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# Tales Of A Severed Head (The Margellos World Republic Of Letters)



## Synopsis

This volume brings Moroccan poet Rachida Madani's remarkable poems to English-language readers for the first time. In *Tales of a Severed Head*, Madani addresses present-day issues surrounding the role of women in society—issues not unlike those explored a thousand years ago in the enduring collection of Arab tales known as *The Thousand and One Nights*. In the ancient tales, the insanely distrustful King Shehriyar vows to marry a new wife each night and have her beheaded the next morning, thus eliminating the risk of being cuckolded. Through the courage and wit of young Scheherazade, who volunteers to be the king's bride and then invents the legendary tales that go on for a thousand and one nights, Shehriyar is healed of his obsession and the kingdom's virgins are saved. Like her brave-hearted predecessor, Madani's modern-day Scheherazade is fighting for her own life as well as the lives of her fellow sufferers. But in today's world, the threat comes as much from poverty, official corruption, the abuse of human rights, and the lingering effects of colonialism as from the power wielded by individual men. Madani weaves a tale of contemporary resistance, and once again language provides a potent weapon.

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This is a great book of poetry. It's got the original poetry printed on the left with an English

translation on the right. My only question for is why this is listed under Native American work when its clearly poetry from a woman of the Maghreb.

interesting book

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