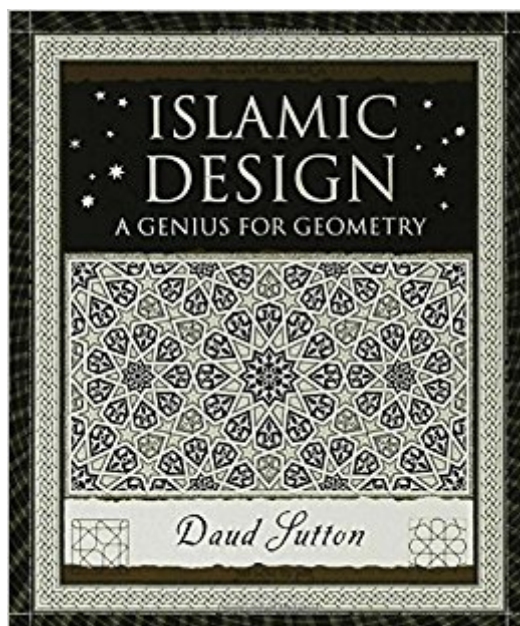


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Customer Reviews

Daud Sutton is Director of the Thesaurus Islamicus Foundation's design studio Editio Electrum, specializing in the fire reproduction of carpet pages from ancient manuscripts.

This is a great little book and I am giving it 5 stars. The info in it is fantastic and I'm still going through it. But I feel the need to mention that it is much smaller than I expected. The first two Wooden Books I had are Quadrivium and Designa. Those two are very thick books. So I expected the same with this one, but it is much thinner and I have to admit I was a bit dissapointed when I first received it in the mail. However, I'm still giving it 5 starts as the info is great and the book is exactly as it was described. The issue was with my expectation.

I like it. beautiful content. I was expecting it to be bigger than the size was a bit small. price is a bit expensive.

Small size but very nice!!

Nice little book. Not big enough to include a commentary on the purposes of Islamic geometric design, but the text is clear in its description of how a particular design is arrived at. The designs illustrate the text precicely. Here is a sort of quick reference-dictionary of Islamic design that speaks volumes.

Good

A cute little book with LOTS of information.

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