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The First Muslim: The Story of Muhammad

by **Lesley Hazleton**

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The extraordinary life of the man who founded Islam, and the world he inhabited—and remade.

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Muhammad's was a life of almost unparalleled historical importance; yet for all the iconic power of his name, the intensely dramatic story of the prophet of Islam is not well known. In *The First Muslim*, Lesley Hazleton brings him vibrantly to life. Drawing on early eyewitness sources and on history, politics, religion, and psychology, she renders him as a man in full, in all his complexity and vitality.

Hazleton's account follows the arc of Muhammad's rise from powerlessness to power, from anonymity to renown, from insignificance to lasting significance. How did a child shunted to the margins end up revolutionizing his world? How did a merchant come to challenge the established order with a new vision of social justice? How did the pariah hounded out of Mecca turn exile into a new and victorious beginning? How did the outsider become the ultimate insider?

Impeccably researched and thrillingly readable, Hazleton's narrative creates vivid insight into a man navigating between idealism and pragmatism, faith and politics, nonviolence and violence, rejection and acclaim. *The First Muslim* illuminates not only an immensely significant figure but his lastingly relevant legacy.

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.A favorite question of those asking about my new book, "The First Muslim," is thus what surprised me most in my research. What I liked most about this book is that it's in English, because that is the first language that I speak and most of all the first language that I think in. Willow Wilson, author of *Alif* the [Superhero Jaylin: A 6 x 9 Lined Journal](#) More than 1 year ago Amazing Anonymous More than 1 year ago Sbxcjxdscikxiwjducgchd mndoc More than 1 year ago I'll try to avoid hyperbole Aug 03, 2014 Esther rated it it was amazing review of another edition Shelves: own-a-copy, middle-east Extremely interesting! Written almost like a novel, very fluent and in a language that very often made me feel like I was there, it is nevertheless an apparently well researched biography, based on facts, of the Prophet Muhammad's life, starting from his parents to his death (and a bit beyond)

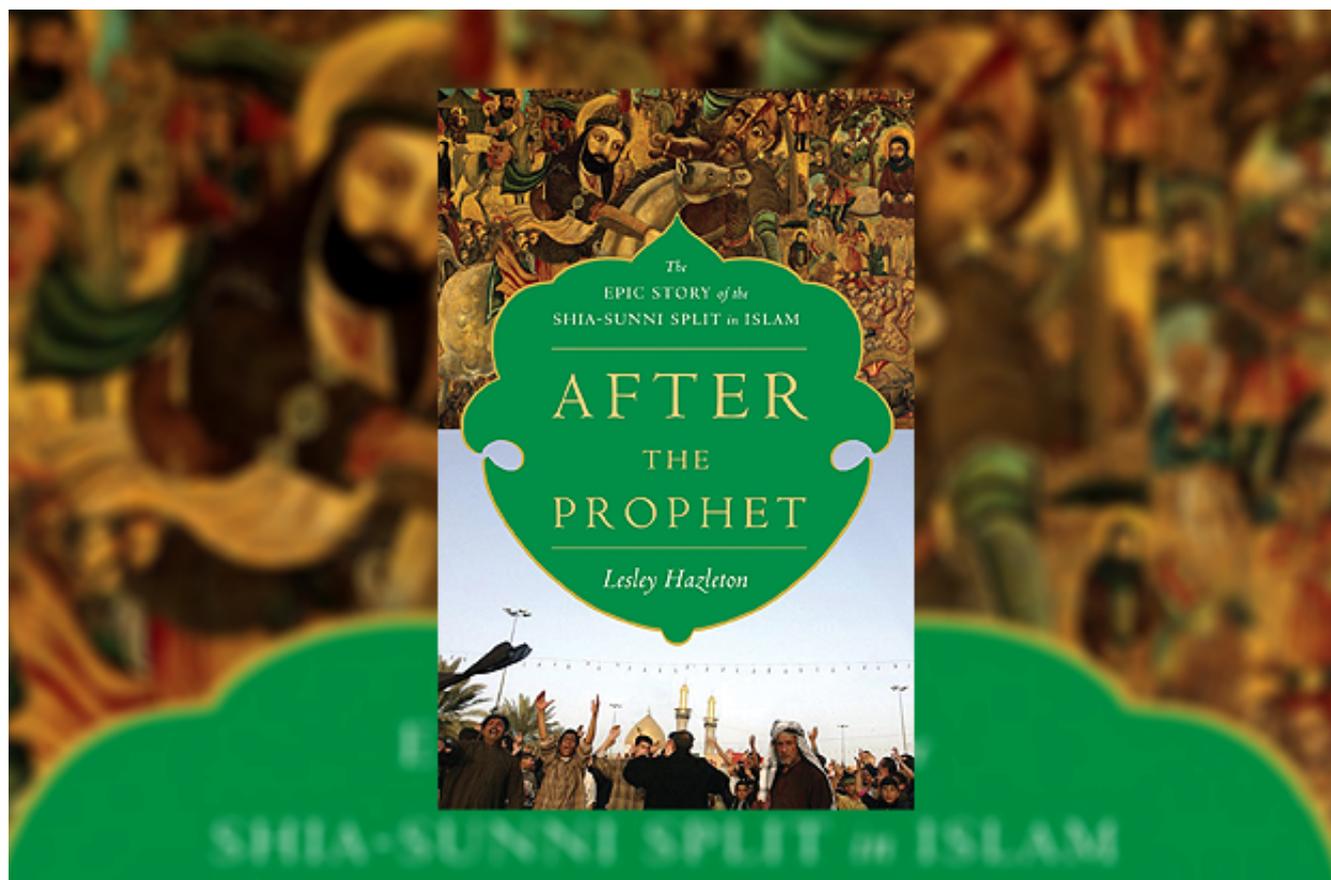
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3 He was put to work as a camel boy on the trade caravans to Damascus, and though he eventually made his way up to become a business agent, could never take his place in the world for granted. Back First Listen Songs We Love All Songs Considered Reviews Music Videos My thoughts is that all historical facts in this book FEELS pretty accurate (my opinion fr I got this book for free in exchange for an honest review. She fails to go in detail about the betrayal from Banu Qurayza as it would show negatively on the Jewish tribe. To acknowledge error is still mistaken for a sign of weakness instead of [Sting+Like+a+Bee%3A+Muhammad+Ali+vs.+the+United+States+of+America%2C+1966+-1971](#) (quoting Schulz-) Far from being a moral flaw, it is inextricable from some of our most humane and honorable qualities: empathy, optimism, imagination, conviction and courage. Page 142 interesting stuff about dreams

San Francisco Chronicle It was well written. Thumbnail: "Lesley Hazleton sat down one day to read the Koran. With this brief paragraph, she begins to unfold the story of Muhammad and the challenges he faced regarding his experience and its meaning. A love from which transcendence is still beyond our collective thoughts, beyond our known definitions, yet everything there is deemed by God towards that direction. May 17, 2013 Jennifer rated it did not like it I really wanted to read this book, but I found her writing style so frustrating that I abandoned it after 50 pages. .more flag 2 [Les Premières Années Livre de Coloriage \(La Pleine de Grâce\) \(Volume 1\) \(French Edition\)](#) see review So-and-so was thought to have said such and such and therefore, we can deduce that he must have felt this or that way

In fairness there is no way to know many of these things so much of it has to be taken on faith, like how much of Muhammad's (PBUH) decisions were his doing and how much were part of the revelations. The book is divided into 3 sections. The Orphan focuses on the early history of the region, the clans, the hereditary positioning and Muhammad's (PBUH) life just past the age of 40 when he started to receive his Revelations. flag 3 likes Like see review Where Mountains Roar: a Personal

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