



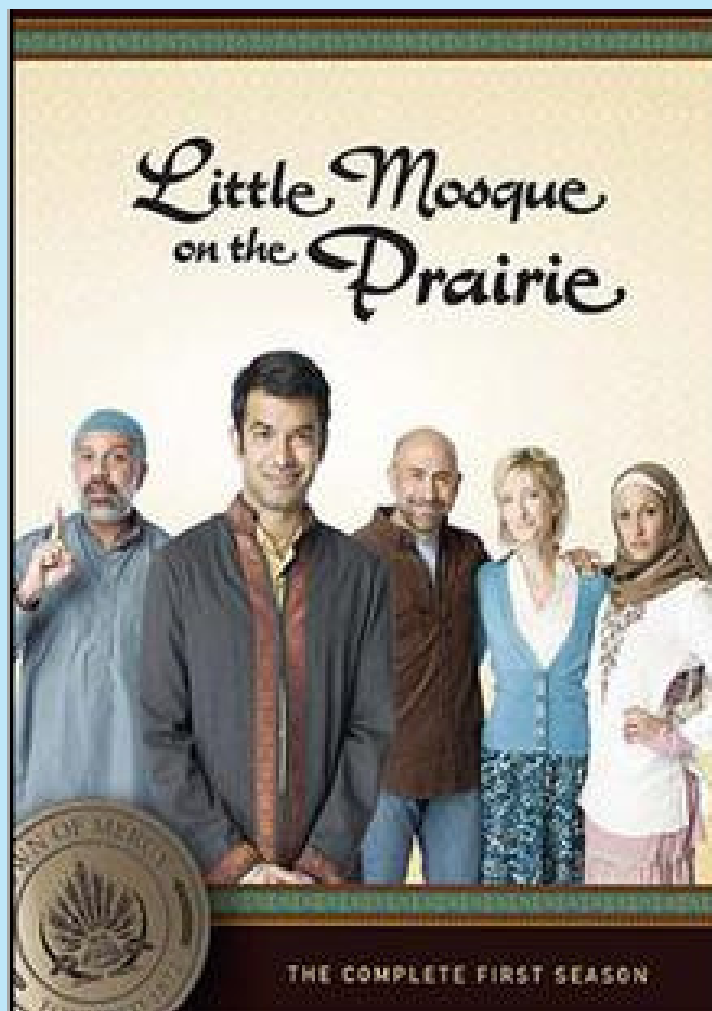
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Little Mosque on the Prairie DVD cover

Muslims in North American Popular Culture

In this lecture I trace changing representations of Muslims in North American popular culture since the 9/11 attacks. With attention to shows like *Little Mosque on the Prairie*, *Ms. Marvel*, *Mo*, *Ramy*, and *Zarqa*, a case is made that popular culture has become the primary site for pushing the boundaries of Muslim self-representation. Special attention is paid to how these images are reconfigured in an increasingly authoritarian US, and a Canadian polity struggling with its own history of multiculturalism.

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