

***The Wrath and The Dawn***

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*The Wrath and the Dawn* is a young adult retelling of the fairy tale *One Thousand and One Nights*, in which the Caliph, Khalid, marries a different girl each night only to have her executed the morning after their wedding. The story begins with Shahrzad, a young woman whose best friend has recently become one of the Caliph's victims. Heartbroken and angry, Shahrzad seeks revenge by offering herself as the next bride to be married to Caliph, in the hopes that she can get close enough to kill him. In order to delay her execution, this young woman begins to tell Khalid stories until dawn causing him to stay her execution until she has concluded her tale.

As Shahrzad continues to reside in the palace she learns that the deaths of the girls that came before her are much more complicated than she originally thought. She also begins to see the Caliph as more complex than the murderous tyrant that originally fueled her anger and revenge.

Review:

This was a compelling retelling of the original story. I respected the bravery that Shahrzad showed in entering into this marriage despite the risks, and appreciated the fact that she was still human and terrified of dying. The multiple perspectives in this novel, helped show the reader several different factors and players that were contributing to the plot and how regardless of what was happening between Shahrzad and Khalid, there was still tension within the kingdom. I did find the instant attraction and intrigue that caused Khalid to visit Shahrzad the night of their wedding, when he had not visited any of his previous brides, a little convenient, but overall this was an interesting novel that I found entertaining and kept me reading until the end.

I borrowed this book from my public library's ebook collection and found it to be a great summer read. I would recommend this book for readers 14 and up.

Other Suggestions:

*The Lunar Chronicles* – Marissa Meyer

*The Assassin's Curse* – Cassandra Rose Clark

*Throne of Glass* – Sarah J. Maas