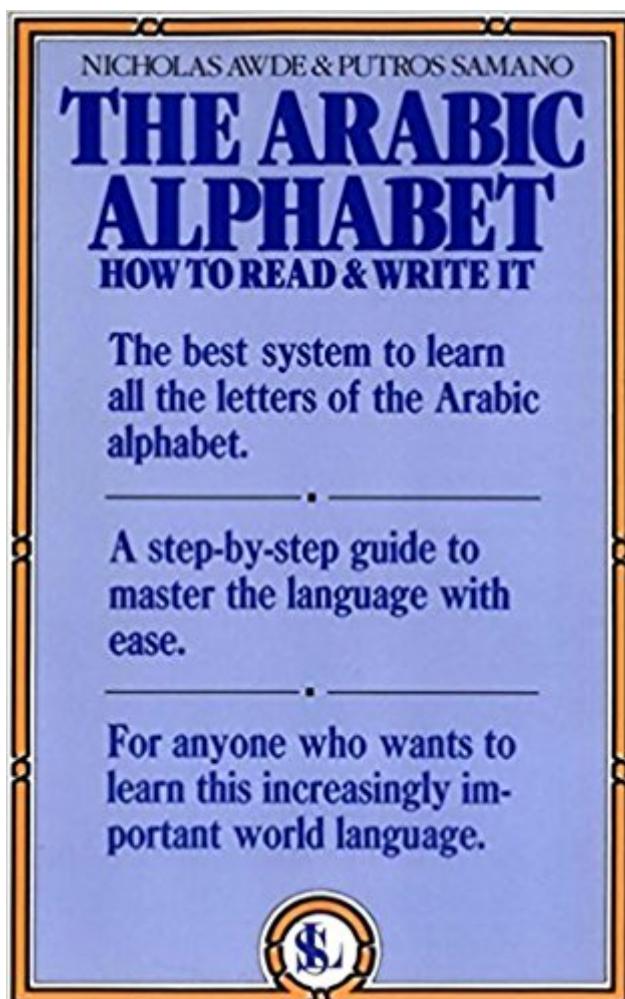


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The Arabic Alphabet: How To Read & Write It



Synopsis

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This book is so helpful. I am using it in conjunction with another course and its really helping me to

understand how to read, but also how to pronounce correctly.

I've taught a little intro to Arabic course 3 times now and this is really perfect for what it is - teaches the script and gives a fabulous overview of the Arabic language. Really janky font/printing, but doesn't interfere from the good content.

Good things come in simple packages. This booklet, soft-bound and printed on inexpensive paper, should be the beginning point for every westerner's attempts to learn Arabic. It addresses clearly the differences in underlying logic between Arabic and the various European languages, and explains them in simple terms. It removed, for me, various mysterious and seemingly incomprehensible elements that are glossed over in standard textbooks. I recommend it absolutely. It is much more than a "beastiary" for Arabic letters.

Not the best book. But I am finding it helpful as a supplement to some of the other Arabic programs I'm also using.

- Easy to read and understand (especially for Arabic writing system, now I am 100% clear, make it easy to learn how to write Arabic)
- Good introduction before reading a 'proper' Arabic self learning book.
- Helps pronunciation (of different alphabets) even without CDs.
- To the point. It would be perfect if audio devices available.

Thank you.

Really simple to learn, great!

This is the absolute best place to start if you're just beginning with arabic. Every beginner's book that I've read only dedicates 2-3 pages or an appendix to the arabic alphabet, but I think a more thorough understanding is required. The book is about 30 pages and teaches you the basics of the alphabet. There are so many little rules that one never thinks about when studying a language and this book does an excellent job of describing them. For example a beginner's English book would describe how to pronounce the letter "g" but a good book will reveal the shades of pronunciation. What happens when an English word ends with "-ough?" This book does a thorough and brief (yes this is possible) job of enumerating the rules of an alphabet that most English speaking people have

never used. Letters in arabic don't precisely correspond to letters we use, there are certain restrictions and exceptions just like in English and this is a must-have for anyone who really wants to be able to understand the basics before going on. However, this book is only a starting point and does not attempt to teach any grammer, vocabulary, or conjugation.

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