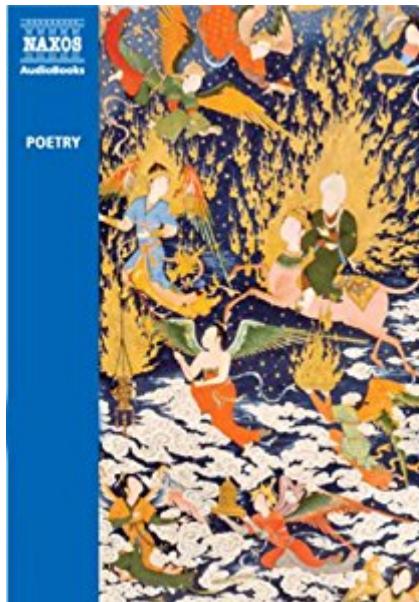


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# Spiritual Verses



Jalaloddin  
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## The Spiritual Verses

Masnavi-ye Ma'navi  
Book 1

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## **Synopsis**

The spiritual masterpiece of the Persian Sufi tradition in a brilliant new translation The longest single-authored "mystical" poem ever written, the *Masnavi-ye Ma'navi*, or "spiritual couplets," is the masterpiece of the Persian Sufi tradition. Its author, Jalaloddin Rumi, was a poet and mystic of the highest attainment, but he was first and foremost a spiritual teacher, and his *Masnavi* is a ladder to the spiritual world, leading the reader to the ultimate goal of the Sufi path-union with God. Alan Williams's translation into blank verse beautifully conveys the poetry of the original Persian couplets, while his introduction discusses how the modern reader might approach Rumi's writing. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Great introduction - clear meanings from readings - interesting poetic structure and rhyme - comfortable/convenient size to carry with you when you travel especially.

I have been reading the *Masnavi* of Rumi in Farsi and since my Farsi is not that fluent, I purchased this book to follow along in the English. It is one of the best translation I have read so far. Of course, nothing beats the original in Farsi!!

Great for my class on Rumi!

This is excellent -- musical and literal, wonderful translation.

At last, a translation of Rumi's Masnavi which, without ever being pedantic or obscure, is both faithful to the original Persian and to Rumi's teaching. I highly recommend it. This is only the first book of the Masnavi, though (the title is incomplete and misleading) and I am looking forward to the translations of the next five books. A brilliant and moving piece of work.

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