

Globalization has affected our society in many ways, however many of our traditions remain intact. The United Arab Emirates has become a multicultural hub where people of all nationalities and ethnicities have found a place to call their home. Although we UAE nationals have become minorities within our own country, we still managed to maintain various customs and continue to dress according to these customs and traditions. Unfortunately, we do not know the true meanings behind them and why we act and dress in this way.

A random survey that we distributed amongst 100 UAE nationals revealed that only 28 percent knew some parts of these stories. There is a lack of documentation regarding these matters, everything relies on word-of-mouth in the old days, and therefore it is greatly essential for us to create and obtain a written proof in order to keep these stories alive.

The information in the book is all based on historical accounts as told by UAE nationals. Information was collected via interviews with experts and the elderly. We have tried our best to make sure the information provided is accurate.