

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## On Different Beliefs about a God or Gods

### Islam

*I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Readers Edition)* by Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick

*The Rise of Islam* by John Child (1995)

*Come to the Secret Garden: Sufi Tales of Wisdom* by Muhammad Raheem Bawa Muhaiyaddeen (1996)

*Traveling Man: The Journey of Ibn Battuta* by James Rumford (2001)

*The Flag of Childhood: Poems from the Middle East* by Naomi Shihab Nye (2002)

*Extraordinary Women from the Muslim World* by Natalie Maydell, Heb Amin, and Sep Riahi (2008)

### Hinduism

*Ramayana: Divine Loophole* by Sanjay Patel (2010)

*The History of Hindu India* by Dr. Shiva Bajpai (2011)

*Understanding Hinduism: Basic Concepts Explained* by Dr. D.C. Rao

### Buddhism

*The Buddha: His Life and Teachings* by the Venerable Piyadassi Thera (2000)

*Buddhist Pilgrimage* by Chan Koon San

*Buddhist Tales for Young and Old, Volume 1* by the Venerable Kurunegoda Piyatissa and Todd Anderson (1995)

### Christianity

*Who Was Jesus?* By Ellen Morgan and Stephen Marchesi (2015)

*Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan (1678)

*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis (1950)

*Let My People Go: Bible Stories Told by a Freeman of Color to his Daughter, Charlotte, in Charleston, South Carolina* by Pat McKissack (1998)

## **Judaism**

*Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry (1989)

*Judaism* by Sue Penney (2008)

*The Travels of Benjamin of Tudela: Through Three Continents in the Twelfth Century* by Uri Shulevitz (2005)

*Touched by Fire* by Irene N. Watts (2013)

## **Secular Humanism**

*Humanism, What's That? A Book for Curious Kids* by Helen Bennett (2005)

## **Interreligious Understanding**

*The Kingfisher Book of Religions: Festivals, Ceremonies, and Beliefs from Around the World* by Trevor Barnes (1999)

*Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman (2004)