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### Shadow Spinner

Shadow Spinner is about a girl named Marjan going to the harem to help Shahrazad, a story teller. The killing started out when Sultan's wife betrayed him by standing with another man. Then, the Sultan didn't trust women anymore and killed them every morning. Therefore, nobody wanted to go to the Harem. Before, everyone thought that the Harem was good, but when the killing started, women were scared of the Harem. Shahrazad came to the Harem and told stories to Sultan every night. The stories were very interesting, so the Sultan decided for Shahrazad to live another night. This continued for one thousand nights, but Shahrazad was beginning to run out of stories. Marjan goes to the Harem and helps Shahrazad out. She goes to find a blind storyteller in the Bazaar. Her journey to the Bazaar was extremely dangerous and adventurous, because Marjan couldn't go out of the Harem. She had suffered being squeezed inside an olive oil jar and getting cramped up inside a chest.

My favorite character is Marjan, because she is very adventurous and clever. She is also very kind, because she risks her life to deliver stories to Shahrazad. Marjan never gives up and she thinks about others before herself. This book is kind of like the book "The Thief" because there is also a little story inside the big story. I also like Shahrazad, because she was helping the other people by storytelling, so nobody would get hurt. She was risking her life and she would've been very scared, because the Sultan might not like her stories. I wonder if Sultan misunderstood his wife standing with another man. Maybe nobody would've been killed if Sultan had let his wife tell the truth. I would rate this story 8/10 pigeons, because it was a quick read and it was also very interesting. I would recommend it to people ages 10 and up, because the first part was horrifying.