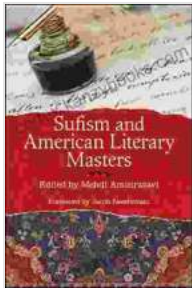


Sufism and American Literary Masters: Embracing the Mystical Spirit



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Chapter 1: Whitman's Cosmic Consciousness and Sufi Oneness

Walt Whitman, the towering figure of American poetry, was deeply drawn to the mystical teachings of Sufism. His concept of "cosmic consciousness," a state of boundless interconnectedness, finds striking parallels with the Sufi ideal of unity. In poems like "Song of Myself," Whitman echoes the Sufi belief in the divine spark within every living being.



Chapter 2: Dickinson's Enigmatic Bereavement and Sufi Grief

Emily Dickinson, the enigmatic and reclusive poet, grappled with profound grief and loss. Her poetry reveals a deep understanding of Sufi concepts of solitude and longing. In poems like "Because I could not stop for Death," she explores the transformative power of grief, akin to the Sufi notion of "fana" (annihilation of the ego).



Chapter 3: Melville's Quest for Identity and Sufi Self-Discovery

Herman Melville, the author of the epic *Moby-Dick*, embarked on a lifelong quest for identity and meaning. His journey mirrored the Sufi path of self-discovery. In novels like "Pierre" and "The Confidence Man," Melville delves into the existential struggles and spiritual transformations that characterize the Sufi experience.



Chapter 4: The Transmission of Sufi Ideas in American Literature

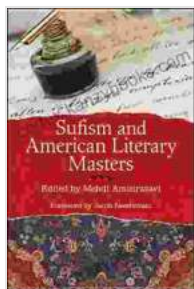
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Sufism and American Literary Masters offers a remarkable exploration of the profound influence of Sufism on the American literary canon. It illuminates the transformative power of mysticism, offering insights into the human experience and the enduring search for meaning. This book is a testament to the interconnectedness of human thought and spirituality, transcending cultural and historical boundaries.

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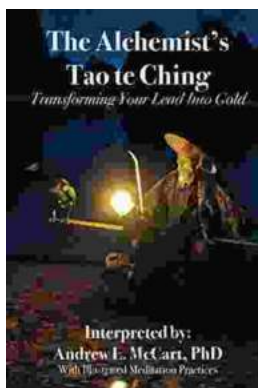
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