



Gate of the Heart: Understanding the Writings of the Bab (Paperback)

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Wilfrid Laurier University Press, Canada, 2010. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Co-published with the Association for Baha i Studies In 1844 a charismatic young Persian merchant from Shiraz, known as the Bab, electrified the Shi ih world by claiming to be the return of the Hidden Twelfth Imam of Islamic prophecy. But contrary to traditional expectations of apocalyptic holy war, the Bab maintained that the spiritual path was not one of force and coercion but love and compassion. The movement he founded was the precursor of the Baha i Faith, but until now the Bab s own voluminous writings have been seldom studied and often misunderstood. Gate of the Heart offers the first in-depth introduction to the writings of the Bab. Taking an interdisciplinary approach, the author examines the Bab s major works in multifaceted context, explaining the unique theological system, mystical world view, and interpretive principles they embody as well as the rhetorical and symbolic uses of language through which the Bab radically transforms traditional concepts. Arguing that the Babi movement went far beyond an attempt at an Islamic Reformation, the author explores controversial issues and offers conclusions that will compel a re-evaluation of some...



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