

Celebrate the life of ...

Rumi

Poet of Joy and Love

"I love Rumi. He is my favorite Persian poet of all time. I grew up with his books in Iran. My mom used to tell me his tales when I was little. I wrote this book to celebrate his 750th birthday in 2023. I wrote it for the readers who are wondering who Rumi was and how he became a great poet that everyone loves. I hope this book will encourage you to go ahead and read Rumi's tales.

Rumi was a religious man, but after he met Shams his life changed—he found God in love. Rumi left us many valuable writings to read and enjoy. He is alive in our hearts and minds as long as we read his books.

'The best religion is to make friends with all the people of the world,' Rumi said. Rumi connects faith in God with universal love. It makes him so deeply human, and the message embraces us all. And this is what I love about him."



—Rashin Kheiriyeh

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