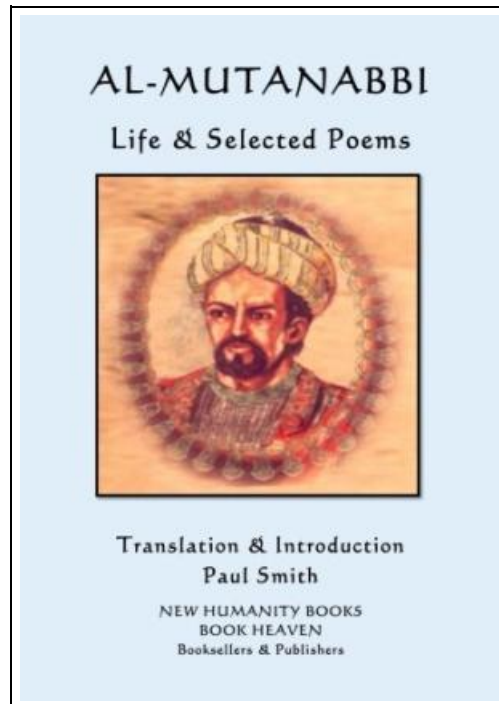


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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.AL-MUTANABBI: LIFE SELECTED POEMS Translation Introduction Paul Smith Abu l-Tayyib Ahmad ibn Husain al-Mutanabbi, (915-965 A.D.), was one of the greatest of Arabic poets (many say the greatest), was born in the town of al-Kufah in Iraq. He was the son of a water carrier who was said to be of noble and ancient southern Arabian descent. In his youth, al-Mutanabbi was educated in Syria in Damascus. He lived among the Bedouin of the Banu Qalb tribe and learnt their skills. In his youth he received his nickname al-Mutanabbi , meaning one who wants to be a prophet . Why he was named so is unclear, but. he was the leader of a revolutionary movement and, claiming to be a prophet, led a revolt in his home-town in 932 at the age of 17. It was suppressed and he was imprisoned. During this period he began to write his first poems. R.A. Nicholson in his Translations of Eastern Poetry and Prose says, Any one who reads him in Arabic must admire the splendour of his rhetoric, the luxuriance of his imagination, and the energy and aptness of his diction; but in a translation these great qualities are overshadowed by others less pleasing to our taste, which have left their mark on the poetic style of many who wrote after him in Arabic and Persian. Al-Mutanabbi is mainly known for his many wonderful qasidas, being one of the true masters of this form. A.J. Arberry says of him. Greatness, in whatever field of human endeavour, always stems from and thrives upon controversy, and al-Mutanabbi certainly was, and continues to be, a highly controversial figure. That is perhaps the surest proof of his universal..

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