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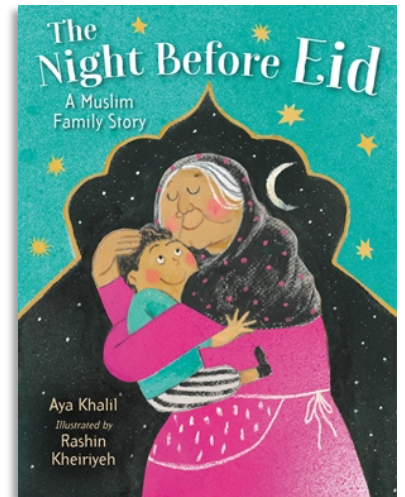
Christy Ottaviano Books is proud to present...

THE NIGHT BEFORE EID: A Muslim Family Story

BY AYA KHALIL AND ILLUS. BY RASHIN KHEIRIYEH

On March 7th, 2023, Christy Ottaviano Books is beyond proud to publish **THE NIGHT BEFORE EID** (ISBN: 9780316319331) by **Aya Khalil** and illustrated by **Rashin Kheiriyeh**. This luminous picture book celebrates the end of Ramadan by exploring a Muslim family's faith, history, and their favorite delicious foods.

On the night before Eid, it's finally time to make special sweet treats: Teita's famous ka'ak. Zain eagerly unpacks the ingredients from his grandmother's bulky suitcase: ghee from Khalo Karim, dates from Amo Girgis, and honey from Tant Tayseer—precious flavors all the way from Egypt. Together with Mama and Teita, Zain follows his family's recipe and brings to life Eid songs and prayers, pharaonic history, and the melodies and tastes of his Egyptian heritage. This Muslim holiday story, featuring a delicious ka'ak recipe, is a satisfying addition to a joyful and expansive Eid.



THE NIGHT BEFORE EID answers the call for Muslim holiday picture books, a shelf space with enormous room for growth. At its core, this picture book is a classic family holiday story with every winning ingredient: intergenerational bonding; cross-cultural exchange; a bedtime hook; back matter featuring the meaning and traditions of Eid; and a delicious ka'ak cookie recipe. **THE NIGHT BEFORE EID**'s elegant combination of family bonding and food culture is an important cornerstone of the picture book market, making this book an obvious choice for fans of *Lailah's Lunchbox*; *Fry Bread*; and *Bilal Cooks Daal*, among others.

ABOUT THE CREATORS

Aya Khalil is the award-winning author of *The Arabic Quilt: An Immigrant Story*, which is an NCTE's Charlotte Huck Award Recommended Book and the winner of the Arab American Book Award, among other honors. Aya holds a master's degree in education and works as a freelance journalist, whose articles have been featured in *The Huffington Post* and *Brit & Co.*, among other publications. She immigrated from Egypt to the United States when she was young and currently lives with her partner and three children in Northwest Ohio. Aya invites you to visit her online at: ayakhalil.com.

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