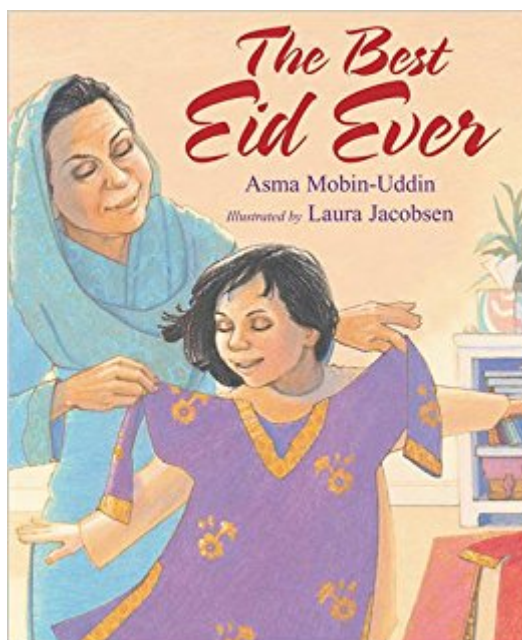


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# The Best Eid Ever



## Synopsis

Young readers can learn about Eid, a religious holiday celebrated by Muslim families every year, as well as the Hajj pilgrimage, when Muslims travel back to Mecca for the Eid, in this picture book written by Dr. Asma Mobin-Uddin and illustrated by Laura Jacobsen. This Eid, Aneesa should be happy. But, her parents are thousands of miles away for the Hajj pilgrimage. To cheer her up, her Nonni gives her a gift of beautiful clothes, one outfit for each of the three days of Eid. At the prayer hall, Aneesa meets two sisters who are dressed in ill-fitting clothes for the holiday. She soon discovers that the girls are refugees; they had to leave everything behind when they left their native country to live in America. Aneesa, who can't stop thinking about what Eid must be like for them, comes up with a plan; a plan to help make it the best Eid holiday ever. School Library Journal says: "[A] beautifully composed story. . . . This is a welcome contribution, giving much-needed visibility to a celebration observed by over ten million people in North America." Library Media Connection says: "After reading this book, children will have a greater appreciation for the Muslim culture and will have no problem realizing that love is an action word."

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This is a wonderful story about the joy and happiness that comes from giving. It teaches children that true celebration comes from sharing what you have with others. These values are common to Islam, Judaism and Christianity. This book has particular meaning at this time of the year as all three of these faiths celebrate special holidays this December. Indeed, it is better to give than receive.

Aneesa wondered if she would be able to enjoy Eid al-Adha, the big Muslim holiday marking the end of the Hajj pilgrimage. This year her parents had decided to travel to Saudi Arabia for the pilgrimage, and the house seemed so quiet with just Aneesa and her grandmother. But Nonni had a surprise to cheer up her granddaughter: a large gift-wrapped box containing three gorgeous sets of clothes from Pakistan, complete with matching bangles and handmade shoes. She had also prepared Aneesha's favorite curried lamb dish to enjoy after returning from prayers. It took an encounter at the prayer hall with two refugee girls for Aneesha to realize just how fortunate she was. The girls had fled their war-torn country with little more than the clothes on their backs, and their father worked long hours, even on Eid, to try to make ends meet. An outstanding book, *The Best Eid Ever* provides readers with an interesting account of the Eid holiday and Muslim culture as seen through the eyes of a young child. Wrapped into the story is an important lesson about the economic hardships associated with war, and a child's growing awareness of the difference between wants and needs. The lush colors and expressive features in the pastel pencil illustrations add a rich dimension to this enjoyable story.

My daughter loves this book. It is a great spring board to discuss how to help those in need in simple ways. It touches on the sensitive issue of refugees and their struggles in a simple way for children to understand. Great book.

A Great Book (For Muslims or Non-Muslims alike) I purchased 2 (one for the classroom and one for my own family) and it really gives the meaning behind the holiday (its rare to find a good book to portray that) and the pictures are beautiful and capturing ... Highly Recommend for every family and Teacher (that wants to teach a lesson on the holiday or just extracting the main lesson that the whole book sends "sharing is caring and feels great")

Excellent book. Strongly recommend for Muslim and non-Muslim children alike. Explains the major Islamic Holiday in easy to understand terms and discusses kindness and caring for the less

fortunate. Touching story with beautiful illustrations.

Very sweet book - my 6 year old loved it. I thought the various themes came together very well, contrary to the previous review that suggested there were too many issues in the book. My daughter is not as into reading as I'd like her to be, but this book definitely had an impact on her. As soon as we finished our library copy, my daughter asked if we could "gently copy it" - I have no idea what that means, but I'm on now to buy it :)

The Best Eid Ever is a moving story about a young Muslim -American girl named Aneesa who is celebrating Eid, a Muslim holiday, with her grandmother. While at the prayer hall, Aneesa meets two girls with torn clothes. She discovers they are refugees who have escaped their war torn country. What Aneesa does next, is both self-less and generous. She gives the girls the new Pakistani clothes she had just received from her grandmother among other things. Aneesa watched as the girls discovered their beautiful new clothes. The excitement the girls experienced fulfilled her. It was a much different Eid than she and her grandmother have ever had, but a memorable one! The Best Eid Ever is a powerful story that welcomes children into a Muslim-American family as they celebrate Eid. It teaches children about diversity and sends a lasting message about giving. The colorful and detailed illustrations only add to the passion and love of one young girl who helped people in need.

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