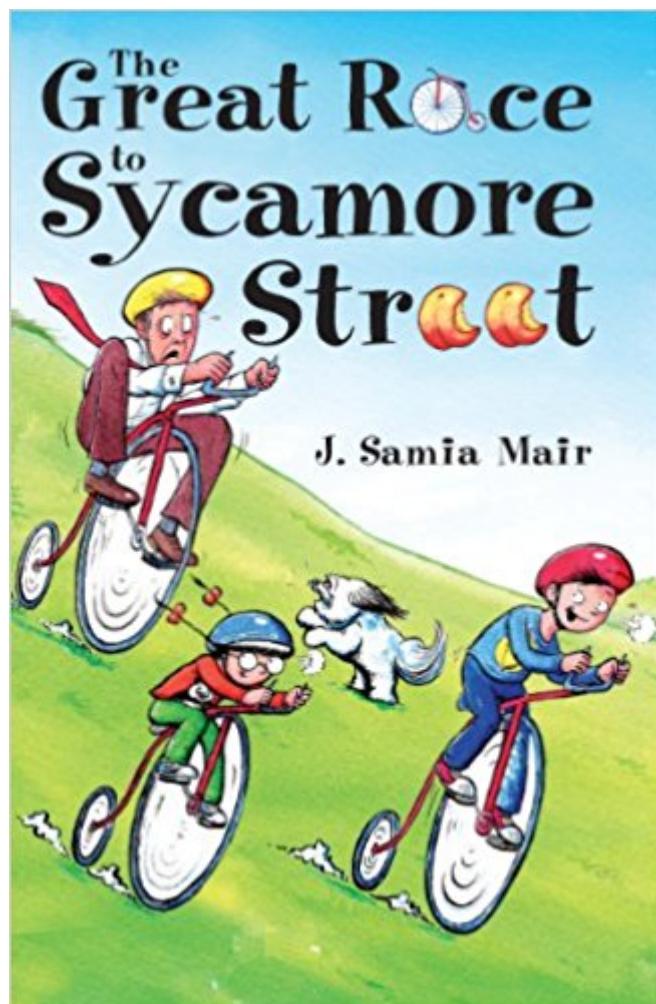


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# The Great Race To Sycamore Street



## **Synopsis**

This topsy turvy adventure on Sycamore Street sees brother and sister Hude and Amani arrive in Fairfax County, Maryland with one thought: it was going to be a long, boring summer in the country. They couldn't be more wrong. With Grandma Hana's new neighbor planning to pull down her prized peach tree and a gang, led by the archer Bobby, marshaling the local lake, Hude and Amani have a hard time getting any peace. In this warm and comical story, find out how, under the watchful eyes of Grandma Hana, Hude and Amani plan to save the peach tree and beat Bobby at his own game before leaving Sycamore Street behind. J. Samia Mair has published two children's books with The Islamic Foundation, Amira's Totally Chocolate World and The Perfect Gift, which have been favourably received. She is currently a staff writer for SISTERS Magazine. Additionally, she has published articles, stories, and poems in books, magazines, anthologies, scientific journals, online news sources, and elsewhere. This is her first chapter book for kids. She lives in Odenton, Maryland.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

"The Great Race to Sycamore Street is a great read and highly recommended for parents to give their children a fantastic taste of adventure, inspire a love of reading and at the same time impart sound Islamic information in a natural, fluent way." Read Little Muslims. "On a whole the book was

great and I would thoroughly enjoy reading other stories by the author." Helen, Good Reads.

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Great book, I would recommend this to anyone who has a kid or nephews'nieces

For my daughter, I plan to read it too. I found it a must buy because I know the author and I have her other 2 books (Amira's Totally Chocolate World and The Perfect Gift and there is mention of the story in Fairfax, MD (if your from the DC metro area, you'll find that funny because there is a Fairfax but its a county and city in Northern VA)..so I find that amusing and local sounding :)

The great race to sycamore street is a funny, and great book. I have personally chosen this book as one of my top favorites. I am a bookworm just like anami (a character in the book) and when I started reading this book, I felt like I was inside the witnessing the events. If you didn't read this book yet. YOU SHOULD!!! And I mean it!

Rising 5th grader loved it! Wish there were more novels for Muslim girls

It wasn't that fun

Thanks

I really enjoyed reading this book with my daughter. We took turns reading pages, and we both really wanted to know what would happen to the peach tree which in an interesting way became a character in the story. This story is about a brother and sister who visit their Grandmother, a Turkish immigrant and widow, who lives in the fictional, small town of Fairfax, MD. It's an adventure tale revolving around a crisis that happens when a grouchy neighbor moves next door. The characters are Muslim and as such there are Islamic references throughout like common phrases that would be

said in a Muslim home such as Alhumdulilah (All praises to God), and inshallah (God willing). For me, these seemed natural and did not detract. Also, the Grandmother at times remind the kids of traditional stories or sayings as a way to guide their behavior or figure out how to deal with a problem. The author includes references at the back for those who might be unfamiliar with these stories. This is a great adventure story that would be a wonderful choice for any parent wanting to promote a love of reading and good morals and manners in their children. The book is suitable for 3-5 graders, although I will confess to enjoying it quite a bit myself.

My boys are enjoying this book immensely. They do not want me to put it down. The story is very exciting for them and they are also learning new words. Highly recommend it!

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