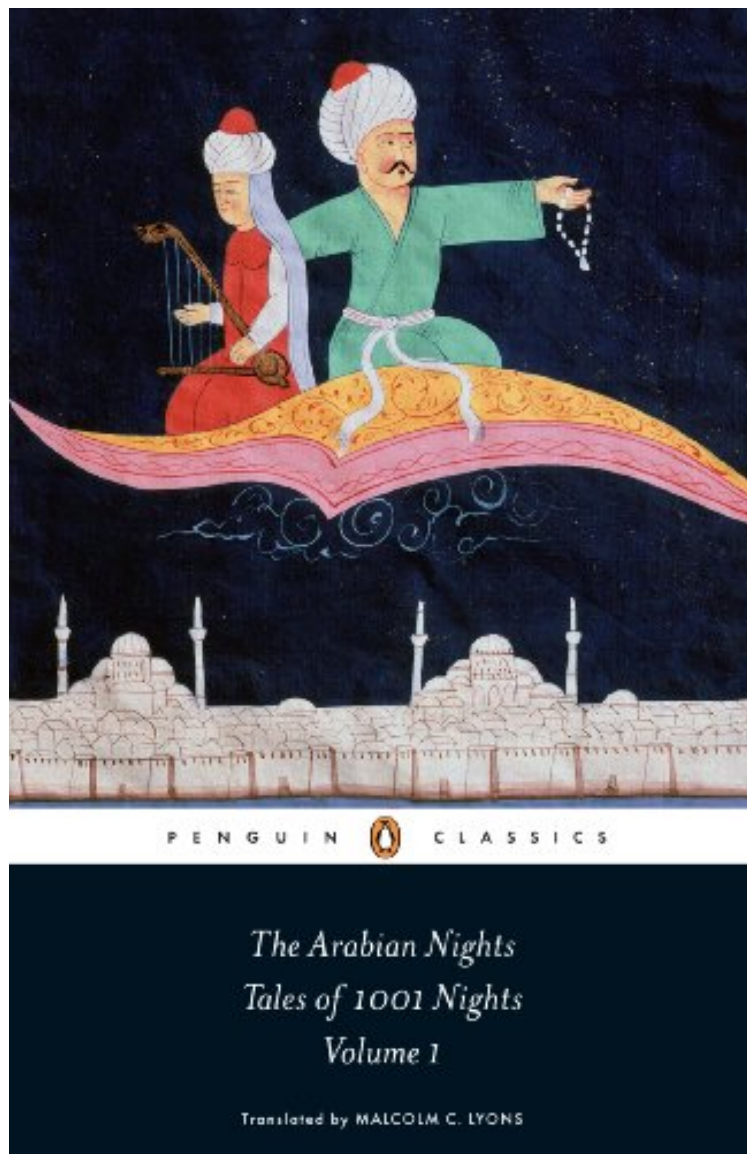


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Positively amazingVon ArnoThe name "Tales of 1001 nights" evoked such wonderful memories in me that I decided to buy this new translation by Malcolm C. Lyons as soon as I could. I know there have been previous English versions, but these are hard to get and not that fluent to read. This book is different:I think the author did a great job of capturing the essence of the prose, leaving in enough repetitions to be reminded of the unique style the story was initially told in, while at the same time making it enjoyable as a read (as opposed to a reading / theatrical performance that it would have been in the past). I am not so sure about the rendering of the poetry, which is in prose as opposed to the original verse and likely captures the meaning of the Arabic quite well but to me has become rather irritating as I read on, and I discovered myself skipping it on occasion. On the positive side, I love the sparse use of footnotes that can otherwise easily destroy a reading experience for me as I am constantly drawn to the bottom of the page in order to find out what the meaning of the little super-scripted 2 might actually be.1001 nights is a collection of stories (all told in the framework of the overarching story of Shahrazad telling a part of them every evening) and as such there are short stories lasting but half a night (or 2 pages) and long ones lasting more than 50. There are famous stories and those that are little known. I think my greatest joy is that in this multitude of stories with varying subjects and arguably of varying quality it happens quite often that one of them amazes me in a way that I had not expected - and often it is the lesser known stories that are so surprisingly good: The story of King 'Umar ibn al-Nu'man and his family is the first longer story that has struck me as such, starting only on the 45th night. And then there are the recurring roles, like Harun al-Rashid whose very mention in the setup of a story makes me smile in anticipation...

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