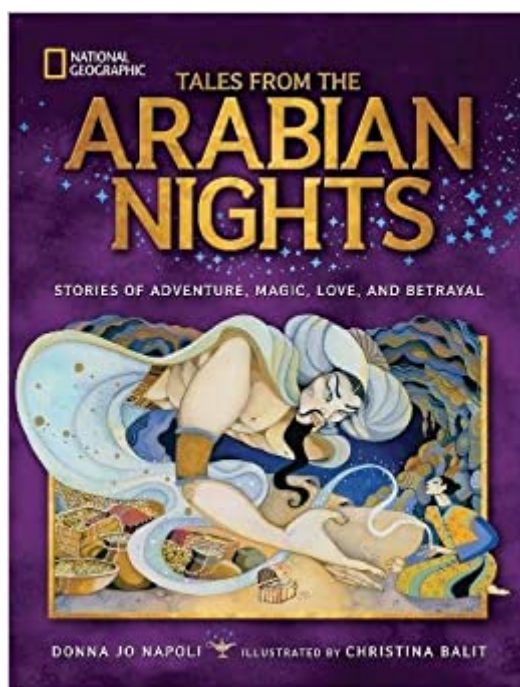


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# Tales From The Arabian Nights: Stories Of Adventure, Magic, Love, And Betrayal



## Synopsis

Classic stories and dazzling illustrations of princesses, kings, sailors, and genies come to life in a stunning retelling of the Arabian folk tales from One Thousand and One Nights and other collections, including those of Aladdin, Sinbad the Sailor, and Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves. The magical storytelling of award-winning author Donna Jo Napoli dramatizes these timeless tales and ignites children's imaginations.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"A brilliant tapestry woven not of yarn but of stories, both fresh and faithful to its historical roots." -- Kirkus Starred Review "The supplemental educational content, including a map of the ancient Arab world and notes on Napoli's approach to her skilled retellings, allows for a deeper understanding of these stories and their significance within a larger cultural context." -- Publishers Weekly "As a collection, the book straddles the line between pleasure reading enhanced by the vibrant and highly stylized artwork and a scholarly source, complete with sidebars, maps of the ancient Arab world, and additional sources for those interested in further pursuit." -- Booklist "A generation raised on Disney films will recognize some of the tales, and the sheer power of the storytelling will sweep them along through the rest... And really, it simply

isn't possible to beat the sheer drama of the high-stakes premise of this important literary treasure... "This is a must-have for collections and young readers everywhere." -- The Booklist Reader "Highly recommended, especially for private browsing and public library collections." -- Midwest Book Review.

DONNA JO NAPOLI is professor of linguistics at Swarthmore College, mother of five, grandmother of five, and the author of more than 80 books for children and young adults. While her undergraduate major was mathematics and her graduate work was in linguistics, she has a profound love of mythology, folklore, and fairy tales. CHRISTINA BALIT is a graduate of the Chelsea School of Art and the Royal College of Art, London. An award-winning dramatist and illustrator, Christina has painted more than 20 children's books, including *Blodin and the Beast* by Michael Morpurgo, *Zoo in the Sky*, *The Planet Gods*, *The Lion Bible*, National Geographic's *Treasury of Greek Mythology*, and National Geographic's *Treasury Egyptian Mythology*. Her author titles include *Escape From Pompeii*, *Atlantis*, *The Legend of the Lost City*, and *An Arabian Home*. Her plays include *Woman With Upturned Skirt*, *The Sentence*, and *Needle* (winner of the Brave New Role award).

Received book today. Beautifully done. The illustrations are unbelievable. I have read about 20 of the tales. I'm not sure this is a children's book as I think the stories are scary for young children and the pictures might add to that feeling of goblins and scary monsters. I think parents will have to decide what age appropriate stories are for their children.

Beautiful illustrations and the writing is much better compared to the author's three treasury of Greek, Egyptian, and Norse mythologies. As a fan of mythology and fairy tales, the tales of 1001 night is a great classic and this book is a great addition to my book collection. It is also something my little cousin and nieces would enjoy during bedtime.

Stunning! Pre-ordered in Feb 2016. Received in Oct 2016. Well worth the wait.

My son loved this book!!! Totally recommended nice graphics!

Just as expected

## Great Product

It's a beautiful book that we gave to a three-year-old for his parents to read to him. It has explanations of cultural implications in the margins so it should entertain on up into school years. It's by National Geographic so you can be assured that the bias toward Muslim culture is ever present. Nevertheless, the evil in the stories abounds enough to adequately counterbalance the bias - and perpetrators get what's coming to them.

Does your child love stories full of adventure? Does your daughter dream of being a princess or living in a royal kingdom? This book is full of stories to delight all the imaginations of your children and fill their dreams with visions of genies, kings, and families full of wild tales. Scheherazade comes up with a way to tell stories to her husband in the hopes of being granted another day of life. Her adventurous stories engage and excite the reader or listener and leave them guessing the conclusion to many of the fables along with maybe learning a few life lessons along the way. This is quite a large and heavy book, but perfect for night-time storytelling. You can read a story in just a few minutes before bed and your child can savor the tale while drifting off to sleep. The pages are full of gorgeous illustrations that depict a culture much different from one here in the United States. The clothing is elaborate as is the architecture and the illustrations show the beautiful details on the pages. One tale that I remembered reading as a child was "The Tale of Ali Baba & the Forty Thieves". It's full of greed and jealousy. But it also reminds us of the treasure we have and then holding onto it. Each of the stories also has various sidebars that give information related to the culture and current traditions. Some of these stories are a bit gory or have parts you wouldn't want to read to young children. But, older elementary children who love adventure will appreciate the folklore and history tied to these stories. With 24 stories, this book can last many nights by reading just a story at a time. The back of the book offers a map of the Middle East and a bibliography for those who want to learn more about a particular legend or folk tale. This would make a wonderful gift for the adventurous child and one that could be passed on for generations. I received this book for free in exchange for an honest review.

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