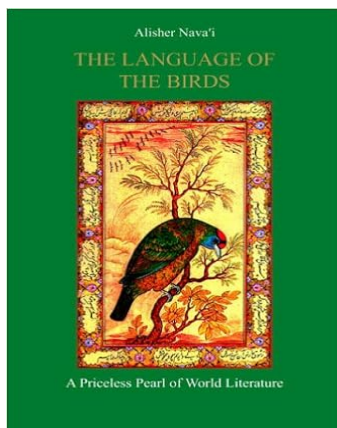


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**Beschreibung:**

The Language of the Birds is a masterpiece of Eastern Turkish literature (now Uzbek), and was written by one of Central Asia's most prominent poets, **Alisher Nava'i**, shortly before his death in 1501. The story begins with the birds of the world realizing they are far from their king and so they begin their arduous journey with the assistance of the wise bird Hoopoe as their guide. Hoopoe listens to their complaints and excuses along the way and encourages them to seek true life even though the journey is sometimes painful. This epic poem in prose form contains many anecdotes and stories from the oral history of the Silk Road and Islam. Through this story, people are exhorted to rise above any excuse they might have in their spiritual pilgrimage. Alisher Nava'i (1441-1501) is renowned in Central Asia for his numerous writings and lasting influence in Uzbekistan as well as the contemporary Central Asian republics. In modern Uzbekistan, Nava'i is revered above all other poets and his presence is still found - streets, museums, and even a province and city are named after him. His proverbs are found throughout Central Asia and he is considered the father of the Uzbek language. His words for peace and against oppression are as timely today as they were 5 centuries ago. Nava'i lived in Herat, Afghanistan. His writings, endowments, and his life example have had lasting influence in Central Asia. In The Language of the Birds, we are introduced to what Nava'i thought is important in life. It is a world of love that goes beyond the rational and is ready to endure anything for the beloved. This book is for anyone

who values great historical literature, as well as those
needing inspiration in his or her own pilgrimage in life.