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Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam: Quatrains (Paperback)

By Omar Khayyam

Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Translation. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam - By Omar Khayyam - The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam is the title that Edward FitzGerald gave to his translation of a selection of poems, originally written in Persian and numbering about a thousand, attributed to Omar Khayyam (1048-1131), a Persian poet, mathematician and astronomer. A ruba i is a two-line stanza with two parts (or hemistichs) per line, hence the word rubaiyat (derived from the Arabic language root for four), meaning quatrains. The nature of a translation very much depends on what interpretation one places on Khayyam s philosophy. The fact that the rubaiyat is a collection of quatrains - and may be selected and rearranged subjectively to support one interpretation or another - has led to widely differing versions. Nicolas took the view that Khayyam himself clearly was a Sufi. Others have seen signs of mysticism, even atheism, or conversely devout and orthodox Islam. FitzGerald gave the Rubaiyat a distinct fatalistic spin, although it has been claimed that he softened the impact of Khayyam s nihilism and his preoccupation with the mortality and transience...



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