

Aman Ali

Aman Ali is an award winning storyteller in New York City and one of the most popular social media personalities in the Muslim community today. His passionate and animated tales he regularly posts to Facebook continue to go viral by the thousands daily. He is also one of the only young American Muslims in the public spotlight today. He's made appearances on dozens of media outlets such as the New York Times. CNN, HBO, ABC News, and NPR to talk about his upbringing as a 20something Muslim born and raised in America.

30 Mosques in 30 Days: Tales from an American Ramadan Road trip

CNN ranked it as one of the top stories of 2010. During Ramadan, Islam's holy month of fasting and reflection, New Yorkers Aman Ali and Bassam Tariq took a roadtrip across America, stopping each evening to break their fasts at a different mosque in a different state. In two years the two have driven over 25,000 miles during the trip and been to all 50 states and have showcased their narratives on their site www.30mosques.com. During the trip they prayed inside the "Ground Zero Mosque" in Manhattan, got pulled over by a cop in Mississippi, and visited the first mosque ever built in the U.S. in Ross, North Dakota – a town with only 48 people in it. Along the way they met a Native American Muslim who grew up on a Sioux reservation, mainstream Muslim athletes and rappers, Cambodian/Bosnian/Somali refugees and many, many others, all of whom are part of the diverse Muslim-American community. Their journey explores what it means to be Muslim in America today, and serves as a powerful counter-narrative to the media's image of a monolithic Islam, receiving coverage in the NY Times, CNN, BBC, Time, NPR, Fox News, ABC News, the Huffington Post and Al Jazeera.

