

Quality vs. Quantity

I have really wanted to write about this topic for a while, especially with me getting more books and reaching this point in my page where I have read A LOT of Islamic books to my kids!

First: I think its great that there are so many Islamic/Muslim books out there. Its a great testament to our Ummah's creativity and the need for diverse literature.

HOWEVER: I also think this can backfire if we don't take care to produce only QUALITY texts.

Why?

Because honestly it only takes one negative experience to make a consumer and child decide that "muslim" books are boring and they don't want to seek any out anymore. And that affects the whole Muslim book industry.

This is really why I became a reviewer and why I am brutally honest on this page even when I make myself cringe.

Seriously, not any book is a good one. We need Muslim authors who are dedicated enough to literature to take courses, do the work and revisions required, and then use numerous editors before they publish.

It might take longer and cost more, but trust me, it is worth it. Because honestly, when I see my kids engaged in a book, I search out that author and company. And I wholeheartedly support them. But when I see that my kids don't like it or find it forgetful at best, it discourages me from buying any more.

On my platform, it is important to have an Islamically correct book, but also hugely important to be a good book, interesting for kids, and grammatically and linguistically correct.

Please authors, I really don't like to give negative reviews. Please do your work. Take at least one book course before writing and edit a million times before publishing. Use a real developmental editor and not just someone you know who knows grammar. Many Professional Editing companies offer this service now, and it might be expensive, but it helps in the long run.

That way we can elevate the Muslim book industry into a high Quality Book Industry and teach our kids, and kids of all backgrounds, our beautiful religion.