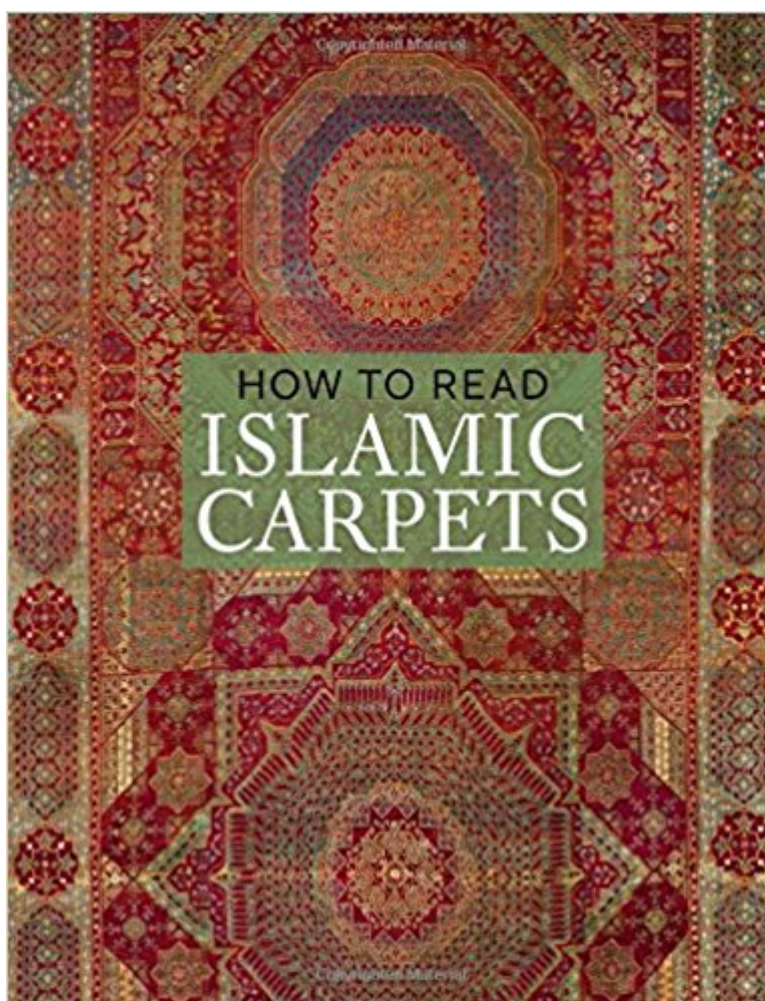


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# How To Read Islamic Carpets (The Metropolitan Museum Of Art - How To Read)



## Synopsis

Carpets made in the "Rug Belt" — an area that includes Morocco, North Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia, and northern India — have been a source of fascination and collecting since the 13th century. This engaging and accessible book explores the history, design techniques, materials, craftsmanship, and socioeconomic contexts of these works, promoting a better understanding and appreciation of these frequently misunderstood pieces. Fifty-five examples of Islamic carpets are illustrated with new photographs and revealing details. The lively texts guide readers, teaching them "how to read" clues present in the carpets. Walter B. Denny situates these carpets within the cultural and social realm of their production, be it a nomadic encampment, a rural village, or an urban workshop. This is an essential guide for students, collectors, and professionals who want to understand the art of the Islamic carpet.

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An engaging and accessible book that explores the history, design techniques, materials, craftsmanship, and socio-economic contexts of Islamic carpets.

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This book has a beautiful collection of Carpets from all over the Islamic world. The photos are striking and it's a really great book. I had to return the first book due to water damage, but received the second book within a week and the return was very easy.

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