

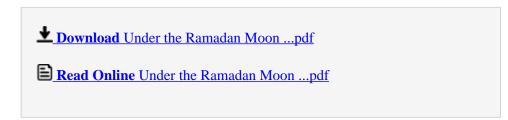
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From School Library Journal

Grade 2–4—This delightful picture book describes the monthlong Muslim observance of Ramadan by a modern family. It begins, "We wait for the moon./We watch for the moon./We watch for the Ramadan moon." The images of the waxing, full, and waning moon progress along with the spare, lyrical text. Practices such as fasting, speaking kind words, giving to the poor, decorating with bright lights, and praying all take place, "under the moon, under the Ramadan moon." Williams uses soft, luminous pastels in richly textured, detailed spreads. People have warm, generous smiles, and women in *hijaab* give tender hugs and talk on a cell phone. Moonlight and firelight add to the congeniality. The repetitive line "under the moon..." also makes this an excellent resource for teachers and librarians for choral reading and discussion.—*Fawzia Gilani-Williams, Oberlin Public Library, OH* 

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#### From Booklist

This simple picture book celebrates the coming of Ramadan and shows a family's activities taking place "under the moon, under the moon, under the Ramadan moon." Though the rhythm varies a bit, the title phrase is repeated in slightly varied forms throughout the text. Large, lyrical pictures on double-page spreads illustrate lines such as "We speak kind words / and stop bad habits / under the moon," or "We give to the poor / and read Qur'an / under the moon," and "We hang bright lights / and bake sweet treats / under the Ramadan moon." In a series of satisfying scenes with glowing colors and rounded forms, the artwork, apparently done in pastels, warmly depicts a family's activities at home and at the mosque. The appended author's note provides background information about Ramadan's significance as a serious yet happy time for Muslims. A handsome, family-centered Ramadan picture book for young children. Preschool-Grade 2. -- Carolyn Phelan

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