

# The Sufis Idries Shah

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The Elephant in the Dark (book) The Elephant in the Dark is a book by the writer Idries Shah, based on lectures he delivered at the University of Geneva as Visiting Professor in 1972–1973 The Elephant in the Dark is a book by the writer Idries Shah, based on lectures he delivered at the University of Geneva as Visiting Professor in 1972–1973. ". He was invited to speak on the topic of "Salvation as a total surrender to God: an attempt at dialogue between Christians and Muslims

Idries Shah Shah wrote over three dozen books on topics ranging from psychology and spirituality to travelogues and culture studies. Idries el-Hashimi (Arabic: **إدريس هاشمي**) and by the pen name Arkon Daraul, was an Afghan author, thinker and teacher in the Sufi tradition. Shah wrote Idries Shah (; Hindi: **आर्कन दारौल**, Urdu: **آرکون دارول**; 16 June 1924 – 23 November 1996), also known as Idris Shah, Indries Shah, né Sayed Idries el-Hashimi (Arabic: **سید إدريس هاشمي**) and by the pen name Arkon Daraul, was an Afghan author, thinker and teacher in the Sufi tradition

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is due to be republished in new paperback, ebook and audiobook editions by The Idries Shah Foundation from 1 March 2016. c585b93b30

Amina Shah She was the sister of the Sufi writers Idries Shah and Omar Ali-Shah, and the daughter of Sirdar Ikbāl Ali Shah and Saira Elizabeth Luiza Shah, a Scottish woman. Her nephew is the travel writer and documentary filmmaker Tahir Shah; her nieces are Safia Shah and the writer and documentary filmmaker Saira Shah. She was the sister of the Sufi writers Idries Shah and Omar Ali-Shah, and the daughter of Sirdar Ikbāl Ali Shah and Saira Elizabeth Luiza Shah, a Scottish Amina Maxwell-Hudson (born Amina Shah; 31 October 1918 – 19 January 2014) was a British anthologist of Sufi stories and folk tales, and was for many years the Chairperson of the College of Storytellers c585b93b30

Special Illumination: The Sufi Use of Humour Later editions were published in 1983, 1989 and 1997. Special Illumination: The Sufi Use Of Humour is a book by the writer Idries Shah published Octagon Press in 1977. Later editions were published in 1983 Special Illumination: The Sufi Use Of Humour is a book by the writer Idries Shah published Octagon Press in 1977 c585b93b30

Ikbāl Ali Shah Born and educated in India, he came to Britain as a young man to continue his education in Edinburgh, where he married a young Scotswoman. Ikbāl Ali Shah's son Idries, "Sirdar Ikbāl and his son [Idries Shah], both in writing and in other ways, were ultimately to show how Sufi thought and Sirdar Ikbāl Ali Shah (Hindi: सरदार इकबाल अली शाह, Urdu: سردار اقبال علی شاہ; 1894 in Sardhana, India – 4 November 1969 in Tangier, Morocco) was an Indian-Afghan author and diplomat descended from the Sadaat of Paghman c585b93b30

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study. Printed books, ebooks and audiobooks are being made available by the foundation's publishing arm, ISF Publishing. Born in British India, the descendant of a family of Afghan nobles on his father's side and a Scottish mother, Shah grew up mainly in England. His early writings centred on magic and witchcraft. In 1960 he established a publishing house, Octagon Press, producing translations of Sufi classics as well as titles of his own. His seminal work was *The Sufis*, which appeared in 1964 and was well received internationally...

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Travelling widely, Iqbal Ali Shah undertook assignments for the British Foreign Office and became a publicist for a number of Eastern statesmen, penning biographies of Kemal Atatürk, the Aga Khan and others. His other writing includes lighter works such as travel narratives and tales of adventure, as well as more serious works on Sufism, Islam and Asian politics. He hoped that Sufism might "form a bridge between the Western and the Eastern..."

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The Middle East Bedside Book The book was published in June 1991 by The Octagon Press. Tahir Shah's The Middle East Bedside Book and Safia Shah's Afghan Caravan, Nobel prize-winning author Doris Lessing writes in *The Sufis* and Idries Shah: "Both The Middle East Bedside Book is a collection of stories and information about the Middle East, edited by Anglo-Afghan author, Tahir Shah c585b93b30

The Way of the Sufi Whereas The Sufis eschewed academic norms such as footnotes and an index, The Way of the Sufi provided a full section of notes and a bibliography at the end of its first chapter, entitled "The Study of Sufism in the West". The Way of the Sufi was the best-selling follow-up introduction to Sufism by the writer Idries Shah after the publication of his first book on the subject The Way of the Sufi was the best-selling follow-up introduction to Sufism by the writer Idries Shah after the publication of his first book on the subject, The Sufis c585b93b30

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