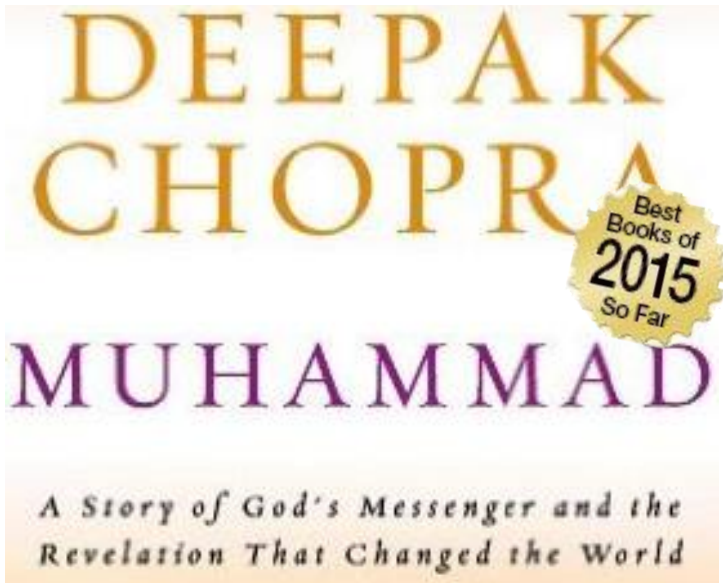


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PRAISE FOR *MUHAMMAD*

“An absorbing novel based on Muhammad’s life. Any reader will come away better informed both about the prophet himself and about Islam, the world’s second-largest religion.”

-Harvey Cox, Professor of Divinity Harvard University

“Compassionate and clear. A courageous undertaking.”

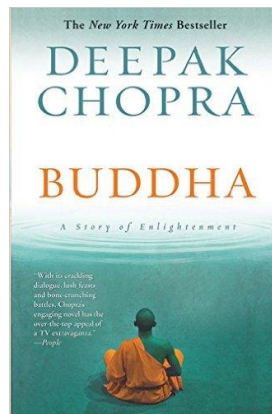
-Greg Mortenson, Co-founder Central Asia Institute

“As a scholar and storyteller extraordinaire, Deepak Chopra portrays a morally courageous yet highly human messenger of God.”

-Irshad Manji, Director *Moral Courage Project* at New York University

BELOW IS AN EDITORIAL REVIEW FROM *PUBLISHER'S WEEKLY*

Chopra, an iconic figure in American popular culture, proves with this biography of Muhammad that he is more than just a New Age talking head. Varying by chapter the narrative viewpoints and using actual characters from the life of Muhammad, such as Muhammad's first wife, Khadijah, and his daughter Fatima, Chopra tells the story of Muhammad's life in this "teaching novel." Similar volumes by Chopra have already profiled Buddha and Jesus. While technically this is fiction, several historical events--including ones dear to many Muslims' hearts--are related. The result is one of the most imaginative and touching biographies of Muhammad. For instance, in the prelude, inventively narrated by the Angel Gabriel, the angel bringing the revelation of the Qur'an to Muhammad, describes the illiterate caravan trader who had married his wealthy female boss. The next chapter, narrated by Muhammad's grandfather Abdul Muttalib, tells the legend of the Zamzam well, which Muslims visit to this day in their annual hajj pilgrimage. Chopra goes on to describe a people yearning for a message that would liberate them from polytheistic tribalism and the messenger, a trustworthy but frightened man who became a prophet. Chopra's grasp of Muhammad's mission and life is accessible and extends his range in a surprising direction; his popularization is welcome.



*If you have any reason to opt out of reading this book, you may do so. The alternative assignment is Deepak Chopra's *Buddha*. This book covers the life of Siddhartha Gautama as he goes from prince to Buddha. Chopra falls on his Indian upbringing to tell the also fictionalized novelization of Buddha's life. Centered on a single character, the narrative moves forward simply and inexorably. Especially imaginative and intriguing is the low-key nature of the Buddha's enlightenment experience. In case Chopra's fans want something more direct, an epilogue and concluding "practical guide" offer nonfiction commentary and teaching on core Buddhist principles.

FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR *MUHAMMAD*:

1. HOW DOES THE MULTI-AUTHOR APPROACH AFFECT THE STORY?
2. RANK THE TOP FIVE MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN MUHAMMAD'S LIFE. JUSTIFY EACH WITH ONE SENTENCE EXPLAINING YOUR SELECTION
3. HOW DO THE JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN FAITHS INTERWEAVE INTO THE STORY OF MUHAMMAD?

READING ASSIGNMENT

As you read Muhammad, fill out the following for each chapter. When complete, this will double as a perfect study guide for our test.

P	ONE SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES <u>GABRIEL</u> :	THREE EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:	VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:
	_____	1. _____	1. RECITE- _____
	_____	2. _____	2. POLYTHEISTIC- _____
	_____	3. _____	3. INFANTICIDE- _____

1	ONE SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES <u>ABDUL MUTTALIB</u> :	THREE EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:	VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:
	_____	1. _____	4. KA'ABA- _____
	_____	2. _____	5. ZAMZAM- _____
	_____	3. _____	6. QURAYSH- _____

2	ONE SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES <u>BASHIRA</u> :	THREE EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:	VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:
	_____	1. _____	7. PROPHET- _____
	_____	2. _____	8. NABUL- _____
	_____	3. _____	9. AMINAH- _____

3	ONE SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES <u>HALIMAH</u> :	THREE EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:	VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:
	_____	1. _____	10. MILK MOTHER- _____
	_____	2. _____	11. BANN SA'D- _____
	_____	3. _____	12. JINNS- _____

4	ONE SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES <u>WARAQAH</u> :	THREE EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:	VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:
	_____	1. _____	13. HAJJ- _____
	_____	2. _____	14. HANIF- _____
	_____	3. _____	15. SHIYA- _____

5	ONE SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES <u>BARAKAH</u> :	THREE EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:	VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:
	_____	1. _____	16. DREGS- _____
	_____	2. _____	17. ABYSSINIAN- _____
	_____	3. _____	18. UTHMAN- _____

6	ONE SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES <u>KHATTAB</u> :	THREE EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:	VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:
	_____	1. _____	19. ZEALOT- _____
	_____	2. _____	20. HASHIM- _____
	_____	3. _____	21. QULLAYS- _____

7	ONE SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES <u>WANDERING MENDICANT</u> :	THREE EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:	VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:
	_____	1. _____	22. THE CHICK- _____
	_____	2. _____	23. AL AMIN- _____
	_____	3. _____	24. AMEERAT- _____

8	ONE SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES <u>KHADIJAH</u> :	THREE EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:	VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:
	_____	1. _____	25. HUBAL- _____
	_____	2. _____	26. BAZAAR- _____
	_____	3. _____	27. YAHWEH- _____

9	ONE SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES <u>JAFAR</u> :	THREE EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:	VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:
	_____	1. _____	28. TAHANNUF- _____
	_____	2. _____	29. MT. HIRA- _____
	_____	3. _____	30. ZAYD- _____

10	1 SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES <u>RUQAYAH</u> :	3 EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:	VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:
	_____	1. _____	31. FATIMAH- _____
	_____	2. _____	32. ZAYNAB- _____
	_____	3. _____	33. QADR- _____

11	1 SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES <u>ABU BAKR</u> :	3 EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:	VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:
	_____	1. _____	34. SURA - _____
	_____	2. _____	35. APOCALYPSE- _____
	_____	3. _____	36. "CRACKED VESSEL"- _____

12	1 SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES <u>ZAYD</u> :	3 EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:	VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:
	_____	1. _____	37. IBN- _____
	_____	2. _____	38. HARITHA- _____
	_____	3. _____	39. WARAQAH- _____

13	1 SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES <u>ALI</u> :	3 EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:	VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:
	_____	1. _____	40. ALI- _____
	_____	2. _____	41. ISLAM- _____
	_____	3. _____	42. KORAN- _____

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1 SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES JEWISH
SCRIBE:

3 EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:

43. HIJRA- _____
44. MOSQUE- _____
45. MEDINAT AL NASI- _____

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1 SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES FATIMAH:

3 EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:

46. RAJAB- _____
47. GHAZI- _____
48. JIHAD- _____

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1 SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES IBN UBAYY:

3 EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:

49. MUNAFIQ- _____
50. UHUD- _____
51. SUFYAN- _____

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1 SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES UMAR:

3 EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:

52. SALABI- _____
53. BANU QURAYZA- _____
54. NUAYM- _____

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1 SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES YASMIN:

3 EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:

55. MUJAHID- _____
56. FASTING- _____
57. BYZANTINE- _____

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1 SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES ABU
SUFYAN:

3 EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:

58. AL-FATH- _____
59. CALIPH- _____
60. BURAQ- _____

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1 SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES DEEPAK
CHOPRA:

3 EVENTS FROM MUHAMMAD'S LIFE:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

VOCAB WORDS FROM THIS CHAPTER:

61. UMMAH- _____
62. HADITH- _____
63. KORAN- _____