

Gayrabian Nights is a twist on the well-known classic, 1001 Arabian Nights, in which Scheherazade, under the threat of death if she ceases to captivate King Shahryar's attention, enchants him through a series of mysterious, adventurous, and romantic tales.

In this variation, a male escort, invited to the hotel room of a closeted gay, homophobic Mormon Republican senator, learns that the man is poised to vote on a piece of anti-gay legislation the following morning. To prevent him from sleeping, so that the exhausted senator will miss casting his vote on the Senate floor, the escort entertains him with stories of homophobia, celibacy, mixed marriages, reparative therapy, coming out, first love, gay marriage, and long-term successful gay relationships. The escort crafts the stories to give the senator a crash course in gay culture and sensibilities, hoping to bring the man closer to accepting his own sexual orientation.

Johnny Townsend's books *The Abominable Gayman*, *Marginal Mormons*, and *The Mormon Victorian Society* were named to Kirkus Reviews' Best of 2011, 2012, and 2013.



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