

## Some English Books on Shi'a Beliefs

The first book is of a Sunni brother who was exposed to the Shi'a for the first time, after studying several Sunni madhabs, including Sufism.

The book is written from a Sunni perspective.

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13. "Shitte Islam", by Tabatabai (translated into English by Seyyed Hussein Nasr)

Note: Allamah Ayatollah Seyyed Muhammad Husayn Tabatabaei, who passed away recently, was one of the scholars and philosophers of Shi'a Islam. He is known for many contributions to Islamic scholarship, including  Tafsir al-Mizan .

14. "An Introduction to Shi'i Islam: History and Doctrines of Twelver Shi'ism", by Moojan Momen

Note: The beginning chapters explain the historical events that lead to the Shi'a–Sunni split. I don't think the author is a Shi'a himself, but the book is informative.

15. "The Shiites Under Attack", by Muhammad Javad Chirri. Available from: The Islamic Center of America, 15571 Joy Road, Detroit, Michigan, 48228.

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