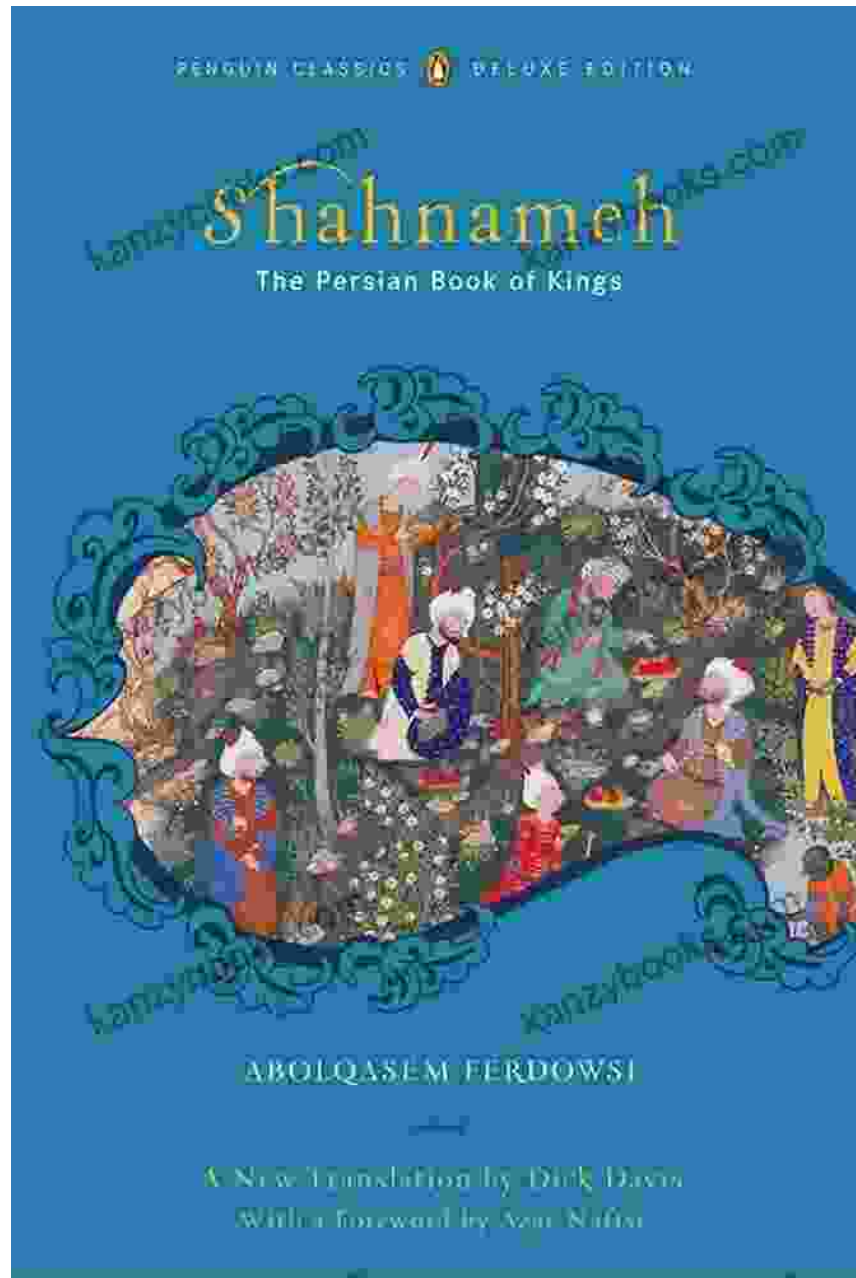


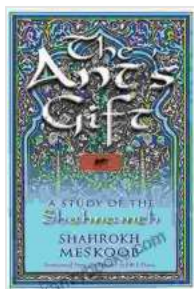
# Study of the Shahnameh: Middle East Literature in Translation



The Shahnameh is an epic poem written by the Persian poet Ferdowsi in the 10th century. It tells the story of the mythical and historical kings of Persia, from the creation of the world to the Arab conquest in the 7th

century. The Shahnameh is considered one of the greatest works of Persian literature and has been translated into many languages.

This book offers a comprehensive study of the Shahnameh, exploring its cultural, historical, and literary significance. The book is divided into three parts. The first part provides an overview of the Shahnameh, its author, and its place in Persian literature. The second part examines the Shahnameh's cultural and historical context, including the mythology, history, and religion of ancient Persia. The third part analyzes the Shahnameh's literary qualities, including its structure, style, and symbolism.



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### Cultural and Historical Context

The Shahnameh is a product of its time and place. It reflects the cultural, historical, and religious beliefs of ancient Persia. The poem is filled with references to Persian mythology, history, and religion. For example, the Shahnameh tells the story of the creation of the world, the flood, and the birth of the Persian people. It also includes accounts of the wars between Persia and its enemies, such as the Greeks and the Arabs.

The Shahnameh is also a valuable source of information about the history of Persia. The poem provides detailed accounts of the reigns of the Persian kings, including their battles, conquests, and achievements. The Shahnameh also includes descriptions of the social and economic life of ancient Persia.

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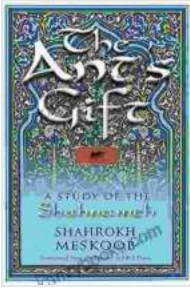
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