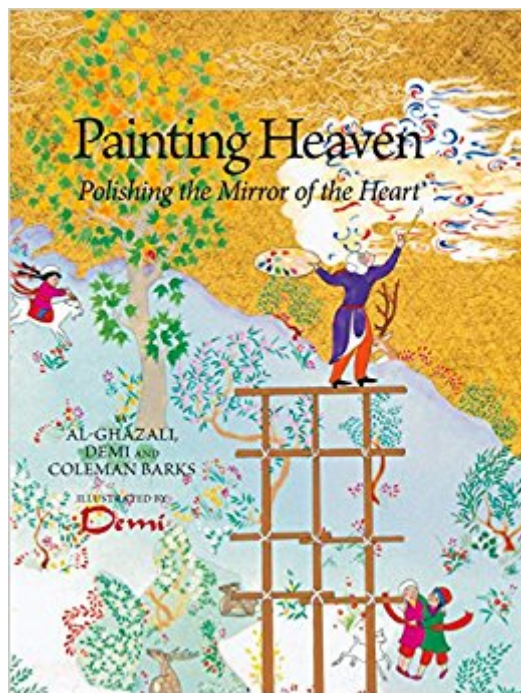




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Painting Heaven: Polishing The Mirror Of The Heart (Ghazali Children)



Synopsis

This illustrated tale introduces children to the wondrous teachings from the Muslim theologian and mystic al-Ghazali (1058â “1111CE) This enchanting tale illustrates how that the human heart is like a rusty mirror which, when polished through beautiful doings, is able to reflect the real essence of all things. In addition to this story is a poem by the renowned poet, Coleman Barks. Both draw on the same account found in Ghazaliâ™s The Marvels of the Heart, Book XXI, of his magnum opus, The Revival of Religious Sciences.

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Customer Reviews

Demi Hunt is is an award-winning childrenâ™s book author and illustrator and the creator of more than 200 books. Her book The Empty Pot was selected by former first lady Barbara Bush to be read on the ABC Radio Network Program Mrs. Bushâ™s Story Time, sponsored by the Children's Literacy Initiative, and was included in the âœTeachersâ™ Top 100 Books for Childrenâ•list poll by the National Education Association. Her book Gandhi was awarded the Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Platinum Award, while Muhammad was named a New York Times Best Illustrated Book. She lives in Seattle.Â Coleman BarksÂ is a poet and professor emeritus at the University of Georgia in Athens who has gained world renown for his translations of Near Eastern poets, especially Jalal al-Din Rumi. He received an honorary doctorate from Tehran University, and in 2009 he was inducted into the Georgia Writerâ™s Hall of Fame. He lives in Athens, Georgia.

AMAZING is an understatement to describe this book. For parents who are interested in introducing their children to the metaphysical aspect of human nature to their little ones, this is an excellent resource.! A Persian king decides to hold an art contest between the Byzantine artists and a Chinese artist to see who has supreme art skills. While the Byzantines create a phenomenal work of art with numerous colors, the Chinese artist simply chisels and polishes his art piece to a shining mirror which reflects the phenomenal Byzantine art but due to the mirror capturing the light from every angle the Chinese work of art remains supreme. And like the author said when one constantly polishes their heart, their heart reflects the light of God! The age group (5-7) is pretty accurate but I recommend parents to read with their child to enjoy discovering the very beautiful illustrations and content on each page!!! Would love to see more from the author and illustrator. A great gift too !!

Such a book is hard to come by these days... lovely

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