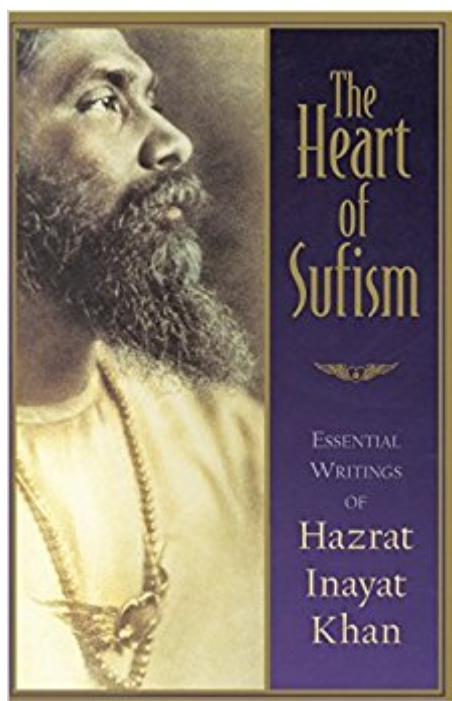


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# The Heart Of Sufism



## Synopsis

The Indian Sufi master Hazrat Inayat Khan (1882-1927) was the very first teacher to bring Sufism to the Western world. This is the first representative collection of the master's teachings - making it the perfect book for anyone who has been intrigued by his writings but unsure about where to start in his sixteen-volume collected works. Newcomers will be inspired by just how delightful and useful Inayat Khan's teachings are for everyone, regardless of religious background. Long-time students will find the book a valuable reference to the essence of his teachings on a variety of subjects. Each chapter includes a wealth of material taken from Inayat Khan's work on a particular subject, such as Mysticism, Discipleship, Music, Children, or Divine Intimacy, followed by a selection of his short sayings and aphorisms on the same topic.

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"The Heart of Sufism" is a fascinating little compendium of essential essays on pan-Islamic spirituality, delineating the transcendental and transrational aspects of a religion that is often derided as a prerational hotbed of tribalism and terrorism. Inayat Khan's essays show an Islam that embraces both its Judeo-Christian roots and contributions from other religions (such as Hinduism and Buddhism), and a breath of fresh, progressive air in a world where stagnant religion can lead to terrible tragedies. However, while "Sufism" is long on theory and metaphysics, there is little information on real practice- those looking for a guide to Sufi spiritual practice must look elsewhere.

This book provides an excellent overview of the voluminous works of Hazrat Inayat Khan, of which

the 14 volume "Message Series" is the core. Dr. Witteveen has artfully selected major topics within this message and has presented key writings within each topic.

I've had the privilege to meet and listen to a talk by Dr. H.J. Witteveen recently and was impressed by the depth of his insight and healing energy which radiated from his words. I've bought his book and enjoyed every page of it. If you are looking for a book about rediscovery of the true essence of the soul and an inspiration to guide you towards experiencing the spiritual self, I can recommend it.

This book is a well constructed compendium of some of Inayat Khan's most meaningful words. The topics cover the span of the meaning of life, God, the soul, the spiritual planes and worlds. Page after page bring a timeless wisdom that is sure to inspire regardless of the level of spiritual growth of the reader. Highly recommended. If you are looking for an experiential guide to the illumination and the inner life then check out a book from Inayat Khan's son Vilayat in this *Awakening: A Sufi Experience*.

Excellent, universal. Inayat Khan goes to the heart of the matter even though raised and a practicing Muslim. Transcending religion and particular paths, he shows a way to unlock the shackles of one's heart to discover that the basic nature of the universe and life is, LOVE.

This book is an amazing book. A must to read for anyone who wants to know more about sufism or the life it self..Everything in the book is very well explained. I can easily say that this book is the only book you need to read about sufism and the life. This book has given me many new insights about life and many questions about life which I had has been answered by this book. I STRONGLY Recommend this book!!!

This book is a beautiful, well-written, and well organized compilation of Sufi philosophy and metaphysics. I was absolutely taken by this book when I first started my spiritual search. This book is heavy on philosophy and sparse on practice, but this is NOT a bad thing--it is extremely important to have a grasp of Sufi concepts before moving on to practical application. I would highly recommend this book to anyone interested in Sufism, though nothing can compare to finding a living spiritual teacher!

Quite possibly one of the most uplifting and impactful books you will ever read. Gives a broad

overview of Sufism briefly touching on many topics from love to art and music.

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