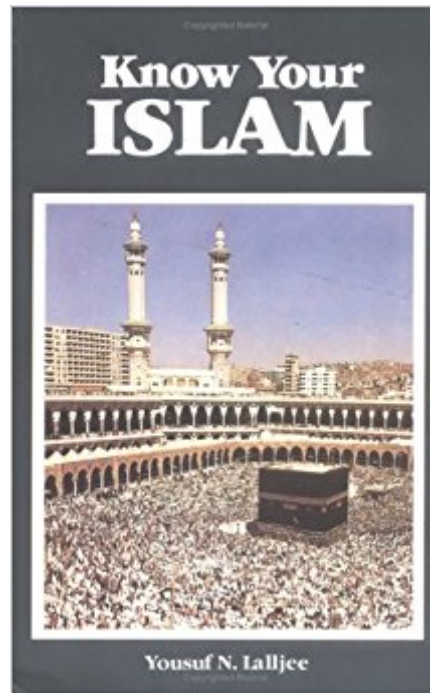




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This is not a bad book if you realize its inherent limitations, which may not be immediately obvious to the untrained observer. First of all, the title is misleading; it should be called "Know your Shiite

Islam." I have nothing against Shiites - far from it, I think that they are a valid and necessary manifestation of that sea of spirituality known as Islam - but calling this book "Know your Islam" is like calling a book on Lutheranism "Know your Christianity." Secondly, I suspect that the book was primarily designed for people from a Shiite Islamic background who for one reason or another have become secularized, either due to long residence in the West or because they received a Westernized education. Seen from this point of view the book fulfills a useful niche. But for the average Westerner the book is a bit of a chore to understand without some experience of Islam on the ground. Be advised.

I have read this book perhaps over 50 times and have enjoyed it everytime! This book is intended for those who practice Shiaism and is a great insight to those of other sects and denominations to get a glimpse at the core values that surround Shiaism. This book is not making any attempts to focus on Sunni practices, it is clearly a Shia book containing prescribed methodologies for Shias. I cannot read Arabic fluently so the translations and Roman-English make this book very useful. This book is simple to read and well-rounded without getting too focused on theory and history. It sticks to the basics like how to pray, fast, pay alms, etc. I have had previous editions of this book. The reading is simple enough for a second/third grader to understand.

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