Muhammad

is

the messenger of Islam.

Born in Mecca in the year 570, Muhammad grew into a sensitive and thoughtful man who believed deeply in the worship of one true god. In his fortieth year, Muhammad experienced a revelation from the angel Gabriel that he, Muhammad, was the messenger of God. Over the next twenty-three years, he received many such revelations, all of which were written down by scribes at the time of revelation to become the Koran, the sacred scripture of Islam, a religion that is practiced by nearly one-quarter of the worlds population and holds as its most sacred tenet that there is no god but God. Through a clear text and stunning illustrations based upon those of traditional Islamic expression, the award-winning artist Demi here introduces the remarkable life of the Prophet Muhammad for young readers.

My Personal Review:
Firstly, I hope nobody is reading the School Library Journals shockingly bigoted and unprofessional review of this book. I am writing directly to the SLJ to let them know how I feel about the review above which is not a review at all but a horribly ignorant and bigoted diatribe against Islam, rather than an actual review of this book. It appears that the author of the review simply didn't like the book because she has a lot of preconceived prejudices against Islam and Muslims and she is just upset that this book doesn't reflect her ideas. Very disappointing and unprofessional coming from a such a widely-regarded publication.

This book is an outstanding summary of the life of the Prophet Muhammad which is beautiful and informative for both children and adults. As a
Muslim I find it deeply respectful and accurate. One minor issue for Muslims is that, while care is taken to obscure the face of the Prophet Muhammad as is the custom, there are faces on the picture that shows other Prophets (such as Moses and Jesus) and it appears that the author was not aware that the prohibition on depicting the faces is for all Prophets not just for Muhammad. Some Muslims I know have simply used gold-toned pens to cover them.

I use this book both for my children and for interfaith dialogue groups due to its brevity, accessibility, and sheer beauty.

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