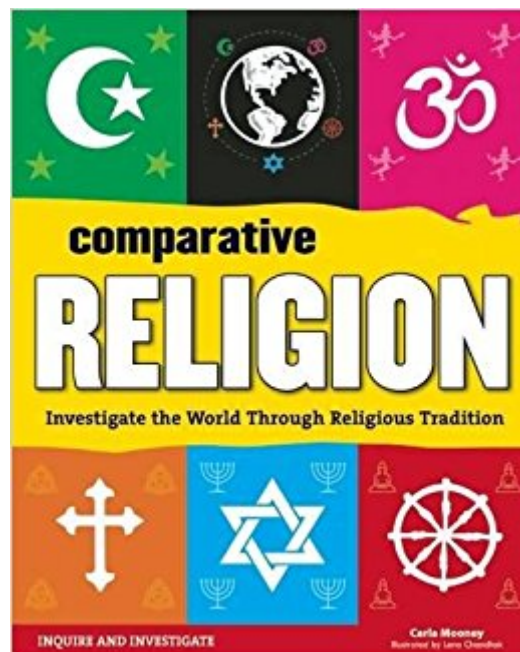


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# Comparative Religion: Investigate The World Through Religious Tradition (Inquire And Investigate)



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I bought this book for my 7th grader to supplement her social studies curriculum. It is just right for middle school level reading. It describes the basics of 5 religions: Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam and Christianity. Each one is presented factually and without bias. Colorful side notes and illustrations make things interesting. There are roughly 20 pages on each religion. Each chapter covers origins, major events, theology, and traditions at an overview level. Recommended! I learned quite a bit myself.

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