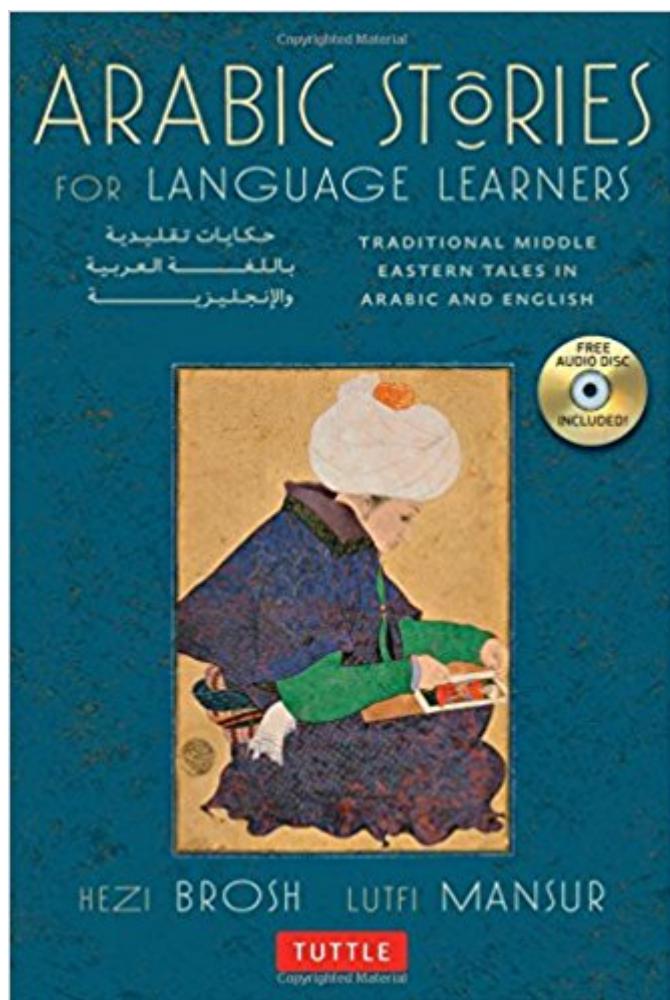


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# Arabic Stories For Language Learners: Traditional Middle Eastern Tales In Arabic And English (Audio CD Included)



## **Synopsis**

Arabic Stories for Language Learners is a language learning experience for beginner to intermediate students of the Arabic language. The traditional stories of a country are invaluable at providing insight into understanding the culture, history and language of a people. A great way to learn Arabic, the sixty-six stories found in Arabic Stories for Language Learners present the vocabulary and grammar used everyday in Arabic-speaking countries. Pulled from a wide variety of sources that have been edited and simplified for learning purposes, these stories are presented in parallel Arabic and English, facilitating language learning in the classroom and via self-study. Each story is followed by a series of questions in Arabic and English to test comprehension and encourage discussion. Arabic Stories for Language Learners brings Arab culture to life in a colorful and immediate way. Regardless of whether or not you have a working knowledge of Arabic, this book gives readers a tantalizing introduction to the wisdom and humor of these ancient desert-dwelling peoples. The audio CD helps students of Arabic improve their pronunciation and inflection, and immerses non-students into the uniquely Arabic storytelling style.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

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A beautiful book. Completely fulfilled my expectations. Was at my level (I had completed Al Kitaab Vol I (Brustad et al.). The problem was in the peripherals. The write-up on did not reveal that the

audio was in MP3 format. Nothing in my house would support the MP3 CD, so had to expend more money to deal with that problem. Once done, the audio was clear. On the back of the book it states "Auxiliary phrases and discussion questions for each tale can be found...at...[www.tuttlepublishing.com](http://www.tuttlepublishing.com)." Where? I contacted the "Contact Us" option but have still not been advised how to access same.

It is a very good book, but you should plan on putting in some hours with your dictionary as you translate back and forth, I was looking for something a little more in the beginner range, and it is, but you have to know your letters, and it jumps right in with full fledged stories in Arabic and English.

I bought this book as soon as I saw it, as I have wanted this sort of aid for a long time. I lived in the Middle East for fifteen years, in a mostly English-speaking environment, and picked up a lot of conversational Arabic, which differs somewhat from the written form. The language used in the book is challenging to me, though I can get through stories with help from my Arabic-speaking husband. It would be nice--for the novice--to have had the short vowels included, though it is useful to read the language as it usually appears in print. An audio disk is included with the book.

great book, very helpful for vocab although i feel the levels jump quite a bit. i consider myself intermediate and the first couple of stories i understood most if not all of the stories only looking up a handful of words but then after some stories it jumps and i have to look up a lot of words.

Excellent resource for Arabic language learners. The side by side text provides enough information for beginner/intermediate learners to engage material, improve reading speed, and gain cultural knowledge. This would work well for Arabic or English language learners - would help to have a small vocabulary list ahead of sections, but that's not a major point. The Audio recording is helpful.

This book is great for learning Arabic, the side by side comparisons in translation really help to understand the meanings of each word which is amazing. I've been looking for something like this for a while and I'm so happy I've found it!

Bought this as a gift for a friend for their daughters and they loved it.

As an Arabic minor at my university I wanted supplemental reading material to challenge my

vocabulary and improve my reading speed. This book reads at an intermediate to advanced level. I especially like the side-by-side comparison of the English version of the story as other translations are often choppy and unclear, but these are very cleanly translated and are helpful to have when reading the Arabic version.

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