



The Shadows of Ghadames

By Joelle Stolz

Yearling Books, United States, 2006. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Reprint. 188 x 129 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. This story about a Muslim girl bound by traditional Islamic customs but who yearns for something more explores women's rights, freedom, religion, and identity. In the Libyan city of Ghadames, Malika watches her merchant father depart on one of his caravan expeditions. She too yearns to travel to distant cities, and longs to learn to read like her younger brother. But nearly 12 years old, and soon to be of marriagable age, Malika knows that like all Muslim women she must be content with a more secluded, more limited life. Then one night a stranger enters her home . . . someone who disrupts the traditional order of things and who affects Malika in unexpected ways. I was enchanted by this story of a brave Berber girl who dares to dream and its filigree of details about harem life, ancient trade routes, goddesses and healers. The real beauty of *The Shadows of Ghadames* is that it transcends the exotic to explore universal truths about the condition of being human. Suzanne Fisher Staples, author of the Newbery Honor Book *Shabanu*:...



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