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couch for whom He understood that in life what is important is that deeper joy and love for which we have infinite yearning, as well as capacity to both receive and emanate. His Rubaiyat force us to ask those ultimate existential questions, and lead us down a path that, unless we are lost along the way or are destabilized by the abyss which we must traverse, must inevitably reach the same answer. The ultimate truth that in life all that matters is love and joy. Ah love! Could though and I with fate conspire To grasp this sorry scheme of things entire Would not we shatter it to bits and then Re-mould it nearer to the hearts desire! On the whole Omar Khayam is an over achieving genius; besides being a poet and a philosopher; he is well regarded for his principles on mathematics, astronomy; he had calculated the solar calendar with precise accuracy. He was knowledgeable and held discussions in sciences as medicine and chemistry. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A lovely little classic By Egil Henrik Lehmann A Book of Verses underneath the Bough, A Jug of Wine, a Loaf of Bread - and Thou Beside me singing in the Wilderness - Oh, Wilderness were Paradise enow! The lines above are known to all who read poetry in the English language. - I, to review the Rubyat-! No, but I might perhaps bear witness: When I stumbled over the Rubyat as a young man, it was a revelation. Its agnostic 'carpe diem' message has grown stronger by the years. - Later, somebody borrowed my edition, and forgot to return it, which I understand very well. I had to buy a new one, this one, the price was ridiculously low, and thank you, . A lovely little classic, what more can I say?