



## Thomas Jeffersons Quran: Islam and the Founders

By Denise Spellberg

Vintage Books. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 416 pages. Dimensions: 7.9in. x 5.2in. x 0.8in. In this original and illuminating book, Denise A. Spellberg reveals a little-known but crucial dimension of the story of American religious freedom: a drama in which Islam played a surprising role. In 1765, eleven years before composing the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson bought a Quran. This marked only the beginning of his lifelong interest in Islam, and he would go on to acquire numerous books on Middle Eastern languages, history, and travel, taking extensive notes on Islam as it relates to English common law. Jefferson sought to understand Islam notwithstanding his personal disdain for the faith, a sentiment prevalent among his Protestant contemporaries in England and America. But unlike most of them, by 1776 Jefferson could imagine Muslims as future citizens of his new country. Based on groundbreaking research, Spellberg compellingly recounts how a handful of the Founders, Jefferson foremost among them, drew upon Enlightenment ideas about the toleration of Muslims (then deemed the ultimate outsiders in Western society) to fashion out of what had been a purely speculative debate a practical foundation for governance in America. In this way, Muslims, who were not even known...



[DOWNLOAD PDF](#)



[READ ONLINE](#)

[ 7.73 MB ]

### Reviews

*This sort of pdf is everything and made me searching forward plus more. Better then never, though i am quite late in start reading this one. You may like just how the author compose this book.*

-- Mae Jones

*The ebook is easy in go through easier to recognize. We have study and i am certain that i will planning to read through once again once again in the future. I am quickly will get a pleasure of studying a composed publication.*

-- Prof. Adah Mertz Sr.

## You May Also Like

---



### **Wondrous Strange**

Harper Teen. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 352 pages. Dimensions: 7.9in. x 5.3in. x 0.9in. Since the dawn of time, the Faerie have taken. . . . Seventeen-year-old actress Kelley Winslow always thought faeries were just something from childhood stories. Then she meets...

---



### **DK Readers Animal Hospital Level 2 Beginning to Read Alone**

DK CHILDREN. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 32 pages. Dimensions: 8.9in. x 5.8in. x 0.1in. This Level 2 book is appropriate for children who are beginning to read alone. When Jack and Luke take an injured duck to the vet, it is just...

---



### **DK Readers Duckling Days**

DK CHILDREN. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 32 pages. Dimensions: 8.9in. x 5.9in. x 0.2in. This Level 1 book is appropriate for children who are just beginning to read. Six ducklings follow mother duck everywhere. One day soon they'll have to stand on...

---



### **The Mystery in Icy Antarctica The Frozen Continent Around the World in 80 Mysteries**

Gallopade International. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 133 pages. Dimensions: 7.3in. x 5.2in. x 0.3in. When you purchase the Library Bound mystery you will receive FREE online eBook access! Carole Marsh Mystery Online eBooks are an easy, effective, and immediate way to read...

---



### **The Mystery of the Onion Domes Russia Around the World in 80 Mysteries**

Carole Marsh Mysteries. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 133 pages. Dimensions: 7.5in. x 5.3in. x 0.4in. When you purchase the Library Bound mystery you will receive FREE online eBook access! Carole Marsh Mystery Online eBooks are an easy, effective, and immediate way to...

---



### **The Mystery on Alaskas Iditarod Trail Real Kids, Real Places**

Gallopade International. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 150 pages. Dimensions: 7.3in. x 5.2in. x 0.5in. When you purchase the Library Bound mystery you will receive FREE online eBook access! Carole Marsh Mystery Online eBooks are an easy, effective, and immediate way to read...

---