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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—A reimagined tale based on One Thousand and One Nights and The Arabian Nights. In this version, the brave Shahrzad volunteers to marry the Caliph of Khorasan after her best friend is chosen as one of his virgin brides and is summarily murdered the next morning. She uses her storytelling skills, along with well-placed cliff-hangers, to keep herself alive while trying to discover a way to exact revenge on the Caliph. However, the longer she stays in the palace, the more she realizes there's more going on than just a murderous prince. While her feelings for the Caliph grow and change, the first love she left behind is busy plotting to overthrow the entire palace. When the various plotlines come together in a final conflict, the story is brought to a satisfying, if unexpected, ending. A quick moving plot and sassy, believable dialogue make this a compelling and enjoyable mystery, with just the right amount of romance and magic. The main characters are well drawn and surprisingly likable, while secondary characters also develop in endearing ways. The rich, Middle Eastern cultural context adds to the author's adept worldbuilding. Intimacy is dealt with in a straightforward way, without graphic details, and a subtle message of strength is portrayed through the brave independence of the protagonist. VERDICT This well-written mystery will be a surefire hit with teens.—Sunnie Lovelace, Wallingford Public Library, CT

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Praise for The Wrath and the Dawn:

#1 New York Times Bestseller
#4 on the Summer 2015 Kids' Indie Next List!
An Amazon Best Book of the Year for 2015 – Young Adult
A New York Public Library Best Book for Teens for 2015
A Seventeen Magazine Best Book of 2015
A YALSA 2016 Best Fiction for Young Adults Pick

"Lushly imagined and powerfully characterized, it's a potent page-turner of intrigue and romance."—Publishers Weekly

"This book is a fairy tale, a mystery, and ... promises to become a classic tale of its own."—VOYA

- ★ "Set against a backdrop of political intrigue and a simmering revolution, this is a carefully constructed narrative of uncertain loyalties, searing romance, and subtle magic in a harsh desert city."—Booklist, starred review
- ★ "The rich, Middle Eastern cultural context adds to the author's adept world building... a surefire hit with teens."—School Library Journal, starred review
- ★ "Renée Ahdieh's lush debut novel, *The Wrath and the Dawn*, is a suspenseful and beautiful reimagining of *The Arabian Nights*, with an edge."—*Shelf Awareness*, starred review

"Dreamily romantic, deliciously angst-y, addictively thrilling."—Kirkus Reviews

"Sumptuous detail ... satisfyingly steamy scenes, along with some angsty push and pull moments between

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"In her absorbing debut, Renée Ahdieh spins a tale as mesmerizing as that of her heroine Shahrzad, filled with lush details and brimming with tension. *The Wrath and the Dawn* is truly **an exceptional story, beautifully written**."—**Carrie Ryan**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Forest of Hands and Teeth*

"Ahdieh weaves a world that is **lush with detail**. You will want to hear, taste, and touch everything. But it's not just the world that is vividly alive. The characters are fascinating too: I loved the friendships, romance, and shifts in feeling. **A beautifully written book**, *The Wrath and the Dawn* is **a story I could not put down**."—**Marie Rutkoski**, author of The Winner's Trilogy

About the Author

Renée Ahdieh is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In her spare time, she likes to dance salsa and collect shoes. She is passionate about all kinds of curry, rescue dogs, and college basketball. The first few years of her life were spent in a high-rise in South Korea; consequently, Renée enjoys having her head in the clouds.

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