



“[Khan] passionately tells her singular life story in this fine memoir. Readers will be entranced as they see Khan’s persistent fight for peaceful dialogue in a world sometimes torn apart by religious conflict and misunderstanding...a testament to courage and resilience as well as an important chapter in the story of American Muslims and women of faith.”—*Publishers Weekly* [STARRED REVIEW]. Click [here](#) to read Daisy Khan’s Feature Interview in *PW*.

BORN WITH WINGS

A MEMOIR

BY **Daisy Khan**

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Early Praise for BORN WITH WINGS:

“The autobiography of a **tireless advocate for women in Islam**. Running throughout the narrative is Khan’s **frustration that her vision of Islam as a religion of peace and gender equality is often challenged** by well-publicized terrorist actions and state-sponsored barbarities in explicitly Muslim nations. The author’s account is **informative and appealing**, and she is doing important work ”—*Kirkus*

Refreshing to **hear from a woman whose thoughtful, deeply felt conviction has prompted so much work on behalf of her Islamic religion**. Khan dedicates space to others who have done important work, exemplifying the idea that promoting peace and gender equality involves giving people a platform. A **thought-provoking read.**” —*Booklist*

“I was **immensely moved by *Born With Wings*’ heart-felt, deeply personal and touching account** of a sister Muslim’s spiritual journey and work to empower women and girls around the globe.” —*Her Majesty Queen Noor*

“*Born with Wings* is the **powerful, moving story of a woman’s spiritual growth—and of her trailblazing work** on behalf of Muslim women’s rights. With drama, poignancy, and urgency, Daisy Khan **pulls the reader in and never lets go**. A **gripping, fascinating, and important read.**” —*Marie C. Wilson, former President of the Ms. Foundation for Women and The White House Project*

“Daisy Khan is **one of the most prominent Muslim voices in America, and an icon of female empowerment across the globe**. This beautiful story of her spiritual journey is **an inspiration to anyone who seeks to change the world.**” —*Reza Aslan, author of *No god but God and Zealot**.

Named one of the “10 Muslim Women Every Person Should Know” by the *Huffington Post* and one of Time’s “100 Most Influential People”, Daisy Khan tells the story of a her spiritual journey and how she uses her faith to overcome adversity for herself and those around her in her upcoming memoir **BORN WITH WINGS** (A Spiegel & Grau Hardcover, on sale April 24).

Daisy was born in Kashmir, went to high school on Long Island, and then worked as an architect in New York City. When she first moved to the US, Daisy had a hard time reconciling the beautiful and gentle religion of her childhood with what she was seeing it transformed into in the world today. She stopped practicing. Years later, when she happened to walk into a Sufi mosque in downtown Manhattan, she was surprised to discover a home there, eventually marrying the imam of the Mosque, Feisal Abdul Rauf, and finding herself at the center of a community in which, as the imam's wife, women turned to her for advice. She embraced her role as a women's advocate: she has created innovative ways to work with imams to end child marriage, eradicate female genital mutilation, and most recently educate young Muslims to resist the seductive promises of ISIS recruiters. Daisy is one of the most prominent Muslim women in New York as well as the founder of WISE up, the Women’s Islamic Initiative for Spirituality & Equality, one of the largest global movements of women that works to reclaim women's rights.

BORN WITH WINGS is Daisy’s inspirational journey and the stories of those who have inspired and guided her along the way.

More Praise for BORN WITH WINGS:

“At a time when news headlines cast Muslim societies as war-torn or rigidly traditional, Daisy Khan offers a **subtler, and ultimately more optimistic story**. Her account of her Kashmiri girlhood, American womanhood, and global activism is **warm and sprightly**. Through her own story, and the stories of other change-makers, **Khan reminds us how Muslim women are asserting their rights, while holding fast to their faith.**”—Carla Power, author of *If the Oceans Were Ink*

“Daisy Khan is an agent – an angel – of change. She has written a **colorful, humane memoir** with clear-eyed, scripture-based determination. Her clarion message arrives when the world is rife with anti-Muslim rhetoric. But **beyond the scope of any faith tradition**, it joins an epoch-defining chorus of women’s narratives. **We must listen.**”—Ambassador Swanee Hunt, Eleanor Roosevelt Lecturer in Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School of Government; Founder of Inclusive Security

“Knowing Daisy Khan is to know what the future leaders will have to offer us. The wisdom of Daisy Khan becomes apparent as you read her **excellent, moving book**. **Her life story is one of beauty and struggle, effectiveness and tension**. She will be written in history as one of the first Muslim women to give leadership to the United States. Daisy opens our eyes to the reality of the Muslim world in our time. She brings to us all **a feminine gift marked by tenderness, passion, intelligence and strength**. She is a blessing to us all by virtue of her gift of faith.” —Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell

“Daisy Khan’s consistent application of her faith to all elements of life provides a **compelling and inspiring picture of the things we can accomplish when we devote ourselves to the work of justice** in God’s name. Her story is one of **perseverance, intelligence, and compassion, along with an incredible depth of self-awareness and spiritual devotion**. In this book she provides a fascinating account of her experience as a Muslim woman in America and the ways that she has fought for equality and justice for so many. **Her life, as told here, is an inspiration.**” —Jim Wallis, *New York Times* bestselling author of *America’s Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America*, president of Sojourners, and editor-in-chief of *Sojourners* magazine

“*Born With Wings* is a **lyrical, poignant, emboldening, and, most of all, deeply important** book. Readers of all ages, backgrounds and faiths will find themselves in Daisy Khan’s **extraordinarily inspiring story**—then rush to share it with a treasured friend.” —Bruce Feiler, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Abraham* and *Walking the Bible*

“Daisy Khan has written a **beautiful coming-of-age spiritual memoir** for our times. Recounting her girlhood in Kashmir in **evocative prose that transports us to a rich and redolent faraway—similar to the Afghanistan of *The Kite Runner***—she then grows before our eyes into a thoroughly modern American woman. The story of her marriage to an imam and confrontation with destiny after 9/11 is riveting. Yet the great achievement of *Born With Wings* is **the gift of this humane and wise voice speaking at a vexing moment in history**. **Her courage and clarity are a set of wings for readers everywhere.**” —Brad Gooch, author of *Rumi’s Secret: The Life of the Sufi Poet of Love*

“*Born with Wings* is **the story of a loving partner, a strong feminist, a Muslim leader, and a great American**. Daisy Khan, to paraphrase Rumi, has untied her wings and freed her soul, so that **all who read her may fly up like doves.**” —Rabbi Burton L. Visotzky, author of *Aphrodite and the Rabbis*

“Daisy Khan’s new book is a **must read for anyone who cares about women’s rights**. This memoir is a **touching tale of growth and discovery that shows a side of Islam that is rarely seen today**. She does not shy away from the darker side of a patriarchal faith, and she guides you through her journey finding her own power inside that system. It is **a beautiful story of spirituality and humanity.**” —Anat Hoffman, Chairwoman of the Women of the Wall and director of the Israel Religious Action Center