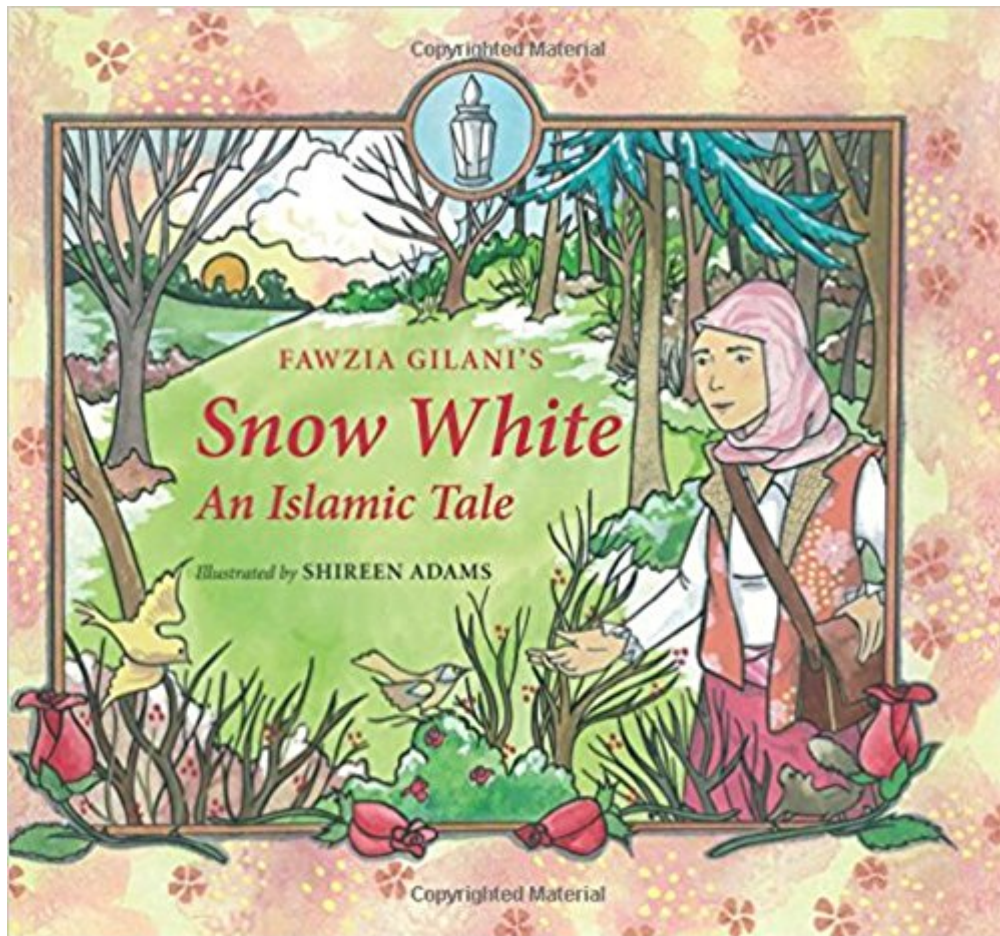


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# Snow White: An Islamic Tale (Islamic Fairy Tales)



## Synopsis

Involving the power of a djinn, poisoned dates, seven dwarf sisters-in-faith, and a mysterious old peddler woman in the woods wearing a face veil, this lyrically told story offers a unique twist on this fairy tale, whilst keeping the classic much-loved story intact, including a hateful and vain stepmother, a considerate huntsman, and a charming prince. Set in the heady snow-strewn woodlands of Anatolia by the illustrator Shireen Adams, this tale of flight, friendship, and forgiveness is richly detailed and beautifully brought to life. Snow White is the second book in the Islamic Fairy Tales series, which looks to offer meaningful and faithful variants of these popular worldwide stories. Fawzia Gilani has worked as a teacher, librarian, and school principal in the United Kingdom, United States, and Canada since 1993. She is the author of thirty children's books, mostly on the topic of Eid.

## Book Information

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Series: Islamic Fairy Tales

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

K-Gr 3 "Blending bits of the Qur'an into the classic folktale, this Islamic version nicely maintains the structure and essential elements of the well-known story. A good child, born to loving parents, Snow White "learnt about Islam, science, language, and played sports."

When her mother died, she “took great comfort in the words of the Qur’an and her prayers. The wicked stepmother, true to form, is beautiful and jealous, and dabbles in magic. She owns a jinn who delivers those words about who is the fairest of them all, and she remembers “the words of an evil magician that the secret to lasting youth was to eat the heart and liver of a young and beautiful girl. The scheme of good and evil plays out in the familiar pattern, focusing on strong women. The “seven dwarf sisters-in-faith” represent “kindness, wisdom, courage, forgiveness, honesty, generosity and patience. There is a handsome prince, of course, but it’s his wise mother and a female doctor who rouse Snow White from her poisonous sleep. Patently didactic, the story is robust and moves along smoothly, noting prayerful moments throughout with Arabic terms translated in a glossary. Simply drawn and warmly colored full-page scenes aptly convey the ugly strength of the stepmother and the multifaceted life Snow White enjoys with the dwarves. Evil becomes its own enemy as the stepmother vainly applies the poisoned comb to her own head, but she gets to repent, because, in the end, the story is about forgiveness. This book is respectful of an audience not often represented in children’s books, and its clever take on an old favorite is likely to have broad appeal.”

—Margaret Bush, Simmons College, Boston

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"In this version, the heroine is pious as well as pretty." —Kirkus review

"The full-color watercolors, with some Anatolian details in clothing and household goods, are attractive;" —Kirkus review

Son loves this book. The illustrations are very beautifully drawn and the colors are eye-catching. I enjoy the theme and new perspective on the classic story. I hope this author writes many more to come.

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lovely story, it was in perfect new conditions and arrived on time! more beautiful than described.

So fresh and original! Such a well thought out story. I loved it.

What a great spin off of Snow White.

I have one Islamic student and she loved it so much that she borrowed it to show her parents.  
Awesome!

My daughter loves the book as well as Cinderella by the same author. Very well written adaptation, MA.

I found this book at our local library. It's great!!! Snow White has a stepmother who has a magic jinn (instead of mirror) , there are seven dwarf sisters in hijab (instead of the old dudes) and instead of a poison apple, there are poisoned dates, and instead of a random prince who kisses her in her coffin, there is a prince who recites Surah Fatiha and then gets his Queen mother to care for her and then the mother asks Snow White to marry her son. It's really sweet and full of lovely pictures and references to the Quran ! I'm going to buy it from !!

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