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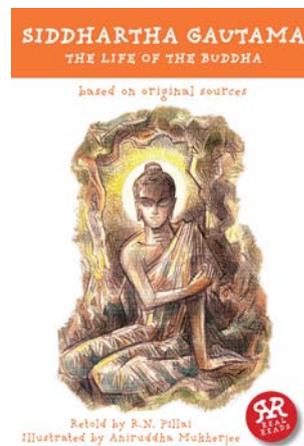
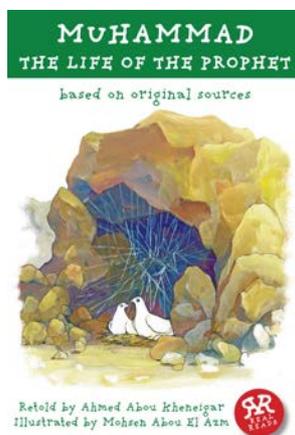
These titles follow the 2010 publication of the highly-praised **Real Reads New Testament, itself written in a unique way, comprising of 6 interlocking first-person narratives.**

Muhammad: The Life of the Prophet.

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Real Reads is a publisher of highly-praised retellings of classic literature for children. Their list of over eighty titles, drawn from the world's most influential and important writing, offers a unique opportunity for international and cross-cultural understanding among the world's children.

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As the roots of the world's major religions are deeply embedded in literature, **Real Reads** has recently published the life of the Prophet Muhammad and the life of the Buddha, complementing the earlier publication of the **Real Reads** New Testament (2010). Through these titles, children of all faiths and of no faith will find an accessible and enjoyable way to begin to understand the faiths influencing the world in which they are growing up.

Praise for Muhammad: The Life of the Prophet.

This version of the Prophet's life is charmingly written and refreshingly retold, and will appeal strongly to its intended young audience.

Ziauddin Sardar, writer, broadcaster and cultural critic.

The life of the Prophet is full of exciting adventures, and this book captures these in a very graphic and vivid manner. The juxtaposition of Arabic calligraphy, beautiful illustrations and fluent narrative makes this book very attractive. I highly recommend it.

Musharraf Hussain al-Azhari, OBE, DL, Chief Executive and Imam, Karimia Institute, Nottingham.

This account based on original sources is concise, readable and moving. It describes the key moments in the eventful life of the Prophet Muhammad, whose powerful message about worshipping the one true God would transform Mecca, then Arabia, and then the world.

Shawkat M. Toorawa, Associate Professor of Arabic Literature and Islamic Studies, Cornell University.

We best learn about ourselves by learning about others. This book on Muhammad will help Muslims and non-Muslims alike to consider anew their deepest beliefs and convictions.

Paul Heck, Associate Professor, Georgetown University, and Founding Director of the Study of Religions Across Civilizations.

Praise for *Real Reads New Testament*.

Retold by Gill Tavner and Alan Moore. Illustrated by Karen Donnelly

These re-written versions of stories from the Bible, lucidly done, but without any dumbing down, confirm the authority of their originals while introducing them to readers in new ways. They pull off the difficult trick of being simultaneously time-honouring and contemporary. They deserve to find a large audience.

Andrew Motion. Poet Laureate 1999-2009

As the father of an eight year-old, I should like to commend most fully the quality of these books and the idea that inspire them.

Canon Anthony Ball, Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury 2010.

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