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Day of Ahmed's Secret

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Heidi, Florence. *Day of Ahmed's Secret*. Illustrated by Ted Lewin. Mulberry Books, 1990. ISBN 0688140238. \$6.99. 32 pp.

Reviewer: Seth Dixon

Reading level: Intermediate

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Fiction; Picture book

Subject: Cairo (Egypt)--Juvenile fiction; Work--Juvenile fiction; Literacy--Juvenile fiction

The Day of Ahmed's Secret really puts the reader in the life of a child in the Middle East. The story follows Ahmed through the city of Cairo as he works to help support his family. His secret, being excited to show his family that he can write his name, is a part of childhood that transcends culture. At the same time, his name is written in Arabic, showing regional differences throughout world cultures.

Great geographic content (importance of the Nile and Desert, activity of Cairo) is also embedded in this book.