



## What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of Time, Volume Two (Library of Arabic Literature)

By Muhammad al-Muwaylihi

Download now

Read Online ➔

**What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of Time, Volume Two (Library of Arabic Literature)** By Muhammad al-Muwaylihi

With *What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us*, the Library of Arabic Literature brings readers an acknowledged masterpiece of early 20th-century Arabic prose. Penned by the Egyptian journalist Muhammad al-Muwaylihi, this exceptional title was first introduced in serialized form in his family's pioneering newspaper *Misbah al-Sharq* (*Light of the East*), on which this edition is based, and later published in book form in 1907. Widely hailed for its erudition and its mordant wit, *What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us* was embraced by Egypt's burgeoning reading public and soon became required reading for generations of Egyptian school students.

Bridging classical genres and the emerging tradition of modern Arabic fiction, *What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us* is divided into two parts, the second of which was only added to the text with the fourth edition of 1927. Sarcastic in tone and critical in outlook, the book relates the excursions of its narrator 'Isa ibn Hisham and his companion, the Pasha, through a rapidly Westernized Cairo at the height of British occupation, providing vivid commentary of a society negotiating—however imperfectly—the clash of imported cultural values and traditional norms of conduct, law, and education. The “Second Journey” takes the narrator to Paris to visit the Exposition Universelle of 1900, where al-Muwaylihi casts the same relentlessly critical eye on European society, modernity, and the role of Western imperialism as it ripples across the globe.

Paving the way for the modern Arabic novel, *What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us* is invaluable both for its sociological insight into colonial Egypt and its pioneering role in Arabic literary history.

↓ [Download What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of ...pdf](#)

📖 [Read Online What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period ...pdf](#)



# What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of Time, Volume Two (Library of Arabic Literature)

*By Muhammad al-Muwaylihi*

**What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of Time, Volume Two (Library of Arabic Literature) By Muhammad al-Muwaylihi**

With *What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us*, the Library of Arabic Literature brings readers an acknowledged masterpiece of early 20th-century Arabic prose. Penned by the Egyptian journalist Muhammad al-Muwaylihi, this exceptional title was first introduced in serialized form in his family's pioneering newspaper *Misbah al-Sharq (Light of the East)*, on which this edition is based, and later published in book form in 1907. Widely hailed for its erudition and its mordant wit, *What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us* was embraced by Egypt's burgeoning reading public and soon became required reading for generations of Egyptian school students.

Bridging classical genres and the emerging tradition of modern Arabic fiction, *What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us* is divided into two parts, the second of which was only added to the text with the fourth edition of 1927. Sarcastic in tone and critical in outlook, the book relates the excursions of its narrator 'Isa ibn Hisham and his companion, the Pasha, through a rapidly Westernized Cairo at the height of British occupation, providing vivid commentary of a society negotiating—however imperfectly—the clash of imported cultural values and traditional norms of conduct, law, and education. The “Second Journey” takes the narrator to Paris to visit the Exposition Universelle of 1900, where al-Muwaylihi casts the same relentlessly critical eye on European society, modernity, and the role of Western imperialism as it ripples across the globe.

Paving the way for the modern Arabic novel, *What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us* is invaluable both for its sociological insight into colonial Egypt and its pioneering role in Arabic literary history.

**What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of Time, Volume Two (Library of Arabic Literature) By Muhammad al-Muwaylihi Bibliography**

- Rank: #2902431 in Books
- Brand: Muhammad al Muwaylihi
- Published on: 2015-07-03
- Released on: 2015-07-03
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 9.20" h x 1.20" w x 6.30" l, 1.52 pounds
- Binding: Hardcover
- 416 pages

 [Download What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online What Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period ...pdf](#)

## Download and Read Free Online What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of Time, Volume Two (Library of Arabic Literature) By Muhammad al-Muwaylihi

---

### Editorial Review

#### Review

"While illustrating his novel with local examples from that time, al-Muwaylihi's effective critique is as broad and relevant as much classical Western satire; surprisingly much of it feels very modern, the various arguments and examples easily imaginable in contemporary settings...a cohesive (and still very far-reaching) work that also offers a lot of entertainment value. It's an enjoyable read, with some great anecdotes and very funny scenes—and a lot of interesting arguments."-*The Complete Review*

"[Allen's] craftsmanship is on full display in these magisterial translations... of supreme literary complexity."-*Journal of Arabic Literature*

#### About the Author

**Muhammad al-Muwaylihi** (1274-1348 H/1858-1930 AD) was an Egyptian writer and political journalist, a career that he shared with his prominent father, Ibrahim al-Muwaylihi, with whom he also published the reputable and incisive newspaper *Misbah al-Sharq* (Light of the East). Other notable works include *Critique of Shawqi's Collected Poems* and *Cure for the Soul*.

**Roger Allen** retired in 2011 from his position as the Sascha Jane Patterson Harvie Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, where he served for forty-three years as Professor of Arabic and Comparative Literature. He is the author and translator of numerous publications on Arabic literature, modern fiction and drama, and language pedagogy.

### Users Review

#### From reader reviews:

##### Mark Carter:

In this 21st century, people become competitive in each and every way. By being competitive right now, people have to do something to make all of them survive, being in the middle of the crowded place and notice by means of surrounding. One thing that sometimes many people have underestimated the idea for a while is reading. Yep, by reading a guide your ability to survive raise then having chance to stay than other is high. In your case who want to start reading some sort of book, we give you this particular What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of Time, Volume Two (Library of Arabic Literature) book as starter and daily reading guide. Why, because this book is greater than just a book.

##### Jennifer Frederick:

The book with title What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of Time, Volume Two (Library of Arabic Literature) contains a lot of information that you can understand it. You can get a lot of gain after read this book. This kind of book exist new expertise the information that exist in this e-book represented the condition of the world currently. That is important to you to be aware of how the improvement of the world.

That book will bring you inside new era of the glowbal growth. You can read the e-book in your smart phone, so you can read this anywhere you want.

**Vincent Mireles:**

The book untitled What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of Time, Volume Two (Library of Arabic Literature) contain a lot of information on the idea. The writer explains your ex idea with easy means. The language is very simple to implement all the people, so do not necessarily worry, you can easy to read the idea. The book was written by famous author. The author will take you in the new time of literary works. You can actually read this book because you can keep reading your smart phone, or program, so you can read the book with anywhere and anytime. If you want to buy the e-book, you can available their official web-site and order it. Have a nice examine.

**Mary Adameczyk:**

This What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of Time, Volume Two (Library of Arabic Literature) is new way for you who has intense curiosity to look for some information as it relief your hunger details. Getting deeper you onto it getting knowledge more you know or perhaps you who still having bit of digest in reading this What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of Time, Volume Two (Library of Arabic Literature) can be the light food for you because the information inside this book is easy to get through anyone. These books develop itself in the form and that is reachable by anyone, yep I mean in the e-book type. People who think that in guide form make them feel sleepy even dizzy this publication is the answer. So you cannot find any in reading a guide especially this one. You can find actually looking for. It should be here for anyone. So , don't miss the item! Just read this e-book style for your better life along with knowledge.

**Download and Read Online What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of Time, Volume Two (Library of Arabic Literature) By Muhammad al-Muwaylihi #G6OTNXME17K**

## **Read What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of Time, Volume Two (Library of Arabic Literature) By Muhammad al-Muwaylihi for online ebook**

What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of Time, Volume Two (Library of Arabic Literature) By Muhammad al-Muwaylihi Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of Time, Volume Two (Library of Arabic Literature) By Muhammad al-Muwaylihi books to read online.

### **Online What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of Time, Volume Two (Library of Arabic Literature) By Muhammad al-Muwaylihi ebook PDF download**

**What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of Time, Volume Two (Library of Arabic Literature) By Muhammad al-Muwaylihi Doc**

**What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of Time, Volume Two (Library of Arabic Literature) By Muhammad al-Muwaylihi Mobipocket**

**What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of Time, Volume Two (Library of Arabic Literature) By Muhammad al-Muwaylihi EPub**

**G6OTNXME17K: What 'Isa ibn Hisham Told Us: or, A Period of Time, Volume Two (Library of Arabic Literature) By Muhammad al-Muwaylihi**