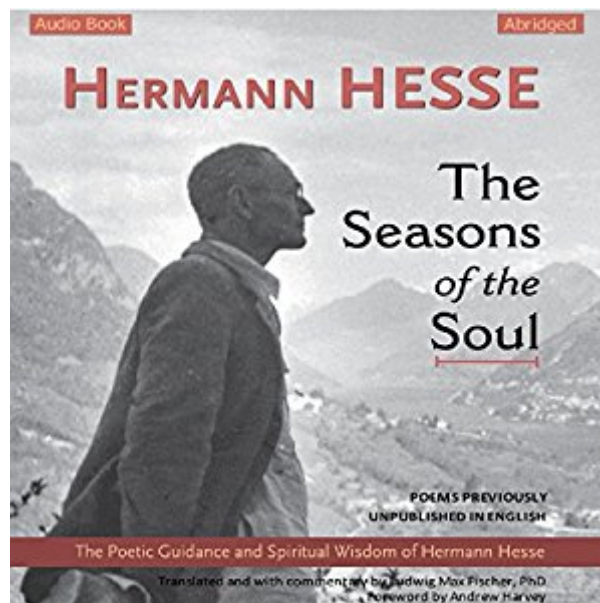




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The Seasons Of The Soul: The Poetic Guidance And Spiritual Wisdom Of Hermann Hesse



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Vowing at an early age "to be a poet or nothing at all", Hermann Hesse rebelled against formal education, focusing on a rigorous program of independent study that included literature, philosophy, art, and history. One result of these efforts was a series of novels that became counterculture bibles that remain widely influential today. Another was a body of evocative spiritual poetry. Published for the first time in English, these vivid, probing short works reflect deeply on the challenges of life and provide a spiritual solace that transcends specific denominational hymns, prayers, and rituals. The Seasons of the Soul offers valuable guidance in poetic form for those longing for a more meaningful life, seeking a sense of homecoming in nature, in each stage of life, in a renewed relationship with the divine. Extensive quotations from his prose introduce each theme addressed in the book: love, imagination, nature, the divine, and the passage of time. A foreword by Andrew Harvey reintroduces us to a figure about whom some may have believed everything had already been said. Thoughtful commentary throughout from translator Ludwig Max Fischer helps readers understand the poems within the context of Hesse's life.

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Very thin book with a lot of white space on every page of poetry = not worth the expensive price tag. The poems are disappointing. Perhaps simply not Hesse's best work (and why they were previously unpublished in English), or lost in the translation. A good deal of narrative on Hesse prior to each chapter, which may be the book's greatest asset, if you want to learn a bit more about Hermann Hesse. In the brief time it took to read, however, and with so little inspiration, this book won't even

find a place on my bookshelf.

I've loaned it once too many times and am missing referring to it, but it's impossible to get it back; one-of-a-kind, in the very best sense of those words. I ordered his other book for \$100 as a result of this one which is a total first and probably last for me to do.

Great collection of poems if you like Hesse you will love it if you are not familiar with Hesse this is a good place to start

COME AND SEEThe themes echo the human spirit over centuries. The commentaries offer the reader insight into his amazing life; paths each of us have walked or are walking; it is good to have a guide not so much to point forward but rather to stand side by side on the journey. Simply, moving, perplexing and accompanying.

This book gives a wonderful glimpse into the soul of Hermann Hesse at various points in his life. Not only his poetry, but other writings, plus the commentary of the author/translator, Ludwig Max Fischer, and the Foreword by Andrew Harvey complement beautifully the writings of Hesse .

I did not realize what a wonderful poet Hesse was until I read this book. Sensitive, Evocative and Compelling. Fischer's commentary truly gives a sense of the influences that were behind this great writer. A book to cherish. Thank you !

It is a series of personal poems that Mr. Hesse wrote of the years. Gives you an idea of who he was.

Fantastic poetry. Deeply personal yet relevant to everyone.

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