

Khaqani: A Mystic Poet of Persia

By Paul Smith

Khaqani was born in Shamakhi, Azerbaijan, in 1121. He was a precocious child, and by the age of seven he had already memorized the Qur'an. He studied Islamic law and theology, but his true passion was poetry. He began writing poems at a young age, and by the time he was twenty he was already a well-known poet.

Khaqani's poems are characterized by their rich imagery, complex symbolism, and profound insights into the human condition. He was a master of the ghazal, a form of Persian poetry consisting of rhyming couplets. His ghazals often explored themes of love, loss, and the search for God.



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Khaqani was also a Sufi mystic. Sufism is a mystical branch of Islam that emphasizes the importance of love, devotion, and direct experience of

God. Khaqani's Sufi beliefs are evident in his poems, which often contain references to the divine and the search for spiritual enlightenment.

Khaqani died in Tabriz, Iran, in 1190. He was buried in the city's Khaqaniyeh Mausoleum, which is still a popular tourist destination today.

Khaqani's Selected Poems

This volume presents a selection of Khaqani's most important poems in English translation. The poems have been carefully chosen to represent the full range of Khaqani's work, from his early love poems to his later mystical ghazals.

The poems are translated by Paul Smith, a renowned scholar of Persian literature. Smith's translations are both accurate and poetic, and they capture the beauty and complexity of Khaqani's original verse.

This volume is an essential to the work of one of the greatest Persian poets. Khaqani's poems are a timeless treasure that offer insights into the human condition that are as relevant today as they were when they were first written.

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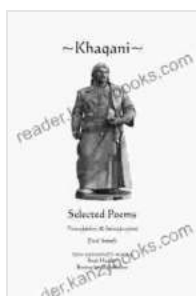
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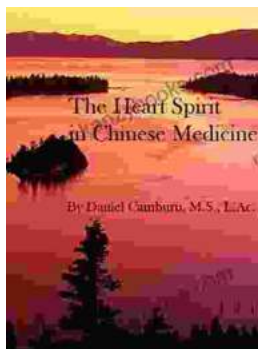
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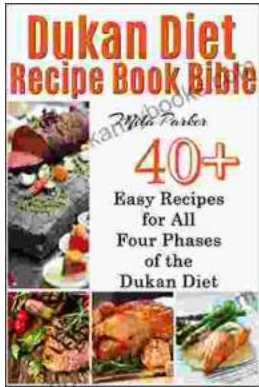
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