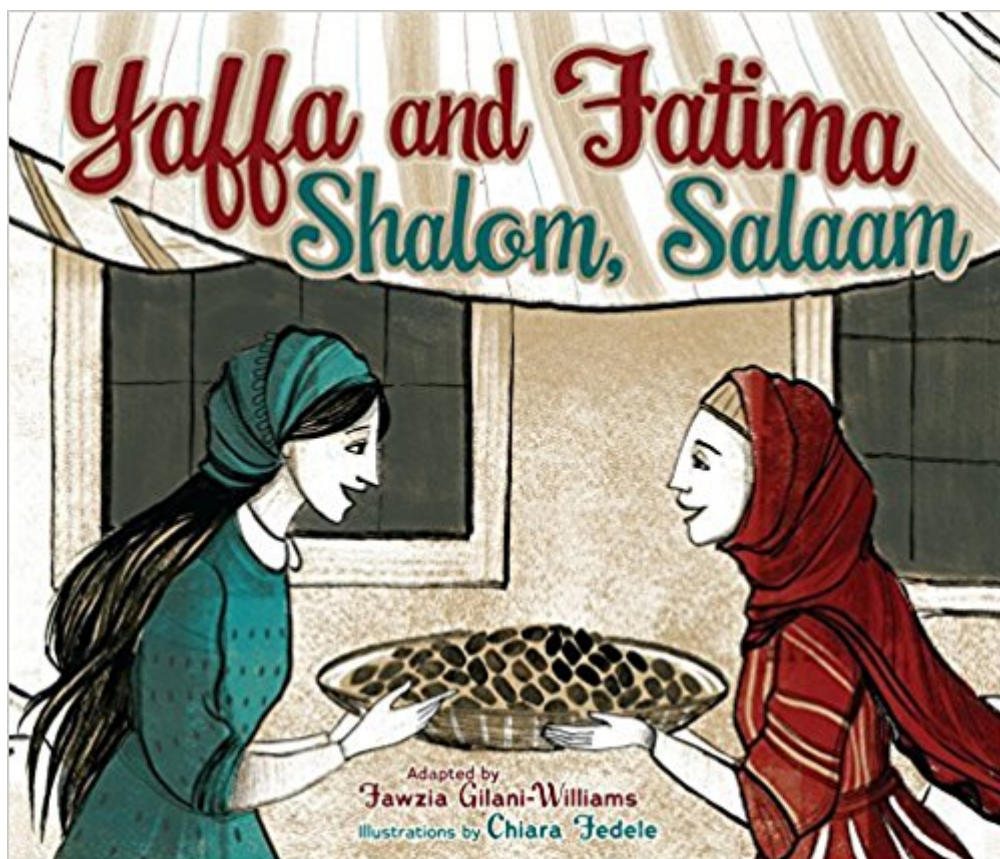


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# Yaffa And Fatima: Shalom, Salaam



## Synopsis

Two neighbors, one Jewish, one Muslim, have always been best friends. When they both fall on hard times, can they find a way to help each other? In Fawzia Gilani's retelling of this folktale which has both Jewish and Arab origins, differences are not always causes for conflict and friendship can overcome any obstacle.

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## Customer Reviews

Fawzia Gilani is the author of many children's books. She serves as an international educational consultant with a PhD in children's literature and character development. She spends her time between the UAE, Ohio, and England with her daughter and husband. Chiara Fedele attended the Brera Academy in Milan. Her illustrations have appeared in many picture books. Chiara also teaches drawing and painting techniques. She lives in Pavia, Italy.

I heard somewhere that the real version of this story was between two men, but I think it's so nice that the author chose to write it with two females. It's a short read, but I did enjoy it. Glad to have it on the shelf.

Love this book! Simple, sweet and shows my daughter another Religion's customs.

Excellent take on an old tale allowing children to see the love between women of different faiths. So important in these times.

In the land of milk and honey is where Yaffa and Fatima lived. These women are the same but different. They both own a date grove. They pick the dates and sell them at market. Sometimes they shared a meal. Yaffa loved Fatima's shwarma and Fatima loved Yaffa's schnitzel. Both prayed and loved their God. Fatima prayed in a mosque and Yaffa prayed in a synagogue. But, there was a time when a drought came and dates were not so plentiful. The two women laid awake at night worrying whether or not the other had enough to eat. How do you think each woman could help the other? This story was inspired by a tale that is said to have both Jewish and Arab origins. Young readers will learn that although we have different cultures and religions we are still all human beings and we can share and embrace each other's differences. Easy to read sentences along with colorful illustrations depict these cultures differences and similarities. Parents and teachers can use this as a tool to explain acceptance.

'Yaffa loved Fatima's shwarma. And Fatima loved Yaffa's schnitzel'. Ideally, friendship and good neighborhood can go beyond differences, as long as the two parts recognize and respect other person's individuality. Based on a story apparently common in both the Jewish and Arabic folktale, but with two brothers, this beautifully illustrated story taking place in 'the land of milk and honey' can be an useful inspiration to be shared in the classroom, teaching children from an early age about respect and tolerance. The two women respect each other, are both religious and care about the other's. In an ideal world, where religion is not used to justify crimes and political actions, a meal of dates and tea shared by the two would be possible. Although one might not necessarily share the message of the book, it creates at least a proper space for discussion and conversation which is very important for moving forward. Disclaimer: Book offered by the publisher

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