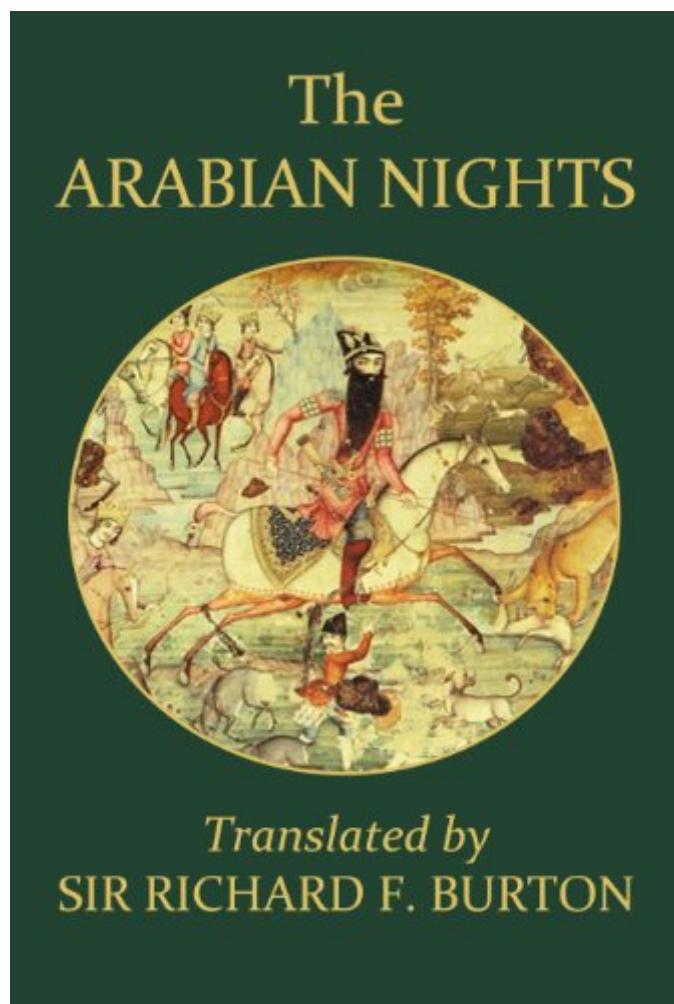


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The only live links are to the volumes. There are no links to the individual stories. The most serious problem is that there are no links to the footnotes. With the length of this, and the number of footnotes, this is not acceptable. I should have gone with the free Gutenberg volumes.

Of all the many translations of The Thousand Nights and One Night this is the best. My arabic is non-existent, but I have read and re-read the first French translation (17th cent.) by Galland, and sampled 3 or 4 English versions over the years. None have the vigor and authenticity of Burton. The variety of epochs from which these stories are collected is vast and varied and mirrors at least 3 periods. Always Burton catches the exact time. Because of his mastery of the original texts, his vocabulary is rich, varied and unrepressed. I can easily recommend these thousands of pages as a lifetime of reading joy, providing excitement, variety and a profound and growing insight into the life of a great culture over the first half millenium of its existence. Five stars is not enough!

Obviously an OCR scan and full of odd typos. Still giving three stars for the using the original uncensored version of Burton's translation, which is not that easy to locate.

This looks like the best kindle edition I can find, still it is no excuse for to have an incomplete defective product. If anyone can think of a way of getting this book fixed so the links of the footnotes work along with other formatting issues please do so.

I do not recommend this version of "The Arabian Nights". This is translation is not of the full version. It starts well, but the flow becomes choppy as certain stories are skipped, then it ends abruptly without returning to original story.

While faithful to the original, this ebook version is so crammed together, I got a headache after trying to read the first four pages. It's often hard to tell where one story ends and another begins. Ditto with paragraphs. I'd skip this one and try to find an unabridged in paper/hard-back instead. As for the book content... Huge fan of the Arabian Nights stories and they are offered here with little to no edits, omissions, or changes. Be advised though, this book should not be read to kids. The stories in their original form were meant for adults, as most have explicit content.

The kindle edition has a ridiculous number of typos, and there is a remarkable lack of formatting.

The translation in general though is pretty good.

Typos and archaic script makes it a little difficult to read and understand. Also, the stories are hard to find, as they are not highlighted well.

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