

# Why Arabs Hate Reading

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Though little reliable research has been done on Arabic literacy, the little that has been done is quite clear in one regard. As Johns Hopkins researcher Niloofar Haeri concludes in her contribution to *The Cambridge Handbook of Literacy* (2009), throughout the Arab world educated people find reading very difficult, don't like to do it, and do as little of it as possible—even the librarians. [more>>>](#)