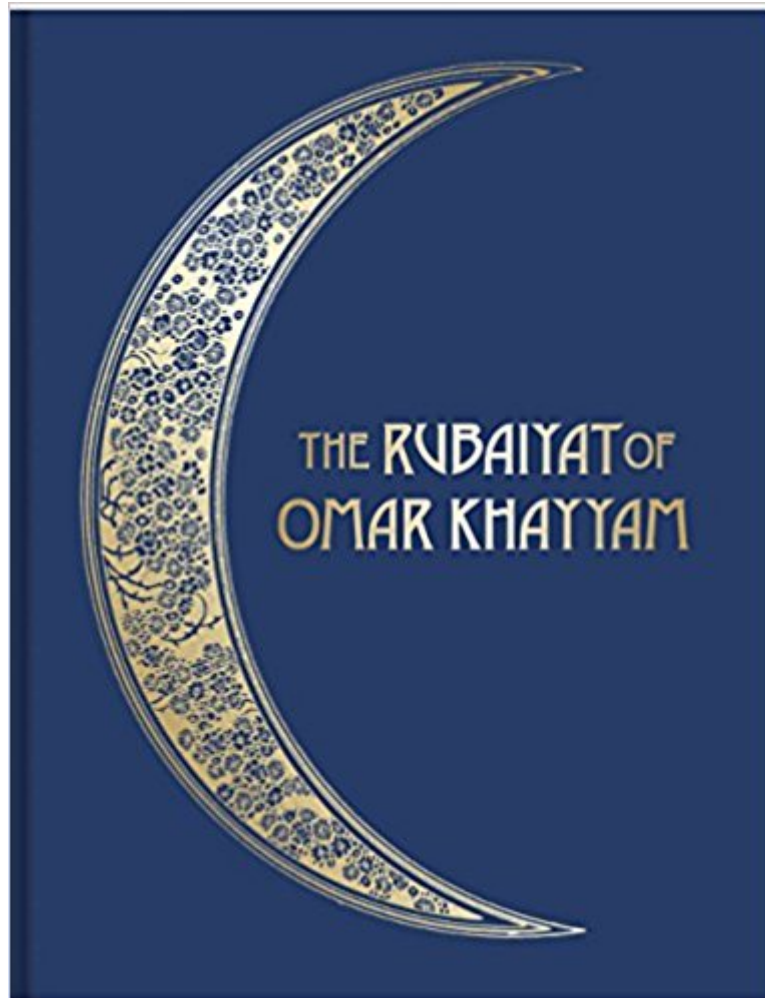


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The book is so well produced, after all it's the Bodleian library publication. The Renee Bull color illustrations complement the verses very well, The paper is thick and glossy, not cheap everyday value. It's a pleasure to turn the pages. As far as the Rubaiyat, there are no comparable verses in the world. These are wonderful, beyond description; modern critics have complained that Fitzgerald's translation does not do justice to the original. I cannot judge that, but everyone of the quatrains that are here express a love of life and a questioning of the Divinity. It is more of a doubt. Thou who Man of Baser Earth did make Even with Paradise devise the Snake For all the sins

the face of wretched Man is black with, Man's forgiveness Give and Take. Immortal lines, whether Khayyam wrote them or Fitzgerald embellished them, it does not matter. I just wish some publisher would incorporate all 5 versions under one cover. Everyone seems to publish the First or in some cases the Second, which is the most balanced one. A must for lovers of literature, even if you have other editions. At a much much higher price the Folio edition, with introduction by A.S. Byatt and wonderfully illustrated would probably supercede this.

I own several different versions of the "Rubaiyat" collected over the years. This volume is easily the most gorgeously illustrated. The cover art hints at the magic inside.

Love this version from beginning to end. The illustrations give it a companion to the words that invigorate love within the soul. You can read classical Persian poetry and it never loses flavor.

A nice version of the Rubaiyat..I only wish it was dual language but outside of that...a good book to hold and read

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