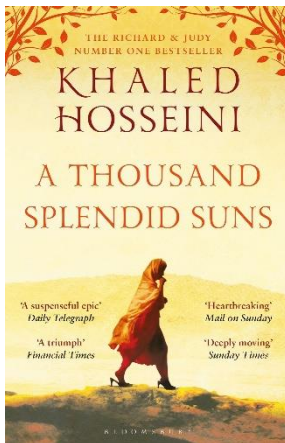


Ayesha at Last by Uzma Jalaluddin

Think a modern-day *Pride and Prejudice*. Here, we meet Ayesha Shamsi, a nurse who has dreams of being a poet and just can't escape the interfering aunties who constantly remind of one thing: She is still single.

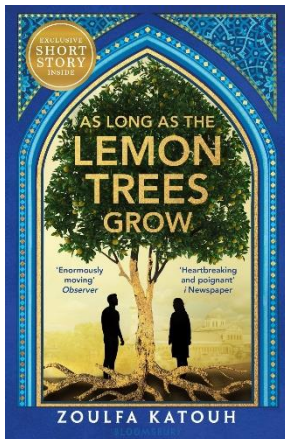
Soon, she meets the uptight and conservative Khalid, who she can never picture herself being with. Or, can she? It's giving enemies to lovers!



A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

Set in Afghanistan, Mariam is just 15 when she is sent to the capital of Kabul to marry Rasheed. Nearly two decades later, an unexpected friendship grows between Mariam and a local teenager, Laila.

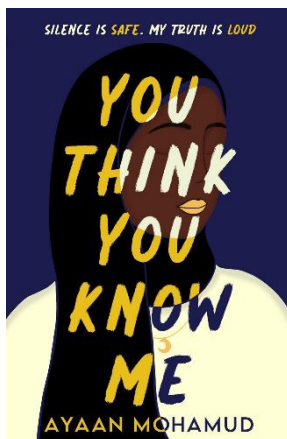
Then, when the Taliban take over, life becomes a desperate struggle against starvation, brutality and fear. But, what persists is a story of love, friendship and sisterhood like no other.



As Long As the Lemon Trees Grow by Zoulfa Katouh

Set in the midst of the Syrian revolution, *As Long As The Lemon Trees Grow* tells the intricate and powerful story of a young pharmacist, Salama, who is torn between serving her beloved country or fleeing to safety with her pregnant sister-in-law and best friend, Layla.

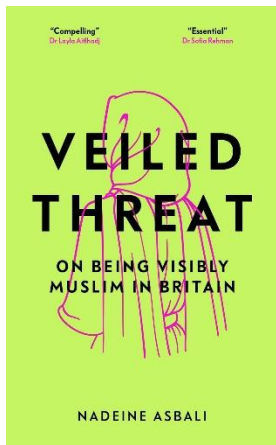
Then, in the middle of war, hunger and violence, Salama crosses paths with Kenan, a young man who reminds her of everything Syria could be.



You Think You Know Me by Ayaan Mohamud

“A closed mouth is gold” is the Somali proverb that Hanan’s mother told her while she grew up in the face of racist bullies. But, the young Muslim girl can’t stay silent any longer when her friend is murdered and every Muslim is to blame.

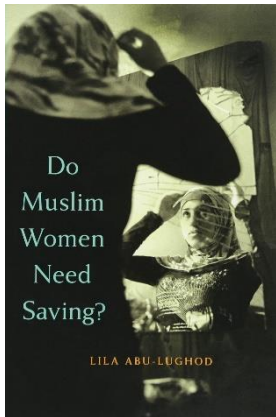
This story is a tale of bravery and resilience in the face of discrimination, and it will leave you feeling moved and inspired. A must read!



Veiled Threat by Nadeine Asbali

Nadeine Asbali would be the first to say that a scarf on a woman's head doesn't define her, but in her case, that's a lie. The author narrates how her life changed overnight and dealt with themes such as racism, sexism, Islamophobia, politics and more in this essential **non-fictional** novel.

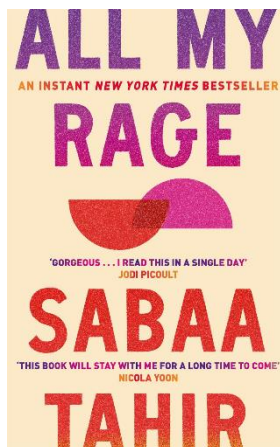
If you want to know what it's *really* like to be a visibly Muslim woman in modern Britain, then this is a must-read that will move, educate and inspire you.



Do Muslim Women Need Saving? by Lila Abu-Lughod

Do Muslim women need saving? That's the question Palestinian-American anthropologist, Lila Abu-Lughod, attempts to answer in this thought-provoking read.

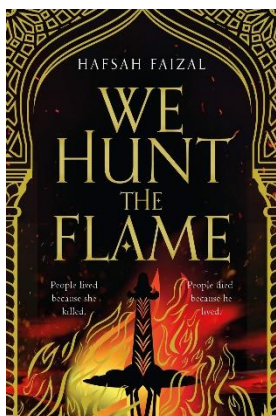
From colonialism to racism and feminism, the award-winning author delves into the issues Muslim women face today and questions generalisations, stereotypes and more in this bold book that is set to change your perception.



All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir

Meet Salahudin and Noor, two Pakistani-American high school students who have been best friends since childhood. But, as they grow up, life quickly gets real as Salahudin has a dying mother and a father who turns to alcohol in grief, and Noor deals with a spiteful uncle.

This powerful story deals with heavy themes such as discrimination, grief, addiction and the cost of the American dream. A thought-provoking, moving read!



Macmillan Children's Books We Hunt the Flame by Hafsah Faizal

This BookTok recommendation is a magical story inspired by Ancient Arabia, where we meet Zafira, a hunter forced to disguise herself as a man to provide for her people. Then, there's Nasir, a feared assassin who is forever bound to the command of his father, the sultan.

Soon, Zafira embarks on a dangerous quest to return magic to their suffering land and Nasir is sent on a similar mission. But, as their journey unfolds, an ancient evil begins to stir. If you like fantasy, you'll love this!