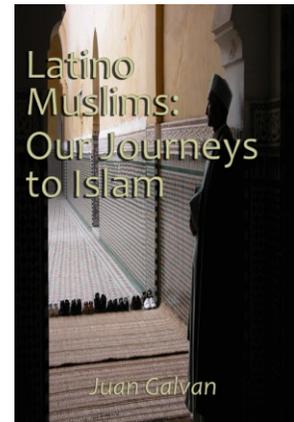


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A new book about Latino Muslims and their journeys to Islam!

San Antonio, TX - January 15, 2018 – What drives Latinos to embrace Islam? Juan Galvan attempts to answer this question with the release of *Latino Muslims: Our Journeys to Islam*. This collection of heartfelt stories, explores the struggles, discoveries, and revelations of Latinos before and after their conversion to Islam.



As a third generation, Mexican-American who converted to Islam in 2001, Juan Galvan certainly does not fit the Western stereotype of a Muslim. Following his conversion, he was asked by many why a Latino from the Texas Panhandle would embrace Islam. Challenged by his inability to readily answer this question, he embarked on a journey of self-reflection. This compilation of stories became his own personal search for answers. Juan is also the co-author of “Latino Muslims in the United States: Reversion, Politics, and Islamidad”, a 2017 report examining the identity of Latino Muslims in the United States based on the Latino Muslim Survey (LMS).

Prominent author of *The Hadj: An American’s Pilgrimage to Mecca*, Michael Wolfe, writes, “Here is a book that will fill your ears with a chorus of voices you may never have heard so clearly. What I love about this carefully introduced, large collection of testimonial essays is its variety, its unsettledness, its openness, its range....Our Journeys is a collection of actual, living human voices reveling in the beauty of discovery but also grappling with the stresses and strains of a decision that may easily confuse neighbors and even, perhaps especially, close relations.”

Latino Muslims: Our Journeys to Islam is available at Amazon.com in paperback and digital versions and in hardcover at BarnesAndNoble.com. ISBN: 978-1530007349 (Paperback Edition). ISBN 978-1538062715 (Hardcover Edition). Publisher: Self-published. Page Count: 243. Visit LatinoMuslims.net for additional book details or to download a high-resolution book cover image.

"After becoming a Muslim, (Juan) Galvan made it his personal mission to inform the country about Latino Muslims."

Hernán Rozemberg, San Antonio Express-News, 2005

About the editor

Juan Galvan lives in San Antonio, Texas, with his wife and three sons. Juan is a third-generation Mexican-American and the son of migrant workers. He is the third of eight children and spent his early years hoeing cotton in the rural Texas Panhandle. Juan encourages others to expand their views on the Latino and Muslim identity as he has learned through his own personal experiences.

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