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## GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF ARABIC FICTION: A BRIEF DISCUSSION

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## **ABSTRACT**

Fiction is one of the most important genres of Arabic literature. The Arab literary history did not have the scarcity of fictional creations instead there existed some sorts of creations. The fiction, as we know today, it was associated with a large body of narrative styles in it which not only left its ineradicable mark on the formation and development of the modern European fiction literature, but also facilitated its adoption among the Arab literary scholars and readers that bear appreciation and interest. Among the most popular tales, myths and epic romances are – The Thousand and One Nights, Maqamat, Hadith Isa ibn Hisham etc.

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