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The Revenge of the Blue Jinni is a tale of a young Arab American girl who learns of her great destiny, to defend the human world against an ancient malevolent entity. The Blue Jinni lies in a golden lantern at the bottom of the sea, and his generals work tirelessly to locate and free him.

Meanwhile, our hero and her family struggle to understand the strange occurrences happening around them. The benevolent jinn around them guard them from the attacks of the generals, as each attempt on her life brings her closer to knowing who she is.

Once the hero comes of age and understands what she's destined to do, she becomes The Hakima of Ghalib, and must begin her training as a warrior against supernatural forces.

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Monica Ganz says

The Revenge of the Blue Jinni is the rare kind of book that had me intrigued from beginning to end. The story is very well written with just the right amount of fantasy, adventure, and suspense that had me captivated with every page turn. All of the characters, my favorite being Phoenix of course, are unique and very well developed as you go through the story. This was actually my first time reading anything from Debra Stevenson and I must say I am very impressed. This is a great first start to what appears to be a great series.

Tasha says

When I started reading this Hakima's Tale, I was intrigued from the start. I loved learning about the Jinni & their special love they each had for Phoenix & her family. But nothing came close to the unconditional love that her parents showed her no matter how much the Marid tried to break them. Phoenix's love for her family, friends & the world made me root for her over & over again. Each of her adventures was a wonderful journey in my mind & I especially enjoyed how she stood up to the Siren & had them wrapped around her finger. I can not wait to see what happens next for everyone. That's why I am continuing the journey with The Hakima's Tale: The Rise of the Warrior.
Great Job!!

AudioBookReviewer says

My original The Revenge of the Blue Jinni audiobook review and many others can be found at Audiobook Reviewer.

The Revenge of the Blue Jinni by Dedra L. Stevenson is the first novel in a series called The Hakima's Tale. From the moment of her birth, Phoenix has been under surveillance. Destined to be the savior of humanity and the good Jinn from the evil Blue Jinni, Phoenix, as a baby and child, has been protected by her benefactors from the generals of the Blue Jinn who are trying to kill her. As Phoenix grows, she slowly begins to learn of her importance and her destiny. But she is still young; does she have time to learn everything she needs to win the fight of her life? As she slowly learns and finds allies for her future war, all of her family, human and Jinn, try to protect her from continuous fatal attacks by the supporters of the Blue Jinni.

This is a novel well suited for older children or younger young adults. Overall, the concept of the story was interesting, but the writing was simple. It is at its heart a story about good versus evil and a nearly perfect chosen one. I liked the different Jinn characters and how the lore surrounding them builds up over the story as the story progresses. However, there are a lot of Jinn characters and it can be hard to keep track of them. This is a great story for minority young adult fantasy enthusiasts, especially, because the main characters are of Arab descent and the story takes place in the Middle East. A lot of the lore that drives the fantastical elements of the story comes from the lore of that region, even though the author's takes license with it.

Unfortunately, I felt that the story ended too abruptly. While the story was being built up to be a series, it just didn't feel like it should've ended in the spot that it did. It is not a standalone story.

The narration by Mark Norman was good. His characterization of each of the characters made the story seem even more accessible for young adults. The production quality was also good. I would recommend this novel to young adults who like atypical fantasy stories about the fight of a chosen one and good versus evil.

Audiobook was provided for review by the author.

Amna says

I remember when Dedra visited the school I was in and spoke to the students and staff about writing and about creativity. She was selling her books and I was excited to buy *The Hakima's Tale: Revenge of the Blue Jinni*. I was a girl of 13 or 14 and was happy to see a book about an Arab girl being the protagonist and hero, for once! After finishing my homework that day, I curled up on the sofa and read. I could not put the book down, I soaked in the pure magic that were Dedra's words and fell in love with the character of Phoenix.

Like I said before, it's so very rare to find a book where an Arab Muslimah is the selfless hero wanting to save the world, especially in the fantasy genre. Phoenix is such a loveable character, hopeful and brave, loves her family and friends, everything you'd expect from the protagonist. When I was at that age of 13/14, I saw a bit of myself in her, a young Arab Muslimah with a lot of hope and wanting to change the world for the better. Dedra is encouraging young Muslim girls to be heroes through her words and through Phoenix, to love and hope and be brave.

I love the way she has introduced the Arab and Muslim culture to the reader, and not completely vilifying the Jinn or making them comedic characters like so many other books, shows, and movies. Dedra shows us that just like us, Jinn are a whole race of beings who have different flavours of personality.

Dedra is also unafraid to bring up topics such as giving birth and menstruation, which I think are great especially since a lot of young girls are buying this book. It shows them not to be ashamed of their body and instead to talk about it with their mothers.

All in all, this is an incredible book and I could (and have!) reread it so many times. Mashallah, it was engaging right from the start, with incredible characters and even more incredible messages.
