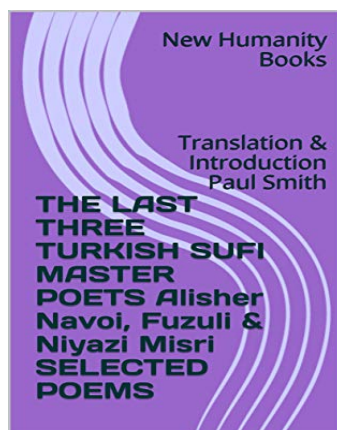


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Alisher Navoi (1441 – 1501) was a Sufi poet, politician, linguist, scientist, author, calligrapher, art-patron, intellectual, painter, builder. He is generally known by his pen name Navoi ('the weeper'). He was among the key writers who revolutionized the literary use of the Turkic languages. Fuzuli (1494-1556)... (pen-name means 'perfect') combined successfully the praising and understanding of human and divine love and the fusing of them. In the true Sufi tradition he saw human love as a bridge to the Divine. His Divan bears witness to his genius that has not diminished. Niyazi Misri (d. 1694) It is obvious from many of his poems that at some time in his life he became a Perfect Master (Qutub) a God-realized soul.

Although Niyazi wrote a good deal of prose his poetical work is confined to his Divan, which is restricted to gazels and qasidas. Included in the Introduction: Life and Times and Poetry of each Poet, On the poetic forms they used, On Sufism in Poetry, God-Realization & God-Intoxication. Selected Bibliographies of each poet. This is the largest selection of all their poems translated into English. Correct rhyme-structure has been kept and meaning of these

powerful, spiritual, immortal poems.

Paul Smith (b. 1945) is a poet, author and translator of many books of Sufi poets of the Persian, Arabic, Urdu, Turkish, Pashtu and other languages... including Hafiz, Sadi, Nizami, Rumi, 'Attar, Sana'i, Jahan Khatun, Obeyd Zakani, Nesimi, Kabir, Anvari, Ansari, Jami, Khayyam, Rudaki, Yunus Emre, Lalla Ded and many others, as well as poetry, fiction, plays, biographies, children's books and screenplays.