Synopsis

A compilation of Fethullah Gulen's sermons on the life of the prophet, the book offers us a deeper understanding of God's Messenger through looking into his exemplary life from different aspects.

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Customer Reviews

I have bought a number of books about Prophet Muhammad's life before. By far this is the best I have come to own. It sets the scene before his arrival in Makkah and relates about the characteristics of prophets in general and linking a whole generation of them to make a point that it is not a coincident that Muhammad was chosen by God to be the final prophet of God. Narrations of his relations with his companions and events surrounding his life is the most authentic I have found. I really like reading this book. It's language is also simple. Over all it is a great book to have.

Written by the famous Turkish humanist Fethullah Gulen- its a study of the Prophet's life, of his companions, and of Prophethood in general. It is a long work- a joining of two volumes. All in all, it is a good book, a great deal of interesting information, although sometimes it gets a quite gushy and sentimental- using images of flowers, gardens, jewels, etc- although the style is generally elegant. The best parts were Military Dimensions of the Prophet's life (which bring to the front how incredible his military skills and planning), and Other Dimensions of his Prophethood (which illumine other aspects, such as his mercy, generosity, spirituality with clear examples). The Section on the Companions and Successors was interesting, showing how the early Muslim community was seriously and intensely set on scholarship concerning what the Prophet had transmitted. A good
book, but unlike Martin Lings's famous biography and Qadi Iyad's Shifa, it may not be one I'll come back to.

Since this book is a compilation of Fethullah Gulen's sermons on the life of the prophet, it is a narrative book. Thus, the book representing characters and actions with some degree of realism. While you are reading it, you can feel all the characters and actions comes to life. You feel like you are in a movie set, and part of the scene. There are other good books about Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), but they always come with a language barrier. Not to mention Fethullah Gulen's respected Islamic knowledge, the book is a must-read.

The rolemodel of all REAL Muslims is Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) and his life explained in this book [The Prophet Muhammad-Exemplary Life of the Infinite Light].

Fethullah Gülen, the leader behind the Hizmet movement, recently wrote a biographical account of the Prophet Muhammad's life and spiritual journey, as well as the characteristics of prophets throughout time. This project, titled Messenger of God, is beautifully written and perfect for those interested in theology, history, and Islam's role in both. As an American non-Muslim, I was unaware of many of the iconic moments in the Prophet Muhammad’s life, such as his encounter with the Christian monk Bahira, his exemplary relationship with his first wife Khadija, his role as a teacher to those he encountered, and his confrontations with nonbelievers in Medina. However, I feel that I have as basic an understanding as a non-Muslim could have because of the fine details that Gülen paid in every paragraph he wrote. Every paragraph was meticulously written with a clear intention. In some parts of the book, Gülen simply wanted to convey his love and adoration for the Prophet. In others, he wanted to explain the aspects of Islam that are frequently misunderstood, such as jihad and polygamy. Gülen's tone was so profound to me that I mentioned it to my mother, explaining that I found his book both informative and sincere. I would highly recommend the book to anyone who is curious about Islam and the Prophet Muhammad, or seeks a better understanding of either.

Excellent book filled with facts and most educational. I read it twice because the author is so thorough. I will buy books written by this author again and already have. Thank you M. Fethullah Gulen.
By far one of the best and compelling book, which would actually walk you through the life of Muhammad (Pbuh) with very different perspective. It is not a kind of usual and chronological book, which would follow the pattern of the biography. This book offers deep and inner understanding of God's Messenger (Pbuh). Especially focuses on particular aspects of his life that highlight his significance as husband, a father, an educator and a worshipper.

Such a fantastic book. It it well ordered, and shows the Prophet in a very human light. It is a must as it is so easy to read! Its great especially for those of us who grew up in the West, where there are not as many high quality books on Islam and the last Messenger.

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