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This enchanting story, set in the late 1950s, takes us from the hills and piazzas of Florence to the green domed mosques of Konya, Turkey. Upon discovering a poem by the thirteenth-century Sufi dervish Rumi, Georgiou, a young Greek icon painter, is compelled to travel to the land that this poet called home. Inspired by Rumi's magical words, Georgiou leaves his father and their small business in hopes of recapturing the transcendent power of an early childhood vision. Through encounters with Christian and Islamic mystics, and guided by forces he cannot name, Georgiou gradually learns to follow his own heart. The closer he gets to Konya and to Rumi's tomb, the more in awe he becomes at the workings of fate. But it is only when Georgiou returns to Florence that his life changes forever in an experience that reveals the mystery of life and love. In the tradition of *The Alchemist* and *Siddhartha*, *Chasing Rumi* is a spellbinding and enduring story for all.

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Michael says

Short book. Can be read in a day, but I read it in two.

Chasing Rumi is similar to *The Alchemist* in that a young man gets wanderlust in the realm of spiritual truths. Although the story had already been played (I prefer Coelho's *Alchemist*), Housden snuck in a rather interesting Sufi technique: Drawing one's attention to the heart through the breath.

If meditation is our practice and we've gotten 'good enough' to be in a perpetual meditative state, then lots of wacky stuff starts to happen if we stay concentrated there. Stillness in movement, silence within sound, and all that jazz.

Pam Kellim says

I have had this book a long time. But, it wasn't til after reading a lot of other books that I was ready to read this one and grasp what it was about. I really enjoyed it a lot. I read it in a few hours.

Phair says

Really enjoyed this brief fable. This was the same philosophy as in Deepak Chopra's book- *The Spontaneous Fulfillment of Desire : Harnessing the Infinite Power of Coincidence*. All emotion, all action stems from the outer oneness- be open to it and all works out. Also made me want to read Rumi. F2F Discussion group enjoyed it.

Mel says

"...bawa pikiranmu turun ke hati..."

buku tipis ini terselip di rak yang nyaris tidak terlihat saat dulu ditemukan..dan langsung saya beli. ternyata saya kembali membaca buku yang tepat sesuai mood kali ini, dengan beberapa bagian yang seolah berbicara pada saya. endingnya memang terkesan terlalu cepat. terlalu singkat. dengan beberapa point yang sebetulnya akan lebih menarik jika dikembangkan lebih jauh. tapi dilihat dari sisi ide dan tema, saya sudah cukup merasa dapat 'teman'. meski hanya lewat fiksi. it was decidedly worth reading.

James says

“This is a fable about finding the heart's true desire and it is elegantly written with not a spare word. Moving fluidly from start to finish it connects directly with your consciousness in a way similar to music. Housden uses his past experiences as a leader of tours to sacred sites; we feel we are in the hands of a sensitive cartographer of the the world that Celtic mystics talk about. The author also gives a subtle and sensitive delineation of the mystical journey of the soul. Many readers will be intrigued by the fascinating links he makes between Sufism, Eastern Orthodoxy and the Divine Mother. This is a love story that reaches into the depths of the heart while traversing the bounties of the imagination.

Stephanie says

OK, I checked it out cuz it was a cute little book with a pretty cover. I learned about Sufism and Rumi and Turkey and art from this book. It's honestly not superior writing, but it's still a good plot, interesting setting, and a sweet story.

Doret says

This is a book that needs to be read and then read again in order to obtain the full message. Even though it is considered fiction, the message is there and a drive toward meditation becomes stronger.

Meyps says

If you like Coelho and his musings on taking on the road to self-discovery and following the heart's desires, you'll like this book too.

For me, this one's even better than Coelho's though because it's shorter, yet filled with just the right amount of details and peppered with bits of Islamic icon Jelaluddin Rumi's engaging poetry...

Cara says

I could feel where Georgiou was when I allowed it to happen. The book has moved me forward, not through it's depth or Roger Housden's literary prowess necessarily, but by reminding me of something I have allowed to dissipate. That's it really, it has reignited my desire for true beauty, reminded me of the truth that is. There is so much more than what is here in front of our eyes. We just need to see.

I also like how this book came into my life, as it proves a prevalent point in the novel of how things happen in your life right when you need them and for a reason. That is pretty cool.

I'm all Zen now. :]

-Cara

Carolyn says

Oh my gosh. So horrible. I feel badly for Rumi that he has to be associated with this tale.

Dion Yulianto says

Pemuda itu tinggal di kota terindah di Eropa, memiliki pekerjaan yang disukai sekaligus menjamin kehidupannya, serta dia dapat bekerja sekaligus mencari pahala. Georgiou ini pelukis orang-orang suci dalam ajaran Katholik ngomong-ngomong. Semua keindahan duniawi itu ternyata belum mampu menerbitkan kepuasan batin dalam diri si pemuda. “Betatapun indahnya dunia, tak ada satu pun yang mampu mengisi semua kehampaan ini,” keluhnya. Hatinya tersentil ketika temannya membacakan satu petikan dari syair karya Rumi. Nama yang asing, yang baru pertama kali didengarnya. Tetapi dari syair yang dibacakan Andros, temannya, pemuda itu mulai menemukan tanda-tanda bahwa kepada Rumi lah hatinya akan menemukan jawaban dari segala pertanyaannya. “Keinginanmu tidak akan selalu bisa diwujudkan sesuai rencana. Yang bisa kau perbuat hanyalah mengikuti suara hatimu,” kata Andros.

Selengkapnya di <https://dionyulianto.blogspot.co.id/2...>

Liz says

A tale about a man who reads a poem that touches his soul, and embarks on a journey to visit the poet's grave. Along the way he meets many interesting people, does many interesting things, as well as managing to find himself and his true love.

Rah~ri says

tag sale book
very quick reading
one night/sitting
cute story
could have been much longer and deeper
this is almost a very nicely thought out outline for a much fuller book
but would appeal to most folks attention spans around me
I liked it and have enjoyed thinking back on parts of it since i read it few days ago

now just sad. have no good books to read, or so it seems,
am sure it's a lazy lie.
But am wanting to just have time to sit with a book and ...

Frotsie says

A story following in the footsteps of Rumi, a quest for the meaning of life. A lot of depth in a small package with few words. Certainly worth a read.

Kate Davis says

A quick story about a young man's journey to the tomb of Rumi, but more about his journey inward. The theology is blended from multiple religions, and the storyline highlights the significance of women as a bridge for the relationship to God. Definitely some summative lines that are worth remembering (or at least keeping the book for, for reference).
