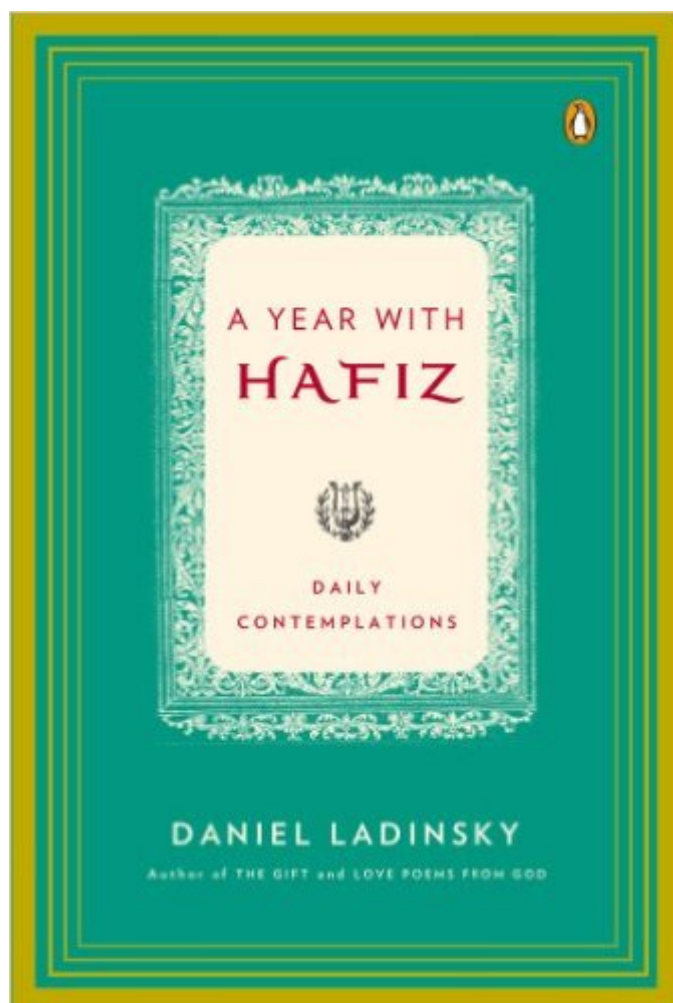


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A Year With Hafiz: Daily Contemplations, by Daniel Ladinsky
Reviewed by W. A. Mathieu
There are just a few books that give the gift of insight at each reading, each touch; A Year With Hafiz: Daily Contemplations is my favorite new one among them. It is presented as a day book: a poem on each page for each date throughout the year. The poetry is tethered in oneness, firmly fixed in sacred covenant, yet at the same time rooted in the human condition of wild mind and chaotic phenomena -- creative madness within the laws of love. The poems may be grounded in heaven but on earth they are loose cannons. In A Year With Hafiz, this grounded madness happens in each poem on each page. Whatever today's date, let this day be sanctified and wild. And such guidance comes from a book you're happy to hold in your hand. The print edition is particularly attractive, with an

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