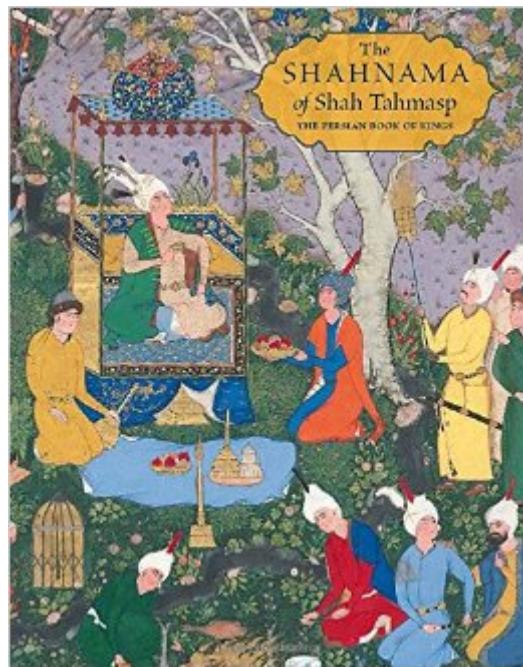


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# The Shahnama Of Shah Tahmasp: The Persian Book Of Kings (Metropolitan Museum Of Art)



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The Shahnama, an epic poem from the 10th century that chronicles Iran's mythical history before the founding of Islam, has been immortalized in numerous illustrated copies. . The illuminated pages of the 16th-century "Shahnama of Shah Tahmasp," known as the most beautiful edition ever created, are reproduced in this new publication, which succeeds the Metropolitan Museum's celebrated out-of-print deluxe facsimile edition of 2011. This new volume combines the vibrant, high-quality reproductions of the deluxe edition with enlightening information and a smaller, more accessible format. The fascinating text introduces the Shahnama to readers and describes the material world depicted in the intricate paintings. It also includes a brief description of the stories depicted in the illustrations and an illustrated Who's Who to help readers identify major characters in the epic. These features provide readers a deeper engagement with this captivating masterpiece."

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The Shahnama of Shah Tahmasp is the pinnacle of all Persian miniature paintings. The pages have been divided into different museum and private collections. Only in a book like this, all the paintings in this masterpiece can be united. This is the ONLY book with a complete set of painting in COLOR in large formats. Most of the illustrations are reproduced spectacularly in terms of both color and details, while a handful of the plates suffer from low-resolution photographing. Fortunately, the bad plates are few, and their originals are artistically mediocre in the first place. The descriptions are

minimum(one line title for each plate), you need another book to explain the storyline.(I am commenting on the deluxe edition from 2011)

Amazing. This slightly cheaper (smaller) version of Shelia Canby's Shahnama of Shah Tasmap is just as good as the now out of print original. The illustrations are of a very high quality, with a few exceptions no doubt caused by images provided by outside collectors. For anyone interested in Safavid art or Persian illumination this work is mandatory since it represents arguably the high point of technical sophistication in Islamic illuminated texts. If you balk at the price please consider that prior to this version a complete set of the illustrations was only obtainable in a book that cost more than \$1000.

A gorgeous volume which promises to provide years of viewing pleasure. It helps to have access to the translation of the actual Book of Kings, so that the episodes illustrated can be consulted for details.

A beautifully produced book that includes full-page reproductions of all the miniatures from this fabulous manuscript that was--in an act of appalling vandalism--dismembered and dispersed among several separate collections around the world..

Fantastic, everything was great, the price, the package and delivery time.I'm so glad having this treasure.

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