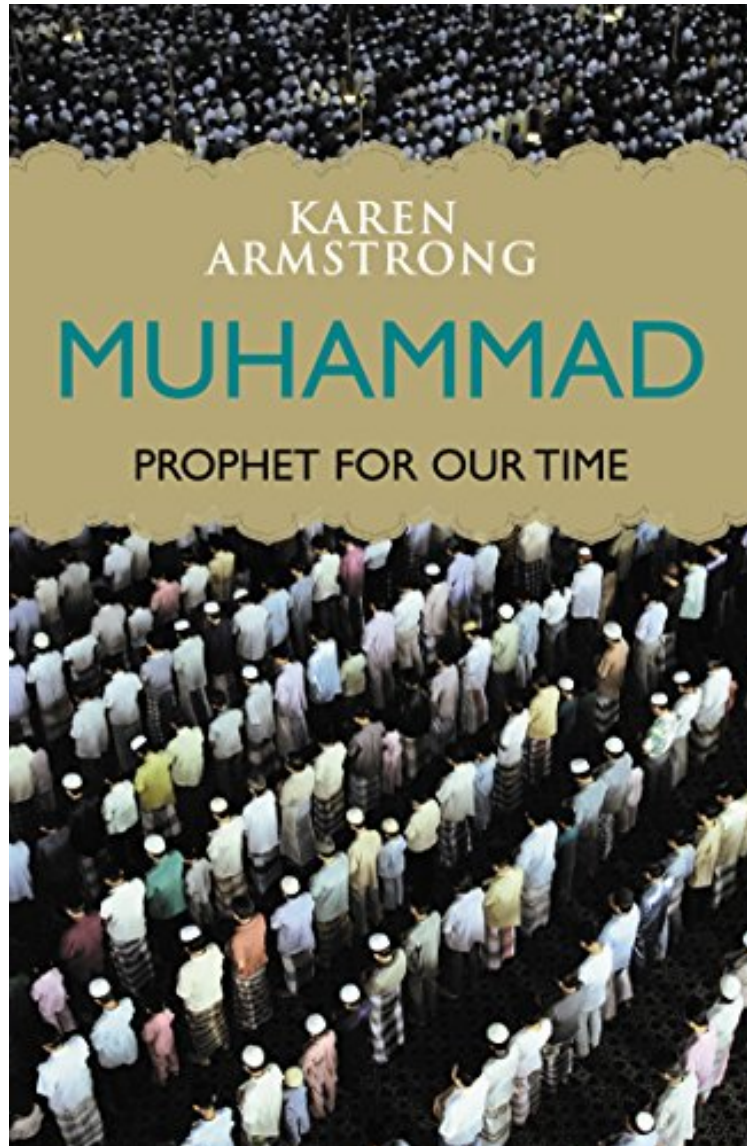


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Good Starting PointVon unravelerThis book may be a good starting point for a Westerner who knows little or nothing about Islam and its prophet. The book is fairly easy to read, as it is not saturated with excessive details or citations, but the tone does get monotonous quickly. Armstrong may have been very interested in the subject, but if that's the case, her

passion and interest do not really come through and fail to make a deep impression on the reader. At times, I felt bored. The title is a bit misleading, too. This is not really a biography of Muhammad, but a kind of interpretation of Islam, its origins, and the character of the prophet--all intertwined in a single book. The sources for the book are English-language secondary sources, and the author was relatively new to Islam at the time of writing. I give it a generous four stars, but strictly speaking this is not really a biography of the prophet, nor a particularly gripping account of the rise of Islam. For a secular interpretation of Muhammad, you may want to see Rodinson's book, and for the faithful, perhaps Martin Lings'. Armstrong's book is best for those who are curious about Islam but afraid to wade in with both feet. Also, the book has an absolutely beautiful cover. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Different Perspective Von Natasha Abed As a Muslim, the history of Muhammad that I learnt portrayed him as infallible, larger-than-life, and with a reverence that bordered on worshipful. When reading the Qur'an, however, I came across several admonitions re certain actions that he took, as well as a verse reminding us that he was a man, albeit a great one! This naturally forced me to re-evaluate what I had learnt about him, thus it was with great interest that I picked up Karen Armstrong's book. I found the novel to be unbiased, insightful, and more educating than the stories learnt at vernacular school. (I haven't yet read Martin Ling's biography). It was also interesting to learn about the attitude of the West towards Muhammad. Bearing in mind that KA had lost her faith, she nevertheless portrays Muhammad fairly. However, if you are reluctant to read anything that ascribes human motives towards any of his actions, then this book is not for you. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The most accessible bio on the Prophet available today. Von Ein Kunde Armstrong has written what is likely the most accessible biography of Muhammad available today. It gives an intriguing account of not only Mohammed's life, but also the historical context under which Islam emerged. The book provides a sound introduction to how and why the Muslim world came to be, as well as glimpse into why it has evolved into its current state. One negative aspect of the novel is that Armstrong often painstakingly tries to justify many of the Prophet's actions, likely out of fear that Western readers will simply write these actions off as barbaric and primitive. There is no need to do this, and the downside is that Armstrong often comes off sounding biased. Armstrong already gives us a clear understanding of the harsh and violent society which plagued 6th century Arabia. Based on this, why the Prophet took many of the actions he did should be understandable to the reader. This however is only a minor criticism and it by no means mars this fascinating book. One only wishes Muslim writers could offer such enriching accounts of their Prophet rather than blindly praising him to no end and offering little valuable insight into the complexities of the man.

Kurzbeschreibung From the bestselling writer of *The History of God* and the widely acclaimed *Islam A Short History* comes Karen Armstrong's *Muhammad*. Muhammad was born in 570 C.E., and over the following sixty years built a thriving spiritual community, laying the foundations of a religion that changed the course of world history. There is more historical data on his life than on that of the founder of any other major faith, and yet his story is consistently misunderstood, and subject to much distortion and error. This story is more relevant now than ever, offering crucial insight into the true origins of an increasingly radicalized Islam. An acclaimed authority on religious and spiritual issues, Karen Armstrong offers a balanced portrait of this revered figure. Through comparison with other prophets and mystics, she illuminates Muhammad's spiritual ideas; she uses the facts of his life, from which Muslims have drawn instruction for centuries, to make the tenets of Islam clear and accessible for modern readers of all faiths. This is an immaculately researched new biography of Muhammad that dismantles centuries of misconceptions to reveal the man at the heart of Islam. de Muhammad was born in 570 CE, and over the following sixty years built a thriving spiritual community, laying the foundations of a religion that changed the course of world history. There is more historical data on his life than on that of the founder of any other major faith, and yet his story is little known. Karen Armstrong's immaculately researched new biography of Muhammad will enable readers to understand the true origins and spirituality of a faith that is all too often misrepresented as cruel, intolerant, and inherently violent. An acclaimed authority on religious and spiritual issues, Armstrong offers a balanced, in-depth portrait, revealing the man at the heart of Islam by dismantling centuries of misconceptions. Armstrong demonstrates that Muhammad's life a pivot point in history has genuine relevance to the global crises we face today. Discover More Eminent Lives Francis Crick: Discoverer of the Genetic Code by Matt Ridley Freud: Inventor of the Modern Mind by Peter Kramer Machiavelli: Philosopher of Power by Ross King Thomas Jefferson: Author of America by Christopher Hitchens George Washington: The Founding Father by Paul Johnson Alexis de Tocqueville: Democracy's Guide by Joseph Epstein .com Muhammad was born in 570 CE, and over the following sixty years built a thriving spiritual community, laying the foundations of a religion that changed the course of world history. There is more historical data on his life than on that of the founder of any other major faith, and yet his story is little known. Karen Armstrong's immaculately researched new biography of Muhammad will enable readers to understand the true origins and spirituality of a faith that is all too often misrepresented as cruel, intolerant, and inherently violent. An acclaimed authority on religious and spiritual issues, Armstrong offers a balanced, in-depth portrait, revealing the man at the heart of Islam by dismantling

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