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the question

I am a student of Islamic knowledge and I do not want to become a specialist in qira'at (recitations of Quran). I would like to know whether the book *Tuhfat al-Atfal* is sufficient for me in this field, or are there other books? Please note that I want to specialise in `aqidah (creed), and I would like a curriculum, if you would be so kind as to advise me on what is sufficient for me in the field of tajwid.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

There are many books of tajwid. Those which will suffice the non-specialist student include the following:

Tuhfat al-Atfal by Shaykh Sulayman al-Jamzuri (may Allah have mercy on him). There are several commentaries on it, one of the best of which is *Minhah Dhill-Jalal fi Sharh Tuhfat al-Atfal* by Shaykh `Ali ibn Muhammad as-Dabba` (may Allah have mercy on him) – the prominent shaykh of the Egyptian reciters.

Then there is *Al-Muqaddimat al-Jazariyyah* by Imam Ibn al-Jazari (may Allah have mercy on him), and there are many commentaries on it; some scholars said that there as many as one hundred. The most well-known commentary, which is very useful, is the commentary written by Shaykh al-Islam Zakariya al-Ansari (may Allah have mercy on him), which is called *Ad-Daqa'iq al-Muhkamah fi Sharh al-Muqaddimah*, with explanatory notes by Shaykh Sayyid Lashin (may Allah have mercy on him).

Useful contemporary books which are based on the books mentioned above include: *At-Tajwid al-*



Musawwar by Dr. Ayman Suwayd; *Al-Mujaz al-Basit fi `Ilm at-Tajwid* by the female reciter Zaynab Hilmi, with an Introduction written by the shaykh of the reciters, *Ahmad al-Ma`sarawi*.

And Allah knows best.