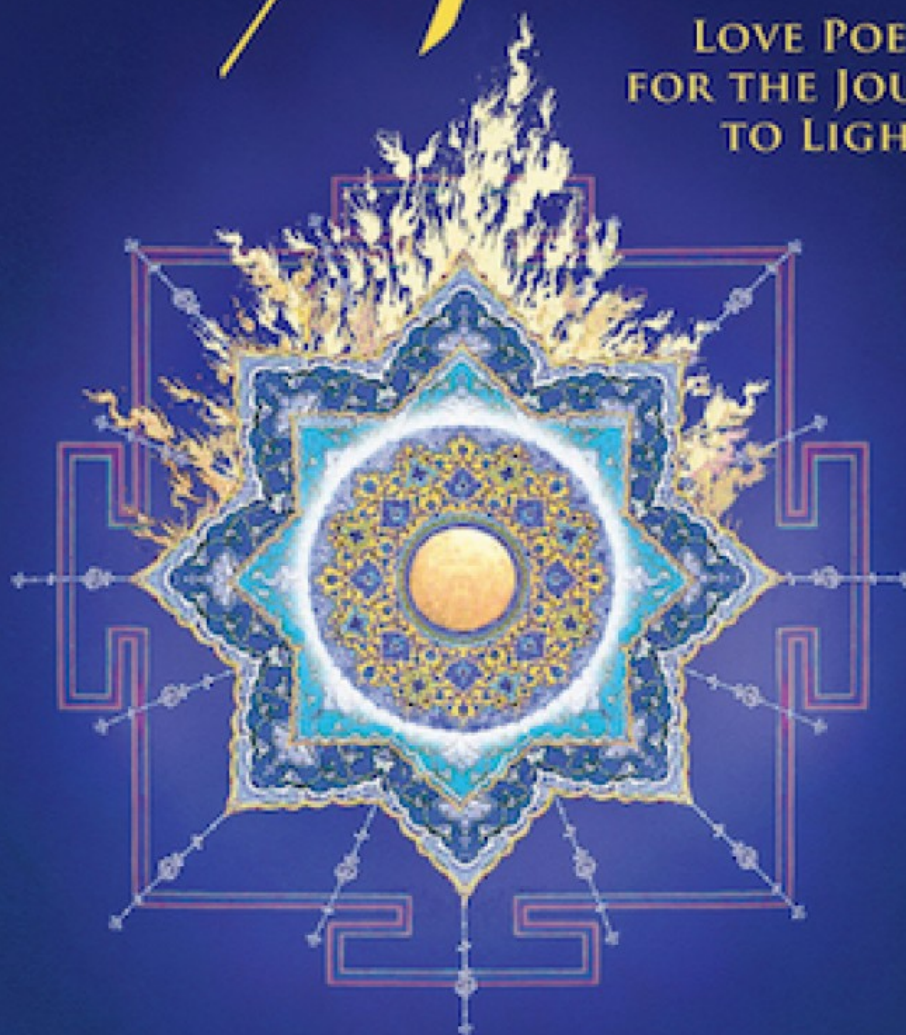


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Philadelphia, Nov 1, 2019 ([IssueWire.com](http://www.IssueWire.com)) - “Savor every page of *The Illuminated Hafiz*. It will soothe your soul and heal the wounds inflicted by reason.” —**Deepak Chopra, MD**

At some point in our lives—if we’re lucky—we experience an all-consuming type of love. A love that ignites and intoxicates the soul. Many have attempted to capture and express this type of love through words; few have succeeded, and none so masterfully as the medieval Persian poet, Hafiz of Shiraz. His verse reveals the mysteries of human and divine passion, and for nearly 700 years has influenced luminaries of literature, art, and music in the East and West. Hafiz’s words endure as beloved spiritual guidance in the Islamic world and continue to grow in popularity for lovers and seekers in all faiths and traditions, everywhere.

This fall, Sounds True is honored to publish a stunning contemporary take on classical illuminated manuscripts, featuring one of the greatest love poets of all time—**THE ILLUMINATED HAFIZ: Love Poems for the Journey to Light (Hardcover; On Sale November 12, 2019; \$29.95)**, Illustrated by Michael & Saliha Green, with Nancy Owen Barton as editor, and translations by Coleman Barks, Robert Bly, Meher Baba, Peter Booth, Omid Safi and other remarkable mystics and scholars (Michael Green and Barks created the still internationally bestselling *The Illuminated Rumi* (Random House, 1997.) Gorgeous illustrations and closely translated verses merge brilliantly in this new edition of Hafiz’s work.

A perfect gift for the holidays and for all seasons, **THE ILLUMINATED HAFIZ** is a carefully curated collection of poetry and art appealing to lovers of literature, poetry, history, and spirituality alike. Regardless of one’s familiarity with his poetry, readers will delight in finding that each translator brings new life and fresh perspective to Hafiz’s affecting and timeless verse.

I hope you’ll consider **THE ILLUMINATED HAFIZ** for feature attention, review, or mention. Thanks very much for your time.

Sincerely,

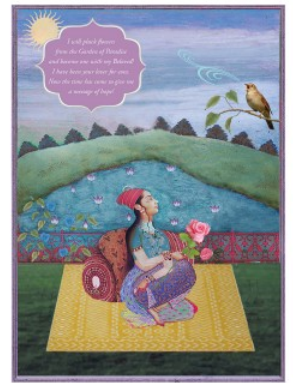
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