

Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Nights: A Novel // 2015 // 304 pages // Random House Publishing Group, 2015 // 9780812998924 // Salman Rushdie

Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Nights is a fantasy novel by British Indian author Salman Rushdie published by Jonathan Cape in 2015. The novel is set in New York City in the near future. It deals with jinns, and recounts the story of a jinnia princess and her offspring during the "strangenesses". After a great storm, slits between the world of jinns and the world of men are opened and strange phenomena emerge as dark jinnis invade the Earth. The jinnia princess and her children thus need to Luka and the Fire of Life. Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Nights. Nonfiction. Joseph Anton: A Memoir. Instead of making myself write the book I ought to write, the novel that was expected of me, I conjured up the book I myself would have liked to read, the sort by an unknown writer, from another age and another country, discovered in an attic. Italo Calvino. She saw the dawn approach, and fell silent, discreetly. The Thousand Nights and One Night. Very little is known, though much has been written, about the true nature of the jinn, the creatures made of smokeless fire. Whether they are good or evil, devilish or benign, such questions are hotly disputed. Two Years, Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Nights by Salman Rushdie review a modern Arabian Nights. There are clear parallels with Rushdie's own experience in this ever-unfolding fairytale that, through magic and myth, meditates brilliantly on storytelling, fanaticism and life's agonies and choices. Our Scheherazade His new book assures us that reality has lately been crumbling more colossally than ever, and is about to come completely unglued. The cumbrous title transcribes a certain number of days into years and months, but not the four weeks that would naturally complete it, because the word "Nights" is needed to suggest the original Thousand and One. The novel is narrated by an unidentified voice in a future a millennium from now, but readers will identify the setting as a version of contemporary New York City. The story told is that of a period lasting two years, eight months and 28 nights, during which a war of the worlds was waged. This is heralded by a cataclysmic storm that brings with it certain "strangenesses", signalling that the boundaries between the human and fairy worlds the latter being the home of the jinn, which are "whimsical, capricious, wanton" creatures "have been breached.