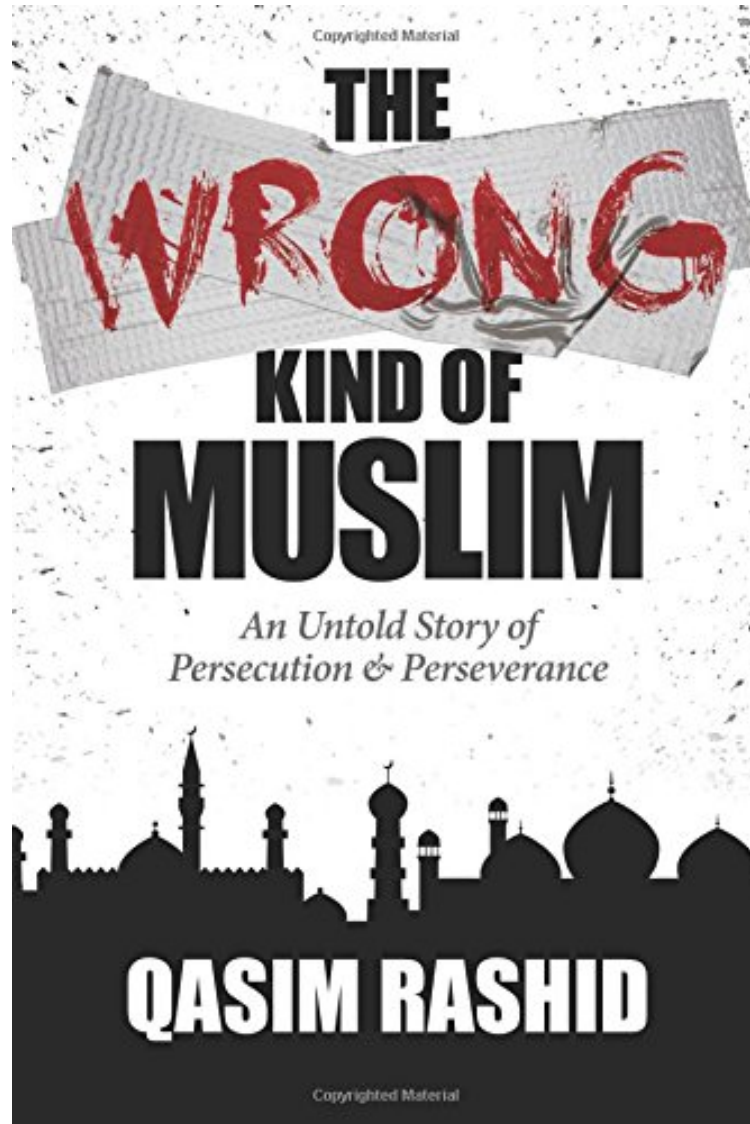


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Qasim Rashid : The Wrong Kind of Muslim: An Untold Story of Persecution Perseverance before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Wrong Kind of Muslim: An Untold Story of Persecution Perseverance:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Modern Classic By Hamza Dawud I want to preface this review by saying that yes, I do know the author (albeit from social media) and consider himself a friend. That said, I give this

book a full rating without any bias whatsoever. In fact, when I was about one-third of the way through it, I was sure it would only get a maximum of four. Why is that, you ask? It's not that the book isn't well-written. Qasim is a very talented writer, as can be seen from the many articles he's contributed to various websites. My issue was the fact that initially, I was annoyed by the fact that whenever he related a story from the past, his character (i.e. him up to a decade ago) seemed incredibly ignorant as to what was going on in Pakistan. His obvious questions and disbelief at things that even I, as a non-Pakistani, knew were happening there made me roll my eyes several times. I thought these reactions may have been embellished a bit, and it bothered me. At some point, however, a realization came upon me like an epiphany: I knew about most of the issues happening in Pakistan that related to anti-Ahmadi persecution, blasphemy laws, etc. BECAUSE of Qasim himself. As I read the reactions of the younger, 20-something Qasim from nearly a decade ago in some sections, I realized that the book was showcasing the transformation of a young man from this character in a book to the author himself, the present Qasim, who then taught me about these things. This blew my mind so much to think about -- and keep in mind I don't smoke weed, so book-related realizations are pretty much the extent to which my mind can be blown -- that something instantly "clicked" and I was then able to fully get into the book AND re-process the sections I'd already read. In short, this book is a very compelling read. Regardless of your religion or how you view the role of Ahmadis within Islam, I don't see how one could read this book and continue to hate them simply for having different beliefs than other Muslims. At the very least, one should feel sad when another human being is harmed or even killed simply for worshiping their Lord in the way they feel to be correct. As long as they're not hurting anyone -- and they are one of the few sects of Islam that categorically rejects all violence, even unnecessarily harsh forms of self-defense -- wishing for or causing harm to come to them is unacceptable. After all, the persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan has also led to the persecution of other non-mainstream Muslims and non-Muslims there, so at which point does the madness end? I fully recommend this book to anyone with an open mind, even if they have some kind of preconceived prejudice about Ahmadis or any other religious group. You may just find that Qasim has indeed won your heart as well.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. This book has opened my heart and my mind towards those of other faiths. By Kim R. I had several friends recommend this book to me and I now understand why! Qasim's journey is touching, eye opening, gut-wrenching, and REAL! I have been recently challenged as a Christian to open my mind and heart to those outside of my faith - not to convert them, but to learn from them. As a Christian, Caucasian, American I am not exposed to discrimination and oppression and that makes it easy for me to ignore what is happening in the US and in other countries. With this sheltered view of life, it's easy for me to make assumptions and judgments on people and religions I know nothing about. Qasim shared his experience of coming to faith, learning how this faith is discriminated against around the world, and his growing passion and call in life to educate others and stand up against injustice. This book has opened my heart and my mind. I have just joined an interfaith group in order to better understand the challenges of those of other faiths and ethnicity. As Qasim states in the book, this process of learning about others and other faiths, will ultimately Strengthen my Own Faith and understanding of God.

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. A must read - riveting story about religious persecution and perseverance. By roberta I read this book in 24 hours. I could not put it down! It reminds me, in parts, of "the Kite runner" - with strong characters living in very difficult times. I became deeply engrossed in their story. The book is also part journalism -- solid reporting on the Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan who are persecuted, murdered and denied basic human rights. Rashid weaves fact and story into a powerful narrative. He a storyteller, a public policy analyst and a passionate advocate for religious freedom and human rights for all people. Read it !!

The Wrong Kind of Muslim is a call to unite those of all faiths and of no faith in the struggle for universal freedom of conscience. Since 9/11, terrorists in Pakistan have killed over 40,000 and counting. Often risking his life, Qasim Rashid journeys into the heart of that terrorism to unearth the untold story of those silenced by Taliban suicide bombings, secret police torture, and state sponsored religious persecution. Rashid exposes the horrifying truth about growing radicalism in Pakistan and its impact on Western security. But most importantly, Rashid uncovers the inspiring untold story of millions fighting back and winning.

EDITORIAL REVIEWS CRITICAL ACCLAIM "A heartfelt memoir of Muslim-on-Muslim discrimination and oppression. A harrowing yet hopeful story of modern-day religious persecution." - Kirkus Reviews. The Wrong Kind of Muslim is the Recipient of the Kirkus Star, Awarded to Books of Exceptional Merit. In his adopted home of America, Qasim Rashid has experienced stereotyping and discrimination as a Pakistani-born Muslim. In his native home of Pakistan, Rashid and his family are subject to persecution because their Ahmadi Muslim faith is considered heretical by many in the Sunni Muslim majority. Rashid's heartfelt story compels admiration for him and a deeper appreciation for America's guarantee of religious freedom. The Honorable TIM Kaine, United States Senator The Wrong Kind of Muslim is a significant and alarming book. It tells the story of growing religious intolerance in Pakistan, a nation profoundly important to American security, where the acceptable bounds of faith have become ever tighter in recent years. Victims of persecution have included Christians and Hindus, but also Muslim believers whom Islamists deem heretical. The book demands attention as a passionate call for peace and wide-ranging toleration. Baylor University Distinguished Professor of History DR. PHILIP JENKINS, Author of Images of Terror: What We Can And Can't Know About Terrorism and

recognized by The Economist as one of Americas best scholars of religion The Wrong Kind of Muslim is a young Americans personal journey into his heritage and religion as a vehicle into the history and ongoing phenomenon of faith-based persecution and target-killings in Pakistan starting with a childhood bullying incident in Chicago. A compelling account, often painful, sometimes uplifting, told with honesty and humor. A must-read for anyone who cares about human rights, humanity, freedom of expression, thought and conscience, not just in Pakistan but anywhere in the world. Pakistani Journalist and Film Maker BEENA SARWAR, Former Fellow at Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard "The Wrong Kind of Muslim is an inspiring book that should be in every high school and college classroom around the world. It educates and motivates its readers, whether in the East or in the West, on how to overcome ignorance and extremism peacefully even in the face of bitter persecution." President CEO, Silicon Valley Education Foundation, MUHAMMED AHMAD CHAUDHRY, Leading Education Advocate "In one word, heroic." USA President Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association, DR. BILAL RANA, MuslimYouth.org

About the Author Qasim Rashid, Esq. is an internationally recognized voice on human rights and religious freedom. CNN calls him, an effective source on a wide range of religious issues and The Huffington Post adds, Qasim offers insightful commentary on issues Muslims in America face. Rashids work has appeared in the USA Today, TIME, The Atlantic, CNN, Washington Post, Huffington Post, Daily Beast, Richmond Times Dispatch, multiple peer-reviewed law journals, among several other national and international outlets. He interviews regularly on Huff Post Live, NBC, CBS, NPR, BBC World, New York Times, Richmond Times-Dispatch, Pittsburg Post-Gazette, among numerous media outlets. He also frequently lectures at houses of worship and universities nationally and internationally including Princeton, Berkeley, Barry, Howard Law, and Richmond Law. Rashid received his Bachelors Degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Richmond School of Law. He is a lawyer by profession.