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## Rumi: Poet of Joy and Love

## Rashin Kheiriyeh NorthSouth Books (Mar 5, 2024) Hardcover \$19.95 (40pp) 978-0-7358-4544-2

Gold leaf and painterly illustrations with saturated colors are used to follow the life of Rumi, the renowned poet and scholar born in Iran in 1207. Herein, Rumi is imagined as a boy who delights in feeding the birds; a young adult blossoming into a teacher; a lonely man in search of a lost friend; and an elderly writer who has found peace and purpose. The delicate illustrations complement the mystical, dreamlike feeling of this biographical picture book.

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