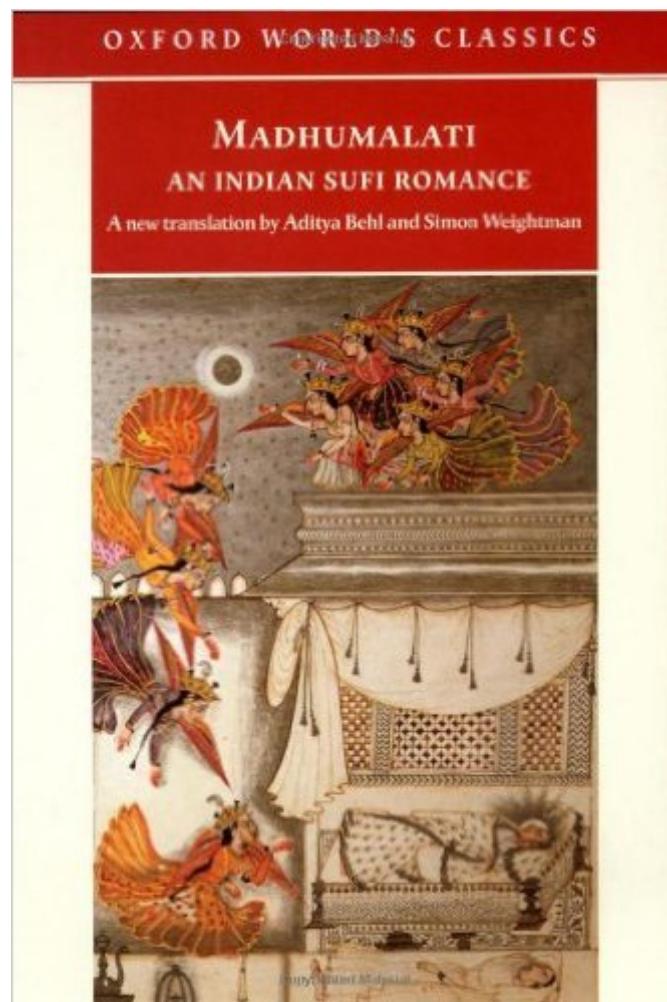


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Congratulations to Aditya Behl and Simon Weightman, for a beautiful translation, and informative introduction and notes. The result of their efforts readers like me, who have little knowledge of 16th Century Indian literature, to appreciate some of the qualities that have made this poem a classic of world literature. It can be read as a poem about love between a man and a woman, and a poem about the mystical union between the soul and god. The rich and colourful traditions of Hinduism are viewed from the unifying perspective of Islam. Readers of a puritan disposition should be warned that there is some fairly explicit erotic description.

I stumbled upon this book in a book store and picked it up. It was a wonderful surprise, and provided many great quotes for a loved one. It's also a great window into Islamic literature at a time when it was at a cultural height, incorporating many elements of Hinduism.

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