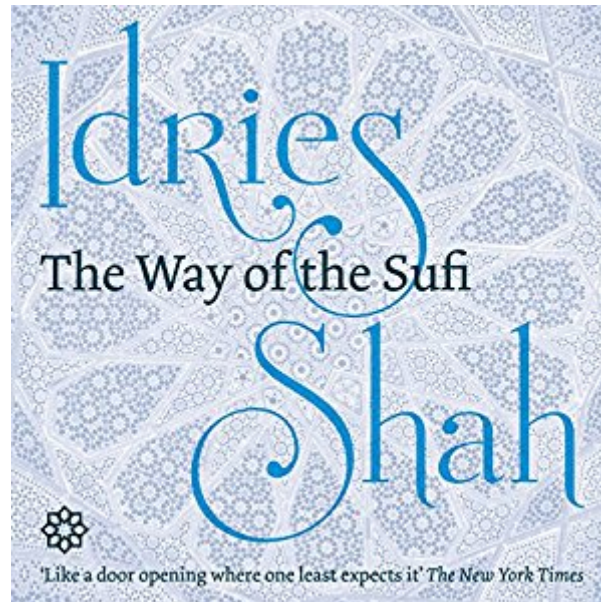




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The Way Of The Sufi



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The Way of the Sufi presents an unparalleled cross-section of material from Sufi schools, Sufi teachings, and classical writings as a basic course of Sufi study. The author begins with the outward aspects of the teaching most likely to puzzle the student coming fresh to the subject. He considers various attitudes to Sufi ideas and evidence of their absorption into medieval Christianity, Hinduism, Jewish mysticism, and modern philosophical teachings. The greater part of the book illuminates aspects of Sufi activity and practice relevant to the contemporary world.

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Given the fact that most contemporary books on spirituality are either bewilderingly vague or cater to the worst self-help vanities, the Kindle publication of *The Way of the Sufi* is a welcome occasion. Originally published in the 1970s, the book is an exceedingly generous presentation of Sufi teaching stories, contemplation themes and much, much more. At its heart, Shah *idris*'s book puts forward a concept of spiritual development that proceeds along several main lines: 1. Human beings have the potential to develop themselves and serve a higher purpose 2. That purpose is concealed from us in large part by our own self-interest, greed, arrogance and other lower-level emotions. 3. Only a real Teacher *idris* - someone who has completed the path - can help us complete our development. The book makes it clear that the real work starts with learning how to truly see yourself, or maybe how to see through our various selves. As such, the stories *idris* which are frequently entertaining, even funny - serve as a kind of mirror to the many ways - both

large and small - that we deceive ourselves. The stories also provide a glimpse, a foretaste of a larger, deeper and more satisfying existence that is within reach – but only if we are sincerely willing to change. Highly recommended with only one qualification: this is a book to be carefully worked with, slowly absorbed and used in your daily life.

Outstanding awakening book for me.. I saw myself, my questions, concerns, feelings..Here is The Way..

A Classic for students of theosophy. Full of wonderful and profound statements and stories that help the reader develop some understanding of Sufism. A reference book for life.

Highly recommended for the Western reader asking, "What is Sufism?" Gives enough of a taste for the reader to have a sense of whether there is something there to pursue further. By "Western" is meant western European or American, not just US, background.

"Yet the values of studying special collections of Sufi readings made by a Sufi cannot be exaggerated."

If you've studied Western and Eastern philosophies fairly extensively and believe that you've pretty much covered all of the bases, think again. While Sufism certainly shares many key elements with other traditions, it still has a feel all its own, so a tour of Sufism is mandatory for those who are compelled to be spiritual seekers. This book provides just such a tour, and it does it very well, drawing on many sources spanning the centuries, along with providing useful overviews and commentaries by Idries Shah to help us get our bearings. In the end, we're presented not with a specific doctrine or practices, but rather with a diverse bag of rhetorical devices which nudge us from many angles towards a general attitude and orientation which foster spiritual growth. I recommend this book to open-minded spiritual seekers, particularly those who aren't averse to mysticism.

A must read book for any seeker of true knowledge.

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