

# 30 RIGHTS of MUSLIM WOMEN

A TRUSTED GUIDE



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# 30 Rights of Muslims Women: A Trusted Guide

This authoritative “go-to” publication aims to educate women on how to express their rights within Islam. Perfect for enabling activists to integrate an egalitarian Islamic belief system into their movements.

The most effective means of improving Muslim women’s lives is connecting them to their deeply held beliefs that affirm human dignity and gender equality at the core of the Islamic faith. But Muslim women lack this information that enlightens and vouches for their sacred rights, and they have no accessible tools that encourage faith-based activism consistent with the Islamic faith. To protect them from being



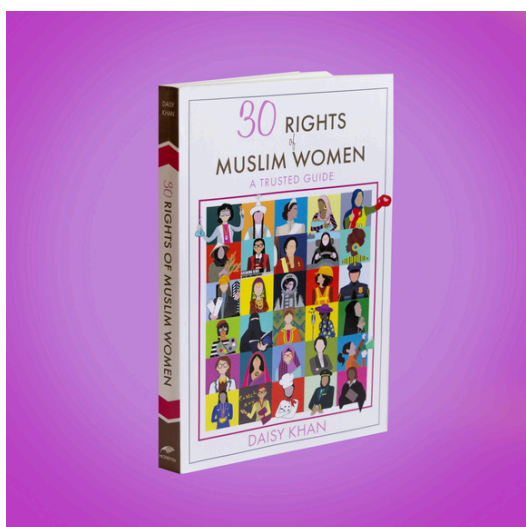
misrepresented by or outside their communities, there is a need to provide easy-to-understand literacy tools to women so they can lead lives of choice, dignity, and opportunity. **30 Rights of Muslim Women** aims to fill this gap.

## What 30 Rights Aims to Do

The most effective ways to improve the lives of Muslim women is to teach them the core values of dignity and equality inherent to Islam. Typically, women do not have access to this knowledge, which both clarifies and validates their sacred rights. The 30 Rights organized in five parts, will highlight how Islam, and its law uphold a comprehensive suite of women’s rights. It will enable women to express their rights within Islam; and confront Islamophobia by showcasing Islam’s supports for women’s agency.

## Praise

“A comprehensive compendium on women in Islam, providing readers with an encyclopedic reference to the most pressing of topics. Easy to follow and accessible.” —**His Eminence Imam Dr. Mohamad Jebara, former Chief Imam, and author of The Life of the Quran**



“Innately conceived, intellectually researched, and spiritually guided. Daisy Khan’s 30 Rights of Muslim Women: The Definitive Guide uniquely questions, protests, and examines the various layers of meaning and practice of gender injustice. By linking historical legacies to contemporary Muslim women’s scholarship and activism, she empowers each woman to self-identify with Qur’anic justice and fairness. Khan affirms women’s spiritual leadership by providing new perspectives of the Qur’an, while

debunking misinterpreted traditions attributed to Prophet Muhammad. She explores women’s realities, embarking with them upon a journey of restoring their own rights and transforming their own lives.” —**Nimat Hafez Barazangi, Author: Woman’s Identity and the Qur’an: A New Reading**

“When Daisy Khan speaks, the world listens. At her core, she embodies a rare amalgam of brilliance and humility, reasoning and passion, patience and persistence, demand and empathy. Her 30 Rights of Muslim Women is packed with actionable research by others, as well as her own compelling conviction that instead of traditional coercive, destructive ‘hard power,’ most women’s persuasive, collaborative ‘soft power’ is often the smartest power. This book should be front and center on the shelves of Muslim girls, Muslim women leaders, Muslim women who should be leaders, Muslim men who are leaders, and Muslim men who should learn from Muslim women how to follow” —**Ambassador Swanee Hunt, Founder/Chair Hunt Alternatives Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Founder, Women and Public Policy Program.**

## Reviews

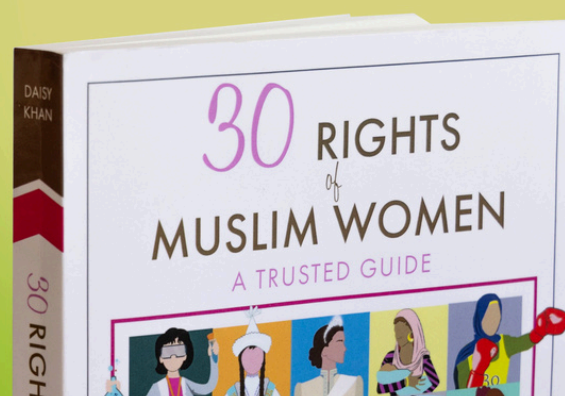
“Traditional Islamic teachings support a surprisingly progressive stance on women’s rights, according to Khan’s searching brief for a Muslim feminism.

The author, founder of the Women’s Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equality, cites verses from the Quran and the Hadith, writings by religious scholars and jurists, and latter-day feminist intellectuals to argue that Islam reserves 30 crucial rights for women that have often been overlooked in Muslim society. These include the right to exercise political leadership (the Quran portrays the Queen of Sheba as the model of a wise ruler, Khan notes); the rights to freedom of speech, a secular education, and a career (the Prophet Muhammad’s first wife, Khadijah, was a merchant trader who used her wealth to support his religious mission); the rights to not be subjected to a forced marriage or child marriage, to divorce, and to have access to contraception and abortion (scriptures permit the termination of pregnancies up to the 17th week of gestation, the author contends). Khan’s prose is lucid, insightful, and viscerally evocative of women’s struggle for equality. The result is a stimulating exploration of Islamic doctrine that will encourage fresh thinking and debate.

A compelling case for recognizing women’s freedom and fulfillment as centerpieces of Islamic values.” – **Kirkusreviews.com**

“ Khan’s methodical textual analysis buttresses her case that Muslim women’s religious equality is enshrined in the Quran, which has been misinterpreted by leaders of oppressive societies to subjugate women. This solid theological guide is worth a look.

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## What Readers Are Saying

*"I want to thank Daisy Khan for publishing this Trusted Guide which every Muslim should read, listen, learn, follow and practice. I wish I could send this book to 100's and thousands of Muslim Women in the USA..." - Porus Dadabhoy, Interfaith leader*

*"I recently bought your book, and it is a treasure, Masha'Allah! I am really enjoying reading it. It is truly a much needed, comprehensive and compelling contribution to the literature of women's rights and status in Islam."- Necva Solak, Scholar*

*"I have read about half of **30 Rights of Muslim Women**, and I am impressed with the depth of information and the excellent references. Post 9/11 as a spokesman for the Islamic Center of LI I had numerous meetings with folks who wanted to learn about Islam. There were four questions which always popped up—top of list –Terrorism, then the treatment of Muslim women, third do Muslims believe in 'other' prophets and finally sorting out State/Religion question. Wish I had Daisy's book available then—better late than never." Dr. Faroque Khan, Community Leader*

*"Going through the book now, it's so wonderfully done; have ordered several additional copies to distribute to others as well." Junaid C, Lawyer*



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