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Muslim Experiences

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Jama, Afdhere. *Queer Jihad: LGBT Muslims on Coming Out, Activism, and the Faith*. Los Angeles: Oracle Releasing, LLC, 2013.

This book is both an autobiography and an essay on religion. The authors, a Muslim gay couple who were the first gay Muslim couple to be married by an imam, write about the conflict they face. They write about their youth, religious faith, desires, and their pilgrimage to Mecca and the founding of the association, HM2F (Homosexual Muslims of France).

Kugle, Scott Alan. *Living Out Islam: Voices of Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Muslims*. New York University Press, 2014.

Living Out Islam documents the rarely-heard voices of Muslims who live in secular democratic countries and who are gay, lesbian, and transgender. It weaves original interviews with Muslim activists into a compelling composite picture, which showcases the importance of the solidarity of support groups in the effort to change social relationships and achieve justice. This nascent movement is not about being “out” as opposed to being “in the closet”. Rather, as the voices of these activists demonstrate, it is about finding ways to live out Islam with dignity and integrity, reconciling their sexuality and gender with their faith and reclaiming Islam as their own.

LeCapois, Teejay. *Muslim Lesbian Anthology*. Lulu.com, 2013.

University of Montreal adjunct professor Khadija Mansour is having a tumultuous first year at her new job in Quebec. Leaving Egypt for Canada forever was traumatic enough, but Khadija's new life is quite challenging. One of her students, Ethiopian Muslim tomboy Mariam Teshome challenges her at every turn. The two women forge a friendship fraught with sexual tension, which soon turns into more. Khadija and Mariam have fallen in love, and their unexpected romance will have far-reaching consequences for them, and their friends and families. Are they ready to take on the world in the name of love?

---. *Not Haram: Bisexual Muslim Men's Stories*. Lulu.com, 2013.

Being gay, lesbian, or bisexual is considered strictly Haram or forbidden in Islam. How can you be true to yourself and your faith if you are Muslim and LGBT? This anthology is a collection of stories of young Muslim men from Somalia, the Middle East, and elsewhere who identify as bisexual and are practicing their faith.

Rahman, Momin. *Homosexualities, Muslim Cultures and Modernity*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

No one can doubt that Muslim cultures and Muslim populations are under intense scrutiny in the west and worldwide. Moreover, queer politics has been increasingly drawn into this contemporary Islamophobia. This book presents a detailed interdisciplinary study of the issues surrounding homosexuality and Muslim cultures, drawing on sociological theories of modernity and modernization, evidence of Muslim homoeroticism in historical and contemporary context, and contemporary political ideas of queer politics, multiculturalism, and international development. The book presents an original theoretical framework that describes the ways in which both queer and Muslim politics are caught up in a process of triangulation that asserts the superiority of western civilization. Using an intersectional framework, it also begins to map a way out of this oppositional understanding of homosexuality and Islam, both by drawing on the evidence of the complexity of lived experience for Queer Muslims and by challenging the euro-centric conceits of queer political and social theory.