

Collections of Hadith

There are two kinds of Hadith compilations (collections): *musannaf* and *musnad*. In *musannaf* collections, hadiths are recorded under various headings dealing with juridical subjects. The most famous *musannaf* collections are:

1. *Sahih Al-Bukhari* (d. AH 256/870 CE)
2. *Sahih Muslim* (d. AH 261/874 CE)
3. *Sunan An-Nasa'i* (d. AH 303/916 CE)
4. *Sunan Abi Dawud* (d. AH 275/889 CE)
5. *Sunan At-Tirmidhi* (d. AH 279/892 CE)
6. *Sunan Ibn Majah* (d. AH 273/886 CE)

In *musnad* collections, hadiths are arranged alphabetically under the names of the Companions on whose authority these hadiths were reported. An example of this kind is *Musnad Ahmad ibn Hanbal* (d. AH 241/855 CE).

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