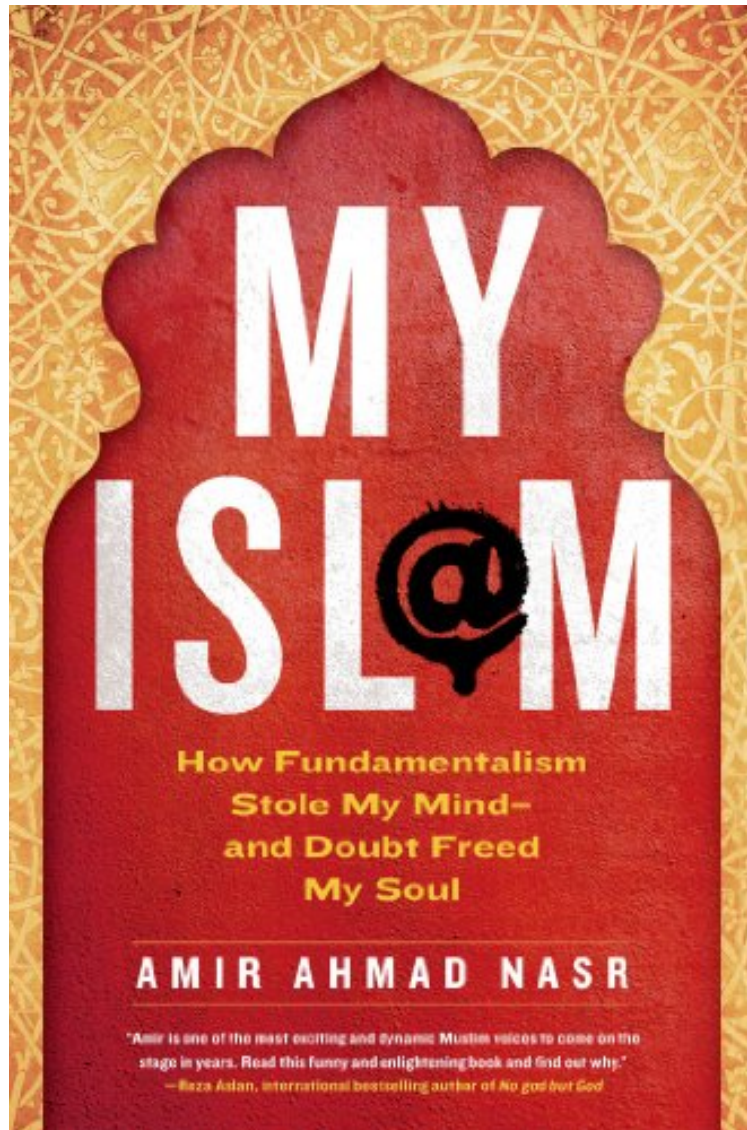


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not just for MuslimsVon Wolfgang GlocknerI saw Nasr speak in Kuala Lumpur last year and decided to read the book to learn

more about him. My Isl@m tells the story of Nasr growing up in Sudan and Qatar where - even though his family seems to be moderate - he gets indoctrinated by fundamentalist muslim teachers. The family eventually moves to Malaysia where Nasr visits an international school and starts doubting his fundamentalist beliefs. What follows is a gripping story of Nasr's journey through the Islamic blogosphere and a move from fundamentalist Muslim to radical Atheist and the eventual reconciliation with some aspects of Islam. Nasr also becomes a digital activist, helps to facilitate the Arab Spring, and eventually speaks at the Oslo Freedom Forum. I think the book will speak to anyone who ever had a major change of mind. Nasr's openness, honesty, and enthusiasm give the reader a clear picture of the challenges Nasr is facing and allows the reader to see parallels to his own life. Lastly, the book (though it is, of course, a memoir and not an academic treatise) gives the reader some interesting insights into the history and theology of Islam that I personally wasn't familiar with.

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