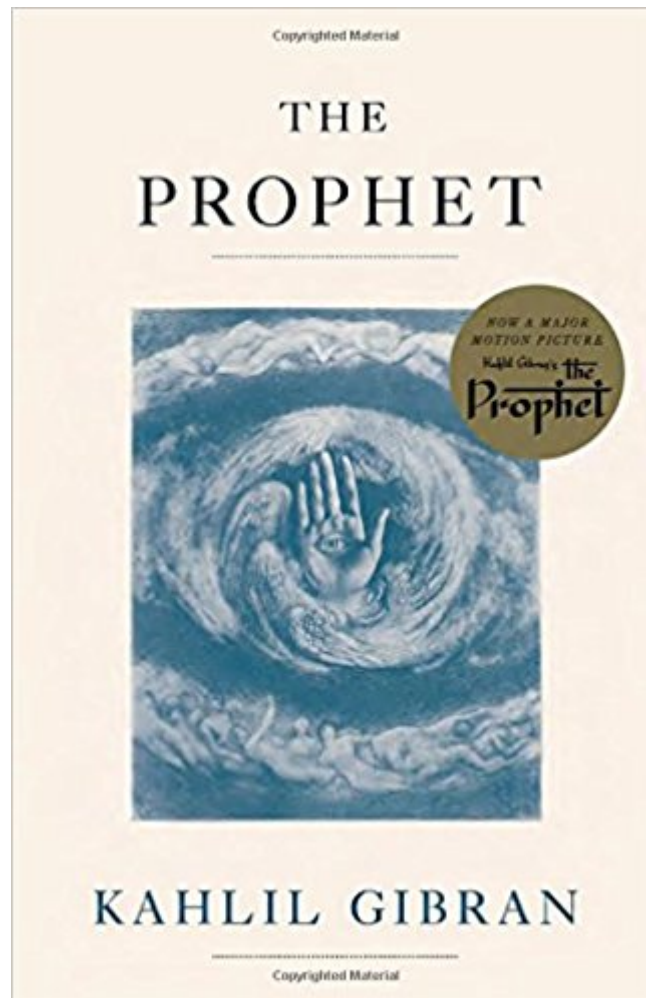




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# The Prophet (Vintage International)



## Synopsis

One of the most beloved spiritual classics of our time, Kahlil Gibran's masterpiece, *The Prophet*, has sold millions of copies in more than forty languages since it was first published in 1923. *The Prophet* contains powerful words of wisdom on such essential subjects as marriage, children, friendship, work, and pleasure—words that readers from around the world have found inspirational and life-changing. A poet, artist, and mystic, Gibran was born to a poor Christian family in Lebanon and emigrated to the United States as an adolescent, where he began studying art. The twenty-eight poetic essays collected in *The Prophet* are illustrated with twelve of his full-page drawings. Perhaps no other twentieth-century writer has touched the hearts and minds of so remarkably varied and widespread a readership.

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In a distant, timeless place, a mysterious prophet walks the sands. At the moment of his departure, he wishes to offer the people gifts but possesses nothing. The people gather round, each asks a question of the heart, and the man's wisdom is his gift. It is Gibran's gift to us, as well, for Gibran's prophet is rivaled in his wisdom only by the founders of the world's great religions. On the most basic topics--marriage, children, friendship, work, pleasure--his words have a power and lucidity that in another era would surely have provoked the description "divinely inspired." Free of dogma, free of power structures and metaphysics, consider these poetic, moving aphorisms a 20th-century supplement to all sacred traditions--as millions of other readers already have. --Brian Bruya --This

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"Cadenced and vibrant with feeling, the words of Kahlil Gibran bring to one's ears the majestic rhythm of Ecclesiastes... If there is a man or woman who can read this book without a quiet acceptance of a great man's philosophy and a singing in the heart as of music born within, that man or woman is indeed dead to life and truth." --Chicago Post

Do you want a simple solution for every question you have ever had about topics of love, marriage, children, giving, eating and drinking, work, joy and sorrow, houses, clothes, buying and selling, crime and punishment, laws, freedom, reason and passion, pain, self-knowledge, teaching, friendship, talking, time, good and evil, prayer, pleasure, beauty, religion, and death- then this is for you! Written in 1923, by Kahlil Gibran in the mountains of Lebanon. He kept the manuscript for 4 years because he said, "I wanted to be sure, I wanted to be very sure, that every word of it was the very best I had to offer." This is a polished piece of timeless literature, folks, that has enhanced many lives throughout history, and can enrich yours; TODAY! BUY IT! You won't regret it.

What can I say about this wonderful book that hasn't already been said by the millions of people who have read it? Read it and you won't be sorry. It touches humanity on so many different levels. I first read it 35 years ago, and I'm still reading it and quoting some of its passages. "On children" has some of the most touching words I've ever read on the subject. Just a wonderful book. Anthony Valera

This is one of my very favorite books and was very excited to get it. However I did not realize by the description that it was a "pocket" book. Should have looked closer at the picture.

I learn something every time! I've read the book at least 32 times. I have listened to my Album, over and over until my record player died. I have purchased at least a dozen of the books and a dozen of the cassette tapes for friends in need of his words, his explanations or given them just as gifts. I have worn out 2 cassette tapes and now have a third which I have put on a CD! Such beautiful words.

I love the Prophet and tend to buy copies to give to people who may need it's message. I don't ever loan mine out because it never comes back! This book speaks on all matters human! I've owned it

since I was 14 and go back to it constantly. I especially love the sections on children, love and marriage. It's a wonder insightful read and I highly recommend it. It's also rather spiritual which is lovely. It's not like the bible, but easy to read and take in. It can give you peace when you need it. Please consider adding it to your library.

There is not a single sentence that isn't so filled with beauty it breaks your heart. Stunning insight into the dreams our hearts long to experience as reality in our lives, and much wisdom to be found here. His writing makes my heart sing and my spirit recognizes the truth in his words. This is one I will read again and again.

reading this again after 50 years brings home how important it is to meld the cultures of our world and how eternal and universal truth, beauty and love are. This book was not in great shape but was as described and will last at least as long as I do.

I was introduced to Gibran by my husband on my birthday years ago. Since that time, Gibran has helped me in many of life's trying times. My favorite passage is by and far his writings on Children. How many times during the 'teenage' years of raising my son, did I turn to his reminders on how to be a good 'bow' I don't know, but it was invaluable help. I give this book to graduates, friends who have everything, friends who have nothing after a trauma in their lives, there really isn't any opportunity that I pass up to give this book as a gift with a message included that I hope that they can find as much in this book as I have. Don't try to read it as a 'book', it's able to be read from any point and any topic that strikes your fancy. And by all means go back and re-read. You will find new and fuller meanings with every reading.

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