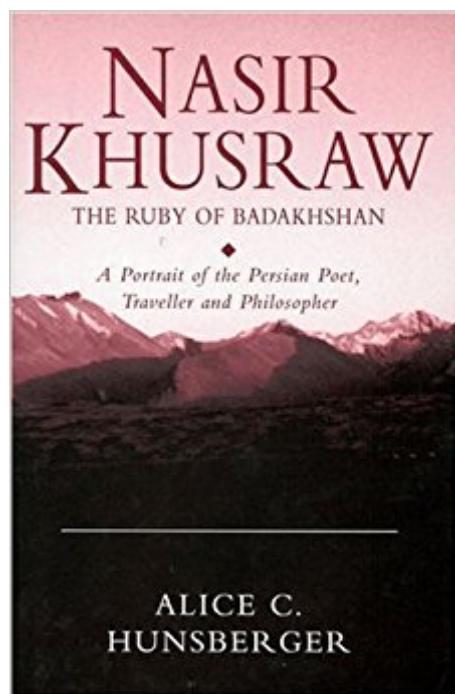


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# Nasir Khusraw, The Ruby Of Badakhshan: A Portrait Of The Persian Poet, Traveller And Philosopher



## **Synopsis**

A renowned poet, philosopher, and traveler of the 11th century, Nasir Khusraw was also a major thinker and author of the Iranian lands. Writing exclusively in Persian, his writings have been preserved through the centuries by the Ismaili communities of the upper Oxus and Badakhshan, now situated in Tajikistan and Afghanistan. This is the first comprehensive study in English of Nasir Khusraw's life and aspects of his theological and philosophical thought in the context of his times. Alice C Hunsberger, who has devoted more than ten years of study to this subject, also presents in this book a detailed classification of Nasir Khusraw's different writings, and a summary of medieval as well as modern biographical studies.

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Alice C. Hunsberger has been a Research Fellow at the Institute of Ismaili Studies in London and she has previously taught history, philosophy, and religion at Hunter College, Queens College, and the University of Technology in Isfahan.

Great book. A must read

I have perian version of all Nasir Khusraw book, and wanted to read about this great Ismaili philosopher. I read in the description belonging Nasir Khusraw Balkhi to Iran country. Nasir Khusraw is from Balkh Afghanistan. He went to Iran to meet with Ismaili Imam and came as a Da'ai back to Balkh. He died in Badakhshan(a province in Afghanistan). All claims to call Nasir Khusraw and Mawlana Balkhi as Irani is not true. They are all from a great nation Afghanistan.

Dr Hunsberger's book takes us on the wondrous travels of the seminal poet and philosopher who helped to shape the thinking and practices of his many readers and disciples. Her lively and insightful account of Nasir's hajj and his stops along the way make him come to life and illustrate how his experiences shaped his philosophy and influenced his timeless writing. Dr Hunsberger's artfully written book is must reading for those curious about the development of civilization in the Middle East.

Dr Hunsberger's biography of the seminal Persian poet and philosopher is a must read for anyone curious about the state of affairs in the Middle East a millennium ago. Her exhaustive research and insight gives ballast and meaning to the personality of Nasir Khusraw as well as his travels and his journals. I highly recommend Dr Hunsberger's most-amazing book to any scholar devoted to Middle Eastern, Arabic, Persian or Islamic studies. Nasir was a dedicated scholar and so is Dr Hunsberger.

This book answered a lot of questions that I had about the people of Badakshan and surrounding areas. Extremely readable book. Age old philosophies disclosed, still relevant after 1000 years. Great poetry and translation by Alice Hunsberger. Must read by all Rumi fans.

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