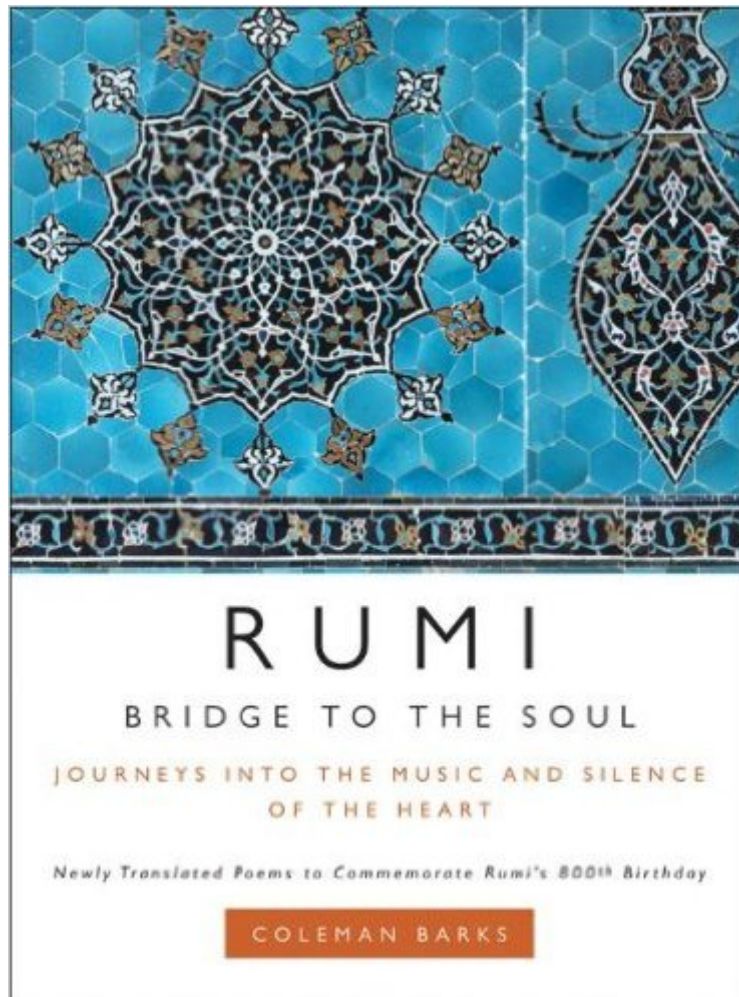


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# Rumi: Bridge To The Soul: Journeys Into The Music And Silence Of The Heart



## Synopsis

2007 is the "Year of Rumi," and who better than Coleman Barks, Rumi's unlikely, supremely passionate ambassador, to mark the milestone of this great poet's 800th birthday? Barks, who was recently awarded an honorary doctorate in Persian language and literature by the University of Tehran for his thirty years of translating Rumi, has collected and translated ninety new poems, most of them never published before in any form. The result is this beautiful edition titled *Rumi: Bridge to the Soul*. The "bridge" in the title is a reference to the Khajou Bridge in Isphahan, Iran, which Barks visited with Robert Bly in May of 2006—a trip that in many ways prompted this book. The "soul bridge" also suggests Rumi himself, who crosses cultures and religions and brings us all together to listen to his words, regardless of origin or creed. Open this book and let Rumi's poetry carry you into the interior silence and joy of the spirit, the place that unites conscious knowing with a deeper, more soulful understanding.

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a great book for what it was meant to be...a poignant reflection on rumi by two of the great post-modern "rumi-ists" If you want pure rumi, then go for one of the pure collections. our other reviewer must have thought this was something else. obviously.

I have always appreciated Coleman Barks' translations of the Sufi Master. I appreciate the guidance he provides in the introduction, which is very helpful in better understanding Rumi's writings. His writing is ageless.

What peace true silence brings! Rumi's words take me to a place that only I abides. Wonderful book for those seeking tranquility.

Beautifully compiled, this little book contains not only the ecstasy of the world's greatest writings on communion with Allah, but, includes a look into the mystical world in which this gift of the Lord, lived. Very well done!

Rumi's Bridge to the Soul is just that! If you want to die to the personality and wake up to, or as, Soul, read it...over and over. Coleman Barks' translation is gorgeous.

I love Rumi, but this book should not be your introduction to him. After you have read other collections and just can't get enough, then pick up this book and you will find hidden gems.

Inspirational and thought provoking, these translations of ancient poems render an ocean, nay a universe, of opportunity for the reader's understanding of life, being, desire and beyond... .

I had to get this book for PHL 104: Intro to Ethics class at Queens College. We only read a few poems on love in class but I have been reading the whole book. Love it

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