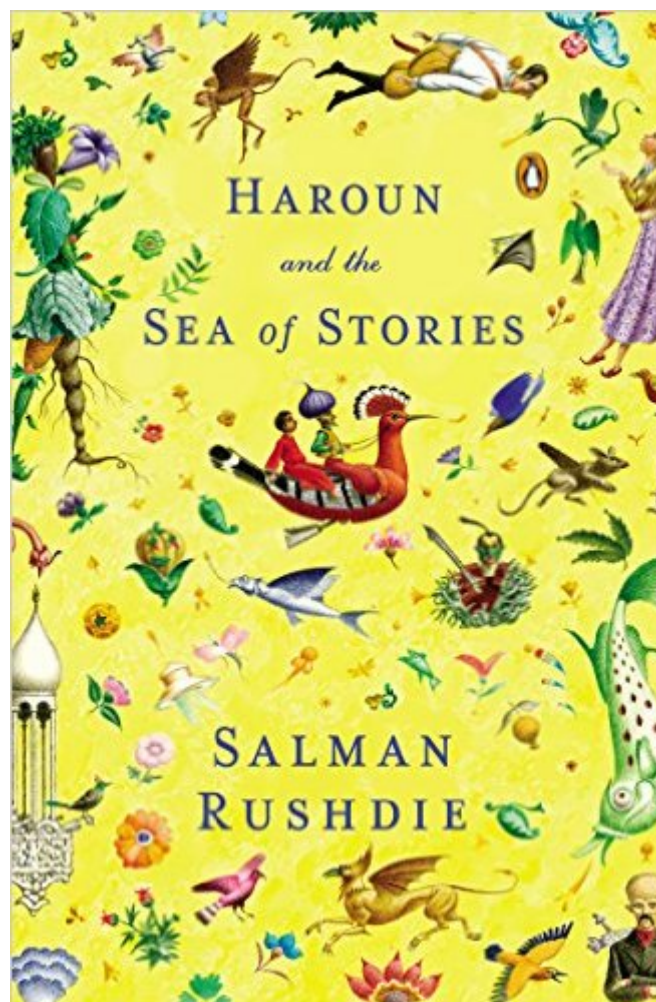


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Haroun Khalifa is a young boy who leads a happy middle class life distinct from the rich, poor, 'super-rich' and 'super-poor' people inhabiting a nameless sad city. Haroun's father Rashid Khalifa is a famous story teller - the Shah of Blah with fabled oceans of notions, who often refers to the streams of story water he drinks to keep up the supply of wondrous tales that pour forth from within him. Haroun takes this as an eccentric statement by his father, and soon discovers that the ocean of stories indeed exists, and that only he could save it from total annihilation. Haroun's world is suddenly taken apart when his mother elopes with their neighbour Mr. Sengupta, a mean clerk who had forever questioned the significance of Rashid's tales ('What's the use of stories that are not even true?') and Rashid loses his gift to spin wondrous yarns.

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