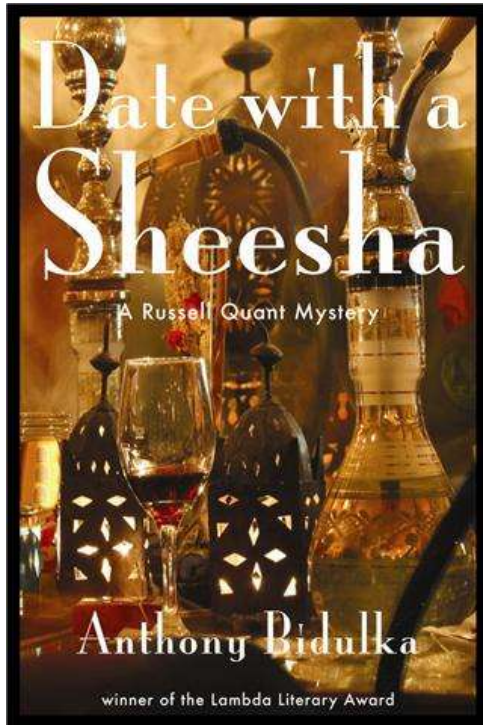


## Mysteries of the human condition



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Private eye Russell Quant is invited into the death of Nayan (Neil) Gupta, a world renowned authority on antique carpets working for the University of Saskatchewan's department of antiquities. He was found murdered in an open-air market in Dubai.

Quant is hired to find out why. Was Gupta the victim of an assault? A deal for a rare carpet that went sour? Or was it because he was gay — a life-threatening lifestyle in some parts of the world? What better way to get at the truth than by hiring a gay P.I.?

The plot is well constructed, the dialogue leads the actions and the descriptions paint the exciting reality of living and doing business in the Middle East, not to mention the personal costs to all involved.

Date with a Sheesha is an exotic read with energy, fiery pacing and an explosive climax. More than that, it offers a balanced perspective on how life, love and danger impact all of us — regardless of sexuality or any regrettable attempt to label our human condition.

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